

North Boone Community Unit School District No. 200
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Board of Education
District Office
6248 North Boone School Road, Poplar Grove, IL 61065
Tuesday, March 18, 2025
6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Ed Mulholland.

Present: President Ed Mulholland, Secretary Brian Haselhorst, Judy Hutchinson,
Tom Kinser, Vice President Mary Maxey, and Nan Schilling
Absent: Joe Haverly

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Maxey made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, which Mr. Haselhorst seconded.

The motion carried with unanimous roll call.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Ms. Jessica Borchardt spoke regarding her concerns over the Community Newsletter that is included on the evening's agenda.

Mr. William Randall spoke regarding the Farmland Rental Agreements and the Statement of Economic Interest.

Ms. Courtney Scherrer spoke regarding mental health in our elementary schools and the need for more plans to help with the children.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND FINANCE UPDATE

The February Treasurer's Report is as presented.

Discussion:
(none)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Greenlee congratulated Karise Tinberg, 8th Grade Language Arts teacher, as a recipient of the 2025 Award of Excellence of Those Who Excels from the Illinois State Board of Education. This is a very prestigious award that is given to the top teacher who has demonstrated commitment to their student success and collaboration with colleagues, students, and parents that inspires

educational professionals both in and out of the schools. Congratulations Karise!

Regarding the Phase I HVAC, Dr. Greenlee noted that we are pressing Trane regarding the failing sensors and tripping out during extreme cold temperatures. Attorney Scott Nemanich and Greg Stahler are working together on the warranties with documentation and data accumulated over the last 2 years, proving that these issues have happened since the start.

Jim Nolen has been working with AP Solutions and Duke Environmental Solutions with a grant to replace all of the lights in all of the district buildings and the football field with LED lights. Hopefully, these will all be replaced by summer.

Congratulations to the 8th-grade Basketball Team on placing 2nd place in our Conference Tournament and the 7th-grade Girls' Basketball Team on taking 1st place at our Conference Tournament. This has been an excellent year for Girls' Basketball.

Questions:

Are any of the Ceroni invoices up for approval for warranty work? No, they are not. Those are for boilers.

Concern was raised about being outside of the warranty window on the Univents. This is what Mr. Nemanich is working on to have the warranty honored because claims have been made all of the way through this process.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Committee- The second reading of policies is included in tonight's agenda. The next meeting date is May 7, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Business Services Committee – The next meeting date is June 10, 2025.

Facility/Long Range Planning Committee – The next meeting date is May 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Committee – The approval of Summer School is included in tonight's agenda. The next meeting date is May 7, 2025, at 4:45 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Maxey motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and seconded by Mrs. Haselhorst.

- A. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – February 18, 2025
- B. Personnel
- C. Minutes of the C.I.A. Committee Meeting on February 26, 2025
- D. Minutes of the Business Services Committee Meeting on February 26, 2025
- E. First Reading of Policy 4:60 – Purchases and Contracts

- F. North Boone & Illinois Community College District No. 511 Running Start 2025-2026 Intergovernmental Agreement
- G. North Boone & Rocky Valley College Dual and Articulated Credit MOU 2025-2026 School Year
- H. North Boone & Illinois Community College District No. 511 Career Pathways Jump Start 2025-2026 Intergovernmental Agreement
- I. North Boone & Illinois Community College District No. 511 Senior Semester Program 2025-2026 School Year
- J. Overnight Field Trip Request

Discussion:
(none)

The motion carried with a unanimous roll call.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Second Reading of Policies

Mrs. Maxey motioned to approve the Policies as presented, and Mr. Kinser seconded the motion.

Discussion:
(none)

The motion carried with a unanimous roll call.

B. Community Newsletter

This was informational only. If all changes are submitted, the soonest the newsletter can be mailed out is April 10th.

Discussion:

Discussion was had regarding the Abatement portion of the newsletter, which will all be considered. Dr. Greenlee will email all the board members a revised copy of the article for their input before submitting it to Chartwell.

C. Farmland Agreements

It is recommended that the Board continue the rental agreements established for the rental of the Central Campus Farmland (46 acres) at the rate of \$250 per acre and the Poplar Grove Farmland (25 acres) at the rate of \$250 per acre. The rate was increased to this amount last year and is recommended to be held at this level. The total rental income for the properties to the District is \$17,750. Local families maintained both properties for several years, with positive partnerships with the District. Moving forward, these agreements will be brought to the Business Services Committee meeting before the October Board Meeting, with approval at the Board Meeting.

