

**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, November 25, 2013  
6:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by President Don Ward.

Present: President Don Ward, Vice President Denise Balsley, Secretary Collin Crull, Mr. Thomas Moon, Mrs. Amy Morris and Mr. Brian Reininger  
Absent: Mr. Matt Ellingson

**AUDIENCE TO VISITORS**

Mrs. Molly Lilja, NBUE teacher, invited the Board to Family Reading Night on December 12, 2013 from 5:30–7:00 p.m. The evening will focus on celebrity readers, a book cook, poetry café and a book walk.

Ms. Mary Beth Kurnat, Performing Arts teacher, invited the Board to a high school concert on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the high school, and to a middle school concert on December 17, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. to be held in the middle school gym.

Mr. Shane Finley, Mrs. Megan O’Connell-Wignall, Mr. Jason Williams, Mr. Brian Arenz, Mrs. Heather True, Mr. Mike Wesbecher, Mrs. Suzi Parris, Mr. Randal Greenfield, Mrs. Eileen Moran, Mr. Andrew Nicky, Ms. Deb Kosla, Mrs. Kim Bell, Mrs. Tami Doetch, Mrs. Kristi Franseen and Ms. Mary Beth Kurnat all spoke asking the Board to settle the teacher’s contract.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

The Treasurer’s Report was submitted to the Board.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Dr. Baule shared that 14 of our teachers were nominated for the Golden Apple and were recognized at a banquet last week. He would like to see our talented teacher move forward to the next step.

ECRA was asked to review the progress for the past two years for the Summer Library Program. Students who participated in the summer library program performed slightly better on the MAPS and other assessments than students who did not take advantage of the library program. Dr. Baule provided a report summary.

The Capital Development Board has asked for property appraisals. Since they were not likely completed at the time of the sales, we are working to get retrospective appraisals completed to satisfy this requirement.

Dr. Baule shared that according to the current myCollege Options survey, over 94% of our students are considering college while about 6% are considering enlisting in the military. The number of students taking college prep, AP and vocational courses has also risen steadily, showing a positive trend. Mrs. Balsley asked about the percentage of students that went on to college. Dr. Baule shared that the data usually has an 18 month lag, but Tracy Peed, the NBHS counselor, may have that information. Mrs. Morris asked what the district does with the data from the Explore Plan and practice ACT. Mr. Hubert said the information is given to the students and staff, and that a committee is in place to drive the curriculum. Dr. Baule noted that taking the practice tests and Explore usually reflect in better ACT scores. Mr. Hubert stated that in the past, teachers have offered free after school tutoring and he is currently working with a company to give us a discounted price for an online testing program, which has shown to help students gain an average of 3.6 points on their ACT exams.

The technology survey for staff, students, parents and the community will be kept on the district's website until December 1, 2013. About 100 people have responded to the survey to date. The results will be used to assist in the development of the district's next technology plan.

The tablet pilot continues to do well. Dr. Baule used a 7<sup>th</sup> grade science project on cells as an example and felt the assignment was nicely done.

As part of the communication plan, Dr. Baule has secured Sen. Steve Stadelman to serve as principal for the day on December 12 at NBHS and NBUE. Mr. Ken Terrinoni, Boone County Administrator, has been invited to be the NBMS/PGE principal for the day in late January. Mr. Hubert is working with the FFA to secure a potential May principal for the day for NBHS/Manchester. We plan to invite a local media personality for the February/March timeframe at NBMS/Capron.

As part of the requirements under current ISBE regulations, new teachers must participate in an induction program. Our program is managed by Ann Mylin. At the last meeting, Brad Breakfield and Kristen Miller presented on their personal methods of classroom organization.

The next School Improvement Day is on December 4. The K-6 teachers will be working on language arts articulation and the secondary teachers will be working on effective questioning strategies. Dr. Baule has also arranged to have security and safety training for the non-instructional staff that day.

Dr. Baule attended a Boy Scouts of Boone County informational meeting a few weeks ago. They explained their programming to a range of local officials.

Dr. Baule plans to review our strategic directions in regard to Student Services as we close out the Boone County Special Education Cooperative. Mrs. Melissa Geyman will lead that process and she will review the Student Services portion once the BCSEC is dissolved. He also gave the Board the opportunity to review the mission statement, beliefs, parameters, objectives and strategies that were developed in 2008. There were no issues with the suggested changes. He is currently working with staff on an updated Facilities Plan and a Technology Plan. Mrs. Balsley asked about the timing of when the plans would be presented. Dr. Baule shared that the Communications Plan was approved last spring, the Technology Plan is scheduled for March 2014, Student Services will likely be late summer or fall 2014, and the Curriculum Plan will be need to be more of an ongoing process, continuing to work with math and language arts tied to the Common Core. The Facilities Committee has some considerable decisions to make prior to moving forward.

