

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, Illinois 61065
Monday, January 24, 2011
6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by President Don Ward.

Present: President Don Ward, Vice President Denise Balsley, Secretary/Treasurer Laura Zwart, Mr. Bradley Crull, Mr. Glen Gratz and Mr. Tom Kinser
Absent: Mr. John Ellingson

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Emily Gregory, President of NBEA, requested that the Board postpone final approval of the 2011-2012 school calendar so that the teachers' union would have an opportunity to continue to work with Dr. Baule to answer questions.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mrs. Balsley and seconded by Mr. Crull to approve the Agenda as amended.

IX. Consent Agenda: I. Move "2011-2012 North Boone High School Curriculum Guide" to New Business.

The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS

A. PMA Report

Ms. Audra Hartman and Mr. Scott Smith presented a five-year projection of the district's financial position using the previous five years of audited financial reports and this year's budget. They emphasized that the projected results are merely assumptions and not firm forecasts. These projections are valuable tools to assist the district in rendering important financial decisions. (PMA report is available for review at the district office.)

B. Bonded Debt

Ms. Linda Bobert presented a comparative analysis of the district's equalized assessed valuation and reviewed the district's bonding authority and possible restructuring repayment of debt on outstanding bonds. She also presented the steps required in order to use the rest of the district's bonding authority by November 2011. Because of the IRS

restrictions, she cautioned the board to have bond counsel review any changes before moving forward.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Baule expressed his appreciation to Wold Architects for providing lunch for the recent teacher institute day on January 14. Mrs. Crawford and Mr. Hubert worked with staff on math strategies. Julie Lewis of Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins gave a presentation on changes in 504 plans and special education law while the district's psychologist and social workers met with the certified staff. The Boone County Special Education Cooperative staff presented on the basics of special education.

MAP testing began on January 18 and will continue through this week. Makeup testing will occur during the week of January 31. Dr. Baule acknowledged Mrs. Crawford for organizing the MAP testing and working with the company that produces MAP and Jeannine Plath who trained non-certified staff in proctoring the exams.

Dr. Baule reported that the first set of Transportation and Stadium/Field/Track Committees minutes were attached.

Dr. Baule also reported that he tried to contact the Village of Poplar Grove to see if they would like to join us in our purchasing in order to reduce costs. Unfortunately, he had not heard back from the village; however, he will also propose this collaboration to the local fire districts and villages to gain their interest in this endeavor to save money.

The engines of PowerSchool are working correctly but some data issues developed in its implementation a couple years ago have yet to be worked through. The district is reviewing a return to PowerLunch in place of LunchBox Pro, which will work much better with PowerSchool and in state reporting. Mrs. Peed and Mrs. Gustafson are scheduled to go to PowerSchool University in February.

Dr. Baule stated that he planned to create a committee to review the current grading policies for potential change prior to the 2011-2012 school year.

Mr. Finnegan has taken charge of working on a summer school model for grades 6-12 that would be online through Compass Learning. It will be tuition based and will be open to out-of-district students as well. A science enrichment camp, Camp Invention, will be offered to upper elementary and middle school students during the week of June 20.

Dr. Baule announced that the bleachers at Capron Elementary have recently been inspected and were deemed unusable for safety reasons.

Dr. Baule informed the Board that the participation rate in the breakfast program at Capron Elementary was below the projected rate. In fact, participation is fairly low, and the district may consider asking ISBE for a waiver if it does not increase.

The Math Committee is reviewing the recent math audit results, and a response is expected before the next Board meeting in February.

Dr. Baule stated that a summary of the mailing on budget reduction recently sent out by Rockford 205 was given to the Board and is available at the district office.

Mr. Ward thanked North Boone High School and North Boone Upper Elementary for the great artwork they provided for the Board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Committee

Mrs. Balsley reported that the Policy Committee did not meet in January. The next Policy Committee meeting was scheduled for Monday, February 7, 2011 at 4:15 p.m.

Business Services Committee

Mrs. Zwart reported that the Business Services Committee did not meet in January. The next Business Services Committee meeting was scheduled for Monday, February 14, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Facility/Long Range Planning Committee

A Facility/Long Range Planning Committee meeting has not been held. The next meeting is to be determined.

Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee

A Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee meeting has not been held. The next meeting is to be determined.

Other Committee Reports

Mrs. Zwart reported that the Community Involvement Committee last met on January 4, 2011. The Committee made final plans for the Clinton game and the pancake breakfast through dinner at the basketball games last Saturday. She also reported that the recent raffle was very successful. The next Community Involvement Committee meeting was scheduled for February 2, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Kinser reported that the Technology Subcommittee did not meet in January. The next meeting has not been scheduled; however, it appeared that things are working well.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was submitted to the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mrs. Balsley and seconded by Mr. Kinser to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

- A. Amended Minutes of the Regular Meeting November 22, 2010
- B. Minutes of the Regular Meeting December 13, 2010
- C. Minutes of the Special Meeting December 27, 2010

