

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, December 14, 2021

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, Vice President Mary Maxey, Secretary Brian Haselhorst, Joe Haverly (via phone), Judy Hutchinson, Becky Self and Nan Schilling.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2021 TAX LEVY

(None)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Mrs. Aurora Rios addressed the Board regarding a negative experience her family had at the Upper Elementary. She felt staff morale needed to be addressed to ensure parents and students feel more welcome, as staff moods can affect students. Mrs. Rios suggested the SEL survey should include student opinion of support staff and teachers. She stated the UE teachers are great, and that school should be a positive experience for all.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Geyman stated the Treasurer's report was as presented.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Greenlee noted Stenstrom did an excellent job on the transportation parking lot. The next step will be to obtain quotes for fencing, in hopes of completing that project in the spring.

He had wished for a slow down in Covid cases as students were starting to return from quarantine. They piloted MCC testing last week, and are planning to use this test instead of Shield. He is hoping for test to stay after winter break. Dr. Greenlee said the state may starting doing things differently with quarantines, as ISBE is trying to keep students in school.

Dr. Greenlee reminded the Board member to submit their conference expenses for reimbursement.

He stated Tuesday, December 21st was the last day for students, and wished the Board members a happy holiday and new year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Committee

Dr. Greenlee said the Policy Committee met on December 8, 2021, and there are 50 policies up for the first reading tonight. Many policy changes pertained to abuse and bullying.

Business Services Committee

Mrs. Maxey said the Business Services meeting was held December 8, 2021 to discuss transportation purchases, grounds equipment rotation plans and an additional section of Pre-K.

Facility/Long Range Planning Committee

Mr. Haselhorst said the next Facilities meeting would likely be in early January.

Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee

Mrs. Hutchinson said the last CIA meeting was November 10, 2021 and the next meeting will be January 12, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxey and seconded by Mr. Haselhorst to approve the consent agenda as presented.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting November 9, 2021
- B. Personnel

Site	Person	Position	Salary	Effective/End Date
1. Certified - FMLA				
CES	Serena Brettschneider	Special Education Teacher	N/A	2/25/22 – 5/16/22
2. Certified – Resignation				
NBHS	Jake Hubert	Principal	N/A	11/23/21
3. Non-Certified – Hire				
NBUE	Nickole Wells	Head Cook	Head Cook, Step 7	1/5/22
District	Jordan Pyatt	Nurse	Nurse, Step 7	11/29/21
MES	Megan Dennin	Teacher Assistant (Math Interventionist) 5.75 hours/day	N/A	12/1/21
NBUE	Nick Larsen	Head Custodian	Head Custodian, Step 7	12/13/21
UE/MS	Kristine DeNolf	Teacher Assistant (Math Interventionist) 5.75 hours/day	TA120, Step 7	12/13/21

4. Non-Certified – Resignation				
NBUE NBMS	Stephanie Meyers	TA (Math Interventionist)	N/A	11/19/21
PGE	Kimberly Hall	Special Education Teacher Assistant	N/A	11/26/21
NBHS	Brett Ashens	Assistant Custodian	N/A	11/12/21
MES	Lynn Cotton	Nurse	N/A	11/19/21
MES	Megan Dennin	Special Education Teacher Assistant	N/A	11/30/21
5. Non-Certified – Retirement				
NBHS	Jeannine Plath	Library Assistant	N/A	End of 2021-2022 School Year
6. Extra-Curricular - Hire				
NBHS	Richard Williams	Assistant Girls Basketball Coach	Group II, Step 10	11/8/21
NBMS	Roberto Lopez	Head Wrestling Coach	Group IV, Step 5	11/24/21

- C. First Reading of Policies
- D. CEANCI Intergovernmental Agreement
- E. Board Conference Expense
- F. IMRF Authorized Agent Resolution

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Levy

Ms. Geyman presented the 2021 levy. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2021 are \$10,158,000, which represents a 4.96% increase over the previous year.

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxey and seconded by Mrs. Hutchinson to approve the Levy as presented.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

B. Bus and Grounds Purchases

The District is in the fourth year of the Transportation rotation plan cycle. It was recommended to trade in 3 buses, purchase 2 buses, trade in 1 van and purchase 1 van. Total anticipated cost is \$200,000. With the reimbursement from the state (about \$225,000) and the trade in revenue there is a potential to get more in revenue than the cost of the purchase this fiscal year. The next step is to gather quotes for the purchases, with final quotes and recommendations presented in January or February.

I was recommended to set up a 4 to 5-year cycle to address grounds purchases, including tractors, mowers, and larger equipment. It will be proposed to allot funds each budget year to begin to replace equipment.

C. High School Course Guide

The Course Guide changes were as presented, which were already reviewed by the Curriculum Committee. Mrs. Neri noted there were three main changes including dual credit courses, Rock Valley Advanced Technology courses, and the community service requirement. Dr. Greenlee said if approved, this would also go along with the recommendations from the CIA and Policy Committees.

A motion was made by Mrs. Hutchinson and seconded by Mrs. Self to approve the High School Course Guide as presented.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

D. District Update

The Administration covered the progress and next steps on MTSS, SEL, Strategic Planning, School Improvement Plans, Student Assessment and ESSER- Learning Loss. The SEL Screener will be administered in January, with the team meeting again in February. The next Administrative meeting for MTSS is in February. Strategic Planning and SIP dates will be set up and they will be recruiting a planning team. Mr. Mulholland said he would like to have all seven Board members involved in Strategic Planning if the members desired. Principals are meeting with their School Leadership Teams in January and February to plan for next steps for their buildings. After school tutoring programs will begin after winter break to address Learning Loss.