Mr. Kinser moved to accept the Farmland Agreements as presented, which was seconded by Mrs. Maxey.

Discussion:
(none)

The motion carried with a unanimous roll call.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of March 2025 Bills

Mr. Haselhorst made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hutchinson, to approve the March 2025 Bills as presented.

Discussion:

An update to the gym floor invoice was requested. Jim Nolen is still waiting on revised invoices.

Concerning the Cashman Stahler invoice, Phase I and Phase II have all been paid out. Why is there an invoice for the architect? Per Ms. Corder, this is their portion of the project. The project is closed with the contractors, and then the architect is paid. Ms. Corder will verify this.

Ayes: Mr. Haselhorst, Mr. Kinser, Mrs. Maxey, and Mr. Mulholland

Nays: Mrs. Hutchinson and Mrs. Schilling

The motion carried with 4 Ayes and 2 Nays.

B. Athletic Director

It is recommended that the Board approve hiring a full-time Athletic Director for grades 7-12. This individual will oversee all the athletics and extra-curricular activities at the high school and middle school. Currently, we have two stipend positions (1 covering each building), but this position will allow one person to oversee athletics and activities at both schools. The expectations are to enhance and expand all of our programs, including those for coaches and advisors, promote the personal development of students through skills, teamwork, and discipline, strengthen school spirit and community engagement, ensure compliance, and oversee budget and resource allocations. The plan is to bring the recommended hire to the Board before the May 2025 meeting. The salary range is \$85,000 - \$95,000.

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxey and seconded by Mr. Haselhorst to approve the addition of a Full-Time Athletic Director.

Discussion:

This was first brought up in June 2022 with some unanswered questions. Will this be an administrator position or a union position? It will be administrative. Mrs. Hutchinson opposed this, especially since the district is in the middle of negotiations for certified staff. It was noted that the Union is fully aware of the position and understands the need.

Where will the funds for this position come from? What will be cut in the budget?

Mr. Eckmann said the Director would work with the Youth Sports and feeder programs. They would also be responsible for activities, not just athletics. Combining the Middle School and High School is crucial, and it is tough for the teachers who are the Directors now to teach all day and work with athletics. The new Director would also be attending all of the night events.

Mrs. Louis feels that having a full-time athletic director will help with consistent and quality communication overall. The current MS director, Ben Doyle, is doing an amazing job and doing a lot of work on his own time. Plus, the programs have grown in numbers. The new director would also assist in the use of facilities.

Ayes: Mr. Haselhorst, Mr. Kinser, Mrs. Maxey, and Mr. Mulholland.

Nays: Mrs. Hutchinson, and Mrs. Schilling.

The motion carried with 4 Ayes and 2 Nays.

C. Resolution Regarding Reduction in Force of Certified Staff (Athletic Directors)

As the Athletic Director position has been approved, Mr. Haselhorst read the Resolution Regarding Reduction in Force of Certified Staff (Athletic Directors).

Mrs. Maxey moved to accept the Resolution Regarding Reduction in Force of Certified Staff (Athletic Directors), which Mr. Kinser seconded.

Discussion:

(none)

Ayes: Mr. Haselhorst, Mr. Kinser, Mrs. Maxey, and Mr. Mulholland

Nays: Mrs. Hutchinson and Mrs. Schilling

The motion carried with 4 Ayes and 2 Nays.

D. School Resource Officer

It is recommended that the Board approve the addition of a School Resource Officer (SRO). Adding an SRO is a proactive measure to keep our schools safe. There are continued trends of threats, drugs, and violent actions in schools, and an SRO will help to deter those threats. Having an SRO also allows the district to respond quickly to emergencies within the district. Other advantages to having an SRO are building relationships with students because they are always on campus, assisting with drug awareness, and participating in our threat assessments.

An SRO must have a specialized certification to work with youth. Grants are available through SAFE Schools opportunities, which the district will apply for to help offset the cost. The district will cover 75% of the salary (9 months, and the Sheriff's Department will cover 25% (3 months). The intergovernmental agreement lasts four years, and the district costs approximately \$75,000-\$80,000 yearly.

Mr. Kinser motioned to accept the addition of a School Resource Officer as presented, and Mr. Haselhorst seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Mrs. Hutchinson believes this position is needed, but now is not the time to add it. Where will the salary come from in the budget? There are safe school grants that are being looked into that open in June, and we will be applying. Mrs. Hutchinson would have liked more planning and feels it is being rushed.

Mrs. Schilling would have preferred to plan more for this position before bringing it to the Board.