Mrs. Balsley asked Mrs. Abbeduto how the tablets are performing. Mrs. Abbeduto acknowledged they've had 18 cracked screens, but they are now offering the option to purchase protective covers. One challenge faced is the amount of time it is taking to receive repaired tablets back from the company, as they only have 12 loaners. Mrs. Abbeduto has also spoken to students and staff in an effort to reinforce the care of the tablets. Dr. Baule feels teachers are doing a great job with the tablets.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Policy Committee**

The next Policy Committee meeting is to be determined, but they are looking to meet in December.

### **Business Services Committee**

The last Business Services Committee meeting was held on November 7, 2013. Two financial software companies will be giving presentations on December 3, 2013. The next meeting is to be determined.

### **Facility/Long Range Planning Committee**

The last two Facility/Long Range Planning Committee meetings were held on October 29 and November 19, 2013. The next meeting is to be determined, but will likely be in January.

**Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee**

The Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee met on November 7, 2013 and recommended four courses to move forward for presentation to the Board. The next meeting is to be determined.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting October 28, 2013
- B. Personnel

Site	Person	Position	Salary	Effective/End Date
<b>1. Certified – Hire</b>				
NBHS	Katrina Bowen	Special Education Teacher	BA, Step 0	11/25/13
<b>2. Certified – Resignation</b>				
NBHS	Steven Primrose	Special Education Teacher	N/A	11/22/13
<b>3. Non-Certified – Hire</b>				
District	Tracy Markus	Bus Driver	\$21.75 / Route	11/05/13
District	Cheryl Magoch	Bus Aide	\$9.00 / Hour	11/19/13
<b>4. Non-Certified – Resignation</b>				
NBMS	Katie Baietto	Special Education Teacher Asst.	N/A	10/18/13
District	Eric Pilgreen	Bus Driver	N/A	11/04/13
District	Janet Butler	Bus Aide	N/A	11/18/13
NBHS	Katrina Bowen	Special Education Teacher Asst.	N/A	11/22/13
NBHS	Sonia DelReal	Bilingual Assistant	N/A	11/27/13
<b>6. Non-Certified - Volunteer</b>				
CES	Suzanne Nelson	Assist in Kindergarten Class	Indemnify	2013-2014 School Year

- C. Title I School Parental Involvement Agreement
- D. Set Date for Hearing on the 2013 Tax Levy
- E. Donation of Vehicle to Poplar Grove Fire Department

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*(No Unfinished Business)*

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **November 2013 Bills**

A motion was made by Mrs. Balsley and seconded by Mr. Reininger to approve November Bills as presented.

Ayes: Mrs. Balsley, Mr. Crull, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Morris and Mr. Reininger

Nays: *(none)*

Abstain: Mr. Ward

Motion passed 5-0, with one abstentions.

**B. Curriculum Course Proposals**

A motion was made by Mrs. Morris and seconded by Mr. Crull to approve additional courses as presented.

The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

**C. Office Hours - Christmas**

A motion was made by Mr. Reininger and seconded by Mr. Moon to approve winter break hours as presented.

The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

**D. Initial Insurance Measurement Period**

A motion was made by Mr. Crull and seconded by Mrs. Morris to approve the initial insurance measurement period as presented.

The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made at 7:45 p.m. by Mr. Reininger and seconded by Mr. Crull to recess to Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity; collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

The following members were present: President Don Ward, Vice President Denise Balsley, Secretary Collin Crull, Mr. Thomas Moon, Mrs. Amy Morris and Mr. Brian Reininger.

Absent: Mr. Matt Ellingson

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Mr. Moon left Executive Session and returned to Open Session at 8:40 p.m.

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A motion was made by Mrs. Morris and seconded by Mrs. Balsley to return to Open Session of the Board of Education, and was called to order at 9:00 p.m. by President Don Ward. Present:

President Don Ward, Vice President Denise Balsley, Secretary Collin Crull, Mr. Thomas Moon, Mrs. Amy Morris and Mr. Brian Reininger.

Absent: Mr. Matt Ellingson

The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

### RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mrs. Morris and seconded by Mr. Crull to approve the extension to use 2013 vacation time for Dr. Baule, Mrs. Boeke and Mr. Novak to February 28, 2014.

The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Balsley and seconded by Mr. Reininger to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

**PRESIDENT** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Don Ward /S/*  
**Don Ward**

**SECRETARY** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Collin Crull /S/*  
**Collin Crull**

**APPROVED: 12/16/13**