Mrs. Schilling said the student scores were very concerning, and wondered about future plans improve the situation. Mrs. Neri said principals are going to meet with teams in January and February, and they will hear in February the data breakdown and strategies. She also noted pre-Covid, they implemented a new math resource in K-5. However, since the implementation, we haven't had a normal year. She said they have had to cancel the last three curriculum meetings due to lack of substitutes. Therefore, curriculum work is slow going, as they can't put that stress on teachers.

E. HVAC Mechanical Equipment Purchases

Trane Technologies, Inc. provided a quote for the purchase of the mechanical equipment scheduled for installation in the summer of 2022. The price for 55 unit ventilators purchased from OMNIA Partners Cooperative Purchasing Program is \$284,882.41, and includes fabrication and furnishing the equipment, factory-mounted and programmed controllers and the two year parts and labor warranty. The quote does not include the installation of the equipment which will be performed as part of the general construction bid documents to be issued in January. AMSCO Engineering has confirmed the quote is complete and responsive. Cashman Stahler Group recommends the District accept this price quote and approve the purchase of the equipment through OMNIA Partners. This quote came in well under what was anticipated, however, per Cashman Stahler we could anticipate a 10% increase as of January 1, 2022.

Mrs. Schilling would like us to investigate purchasing boilers through a co-op as well.

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxey and seconded by Mr. Haselhorst to approve the purchase of 55 unit ventilators from the OMNIA Partners Cooperative Purchasing Program is \$284,882.41 as presented.

Ayes: Mr. Haselhorst, Mr. Haverly, Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Maxey, Mr. Mulholland and Mrs. Self

Nays: Mrs. Schilling

Abstain: None

The motion passed 6-1 with no abstentions.

NEW BUSINESS

A. December 2021 Bills

A motion was made by Mr. Mulholland and seconded by Mrs. Maxey to approve the December bills as presented.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

B. Title I Parental Involvement Agreements

To stay compliant with the federal Title I regulations, the Board is required to adopt the Title I School and District Wide Parental Involvement Agreements.

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxey and seconded by Mrs. Hutchinson to approve the Title I Parental Involvement Agreements as presented.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

C. Additional Pre-K Program

Currently the preschool program serves four sections of students with two full time teachers. As of the October screenings, there are 16 students on the waiting list, where typically there are only 5-9 students. Administration recommended that we add an additional section of preschool, which would require hiring a .5 preschool teacher as well as a 1.0 paraprofessional, costing about \$34,000 for staffing and \$5,000 for furniture and center activities. The proposed start date would be January 2022. Students will ride the existing preschool bus and the routes will only be expanded as needed.

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxey and seconded by Mr. Haselhorst to approve the Additional Pre-K Program as presented.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

D. Obsolete District Equipment

The District was looking to dispose of a floor scrubbers and two snow blowers, and sell or auction the Maintenance van. The Board was in favor of advertising the obsolete equipment and accept closed bid offers.

E. Resolution abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2021 to pay debt service on General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2016, of Community Unit School District Number 200, Boone and Winnebago Counties, Illinois.

Mr. Haselhorst read the resolution.

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxey and seconded by Mrs. Hutchinson to approve the Resolution abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2021 to pay debt service on General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2016, of Community Unit School District Number 200, Boone and Winnebago Counties, Illinois as presented.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

F. Resolution abating a portion of the tax heretofore levied for the year 2021 to pay debt service on \$9,292,272.20 Capital Appreciation School Bonds, Series 2003, of Community Unit School District Number 200, Boone and Winnebago Counties, Illinois.

Mr. Haselhorst read the resolution.

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxey and seconded by Mrs. Hutchinson to approve the Resolution abating a portion of the tax heretofore levied for the year 2021 to pay debt service on \$9,292,272.20 Capital Appreciation School Bonds, Series 2003, of Community Unit School District Number 200, Boone and Winnebago Counties, Illinois as presented.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

G. Audit Report

There were no audit findings for this audit to date, however, Gorenz and Associates will still need to complete the Federal Single Audit. Ms. Geyman thanked the Business office for their contributions. Dr. Greenlee thanked Ms. Geyman and also the Business team.

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxey and seconded by Mr. Haselhorst to accept the Audit Report as presented.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made at 7:43 p.m. by Mrs. Maxey and seconded by Mr. Haselhorst to recess to Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives; 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: Brian Haselhorst, Joe Haverly (via phone), Judy Hutchinson, Mary Maxey, Ed Mulholland, Becky Self and Nan Schilling. Also present: Dr. Greenlee.

Mr. Haverly left the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Haselhorst and seconded by Mrs. Maxey to recess to Open Session at 8:07 p.m. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Haselhorst and seconded by Mrs. Maxey to hire Marc Eckmann as Principal at NBHS effective 11/24/21 as presented.
The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxey and seconded by Mrs. Hutchinson to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

PRESIDENT *Ed Mulholland / S /*

SECRETARY *Brian Haselhorst / S /*

APPROVED: 1/18/22