Mr. Eckmann stated that our location is a big concern, as it takes 20 minutes for a Sheriff to arrive. He also feels that the SRO relationship with students is huge and is needed for overall safety. Mrs. Louis agreed.

Mrs. Kerchner, Capron Principal, stated that coming from a district that had an SRO, the kids enjoyed seeing him.

Ayes: Mr. Haselhorst, Mr. Kinser, Mrs. Maxey, and Mr. Mulholland

Nays: Mrs. Schilling

Abstain: Mrs. Hutchinson

The motion carried with 4 Ayes, 1 Nay, and 1 Abstention.

E. Approval of 2025-2026 Student Fees

It is recommended that student fees for the 2025-2026 school year remain the same as those for the 2024-2025 school year, with the only change being the discount ending date.

Mrs. Maxey motioned to approve the 2025-2026 Student Fees as presented and was seconded by Mr. Kinser.

Discussion:

Mr. Kinser stated that this was the consensus of the Business Services Committee.

The motion carried with a unanimous roll call.

F. Approval of 2025-2026 Lunch Fees

Ms. Corder presented three options for the 2025-2026 Lunch Fees. Keep in mind that the SY25 targeted lunch price suggested by the USDA is \$3.85 (still awaiting SY26 targeted price), These options include:

1. \$3.50 for grades K-12
2. \$3.34 for Grades K-4 and \$3.50 for Grades 5-12
3. \$3.50 for Grades K-4 and \$3.75 for Grades 5-12

Pricing meals differently at grade levels helps cover the cost of the meals at the higher grades, as those serving sizes are larger, which equals a higher cost per meal.

Mrs. Maxey motioned to approve Lunch Fees Option 2 (Grades K-4 \$3.35 and Grades 5-12 \$3.50), which Mr. Kinser seconded.

Discussion:
(none)

The motion carried with a unanimous roll call.

G. Action from Policy 2:210

District Policy 2:210 states: *“During a March meeting in odd-numbered years, the School Board establishes a date for its organizational meeting to be held sometime after the election authority canvasses the vote, but within 40 days after the consolidated election. The consolidated election is held in April of odd-numbered years.*

At the organizational meeting, the following shall occur:

1. *Each successful candidate shall take the oath of office as provided in Board policy 2:80, Board Member Oath and Conduct, before taking his or her seat on the board.*
2. *The new Board members shall be seated.*
3. *The Board shall elect its officers who assume office immediately upon their election.*
4. *The Board shall fix a time and date for its regular meetings.”*

The election falls on April 1, 2025. The next scheduled Board Meeting is April 15, 2025. The canvass of the votes will be completed by April 15, 2025. It is recommended to move the April Board Meeting from April 15, 2025 to April 22, 2025, to have all of the votes validated by the County.

Mrs. Maxey motioned to move the April Board Meeting from April 15, 2025, to April 22, 2025, and was seconded by Mr. Kinser.

Discussion:
(none)

The motion carried with a unanimous roll call.

H. Approval of 2025 Summer School

Mrs. Neri presented the information for Summer School 2025, which included the location, dates, and time, the General Education K-2 Instructional Program (including ESL), the Grades 5-8 Instruction Program, the PreK ESY Instructional Program, the K-12 ESY Instructional Program, and the Grades 9-12 Instructional Program, as well as the staffing and budget.

Mrs. Hutchinson motioned to approve the 2025 Summer School as presented, and was seconded by Mrs. Schilling.

Discussion:

(none)

The motion carried with a unanimous roll call.

I. Approval to Purchase Wrestling Mats from Resilite

Ms. Corder presented the proposal received from Resilite for new wrestling mats for the High School.

Mrs. Hutchinson motioned to approve the purchase of the wrestling mats from Resilite as presented, and Ms. Maxey seconded the motion.

Discussion:

(none)

The motion carried with a unanimous roll call.

At 8:25 p.m., Mrs. Maxey made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the following:

The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and was seconded by Mr. Kinser.

The motion carried with a unanimous roll call.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Personnel

RETURN TO OPEN MEETING

At 9:05 p.m., Mrs. Maxey motioned to return to open session and was seconded by Mr. Kinser.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

- A. Enrollment
- B. FOIA Log
- C. Student Activity Fund Reports

Mr. Mulholland stated that he has contacted Scott Nemanich regarding the disposition of assets and will bring more information shortly.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxey and seconded by Mr. Haselhorst to adjourn at 9:08 p.m. The motion was carried by unanimous voice call.

PRESIDENT Ed Mulholland /s/

SECRETARY Brian Haselhorst /s/

APPROVED: 04/22/2025