D. Personnel

Site	Person	Position	Salary	Effective/End Date
1. Maternity Leave				
District	Kristi Phillips	Bus Driver	N/A	January 11, 2011
2. Retirement				
NBMS	Wes Wittmus	Physical Education /Health Teacher	N/A	End of 2014-15 School Year
3. Extra Curricular Hire (Pending Completion of Required State Forms)				
NBHS	Ryan Denk	Junior Varsity Baseball Coach	Group III, Step 0	2010-2011 School Year
NBHS	Amanda (Taylor) Hathaway	Head Volleyball Coach	Group I, Step 2	2011-2012 School Year
NBMS	Lindsey Dixon	Girls Basketball	Group III, Step 0	2010-2011 School Year
NBMS	Amy Edwards	Girls Basketball	Group III, Step 0	2010-2011 School Year
4. Volunteer				
NBHS	Steven Westlund	Wrestling Coach	Indemnify	2010-2011 School Year
PGE	Joy Ramirez	Classroom Helper	Indemnify	February 1, 2011

- E. January 2011 Bills
- F. Board of Education Regular Meeting Schedule
- G. Second Reading and Approval of Policies
- H. Group VIII Program Requests – Manchester Elementary
- I. ~~2011-2012 North Boone High School Curriculum Guide~~

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(No Unfinished Business)

NEW BUSINESS

A. Establish Public School Calendar for SY 2011-2012

Dr. Baule explained that a significant change on the calendar for next year is to complete the semester prior to Winter Break so the high school exams are given by that time. Starting the school year earlier will also give an extra week of study prior to testing. Easter Monday has been eliminated. He noted that the athletic director needed the approved calendar as soon as possible.

A motion was made by Mrs. Zwart and seconded by Mr. Crull to approve the School Calendar for SY 2011-2012.

Ayes: Mr. Crull, Mr. Gratz, Mr. Ward, Mrs. Zwart

Nays: Mrs. Balsley, Mr. Kinser

Motion passed 4-2.

B. 2011-2012 Discipline Code

Mr. Hubert stated that he had contacted a legal expert at IPA on a couple issues such as cell phone use and texting. He was advised that when a student's cell phone is searched more than one administrator should be in the room. Mr. Hubert also found that most

districts in the area had one policy for K-12, and latitude has been given to address items according to age.

Mrs. Balsley added that this is a first reading of this policy, and it will be on the February agenda for final approval.

C. Bid Recommendation for Playground Equipment – Bid FY11-09

It was noted that no district funds were expended for this playground equipment.

A motion was made by Mrs. Zwart and seconded by Mr. Crull to approve Playground Equipment for Poplar Grove Elementary – Bid FY11-09.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

A motion was made by Mrs. Zwart and seconded by Mr. Crull to approve Playground Equipment for Manchester Elementary – Bid FY11-09.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

D. Resolution Abating the Tax heretofore Levied for the Year 2010 to Pay Debt Service on General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2008A, of Community Unit School District Number 200, Boone and Winnebago Counties

A motion was made by Mr. Crull and seconded by Mrs. Zwart to approve the Resolution Abating the Tax heretofore Levied for the Year 2010 to Pay Debt Service on General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2008A, of Community Unit School District Number 200, Boone and Winnebago Counties.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

E. Resolution Abating a Portion of the Tax heretofore Levied for the Year 2010 to Pay Debt Service on \$2,850,000 General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2004, of Community Unit School District Number 200, Boone and Winnebago Counties

A motion was made by Mrs. Balsley and seconded by Mrs. Zwart to approve the Resolution Abating a Portion of the Tax heretofore Levied for the Year 2010 to Pay Debt Service on \$2,850,000 General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2004, of Community Unit School District Number 200, Boone and Winnebago Counties.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

F. 2011-2012 North Boone High School Curriculum Guide

Mrs. Troller explained that all of the courses listed in the Curriculum Guide are not necessarily given. The courses may or may not be offered subject to enrollment and Board approval (see p. 15 of the Guide).

A motion was made by Mrs. Balsley and seconded by Mrs. Zwart to approve the 2011-2012 North Boone High School Curriculum Guide.

The Motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made at 8:42 p.m. by Mrs. Balsley and seconded by Mrs. Zwart to recess to Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; pending litigation; or other matters provided for pursuant to §2(c) of the Open Meetings Act.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

The following members were present: President Don Ward, Vice President Denise Balsley, Secretary/Treasurer Laura Zwart, Mr. Bradley Crull, Mr. Glen Gratz and Mr. Tom Kinser. The following Board member was absent: Mr. John Ellingson.

The Open Session of the Board of Education was called to order at 9:10 p.m. by President Don Ward.

Present: President Don Ward, Vice President Denise Balsley, Secretary/Treasurer
Laura Zwart, Mr. Bradley Crull, Mr. Glen Gratz and Mr. Tom Kinser
Absent: Mr. John Ellingson

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

- A. District Activities Calendar
- B. Enrollment
- C. FOIA Log
- D. Student Activity Fund Reports

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Zwart and seconded by Mrs. Balsley to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

PRESIDENT _____ *Don Ward* /S/
Don Ward

SECRETARY _____ *Laura Zwart* /S/
Laura Zwart

APPROVED: 2-28-11