

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 19, 2023
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, Vice President Mary Maxey and Treasurer Nan Schilling. Tom Kinser joined after being sworn in.

Absent: Joe Haverly

PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX LEVY

Mr. Gratz, the tax assessor for Boone Township, spoke in regards to a meeting he had with Dr. Greenlee and Stacey Corder in August in regards to the assessments rising in the North Boone School District and the amount that is being abated as well as in regards to a balloon levy.

Mr. Randall addressed the Board in regards to doing a good job in calculating the Levy. However, he believes that the abatement could be raised a little more to assist the tax payers.

Another community member spoke in regards to the life long farmers in our District asking to please take into consideration what raising their taxes can do to their livelihood. She also requested that perhaps some sort of mailing could go out showing what the money is used for and answering some of their questions or give them the ability to have the knowledge on this information to speak out to the Board.

Ms. Grenland reiterated that it would be very beneficial to abate more to give back to the community during these tough times.

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

Mr. Gratz questioned if there would be time between the Public Hearing and the approval of the Levy. It was stated that typically this has all been done in one meeting as there have been several presentations at different Board Meetings and Committee Meetings in regards to the Levy.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There is not a Treasurer's Report from November, however, Ms. Corder, the Executive Director of Business did include an update with a written statement in regards to the Audit. The audit has been completed and we are awaiting the interview process. Once this is completed, each month will be reconciled as quickly as possible. Mrs. Schilling did express her concern about not yet having a Report for this Fiscal Year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Greenlee did reiterate that an update was included in regards to the Treasurer's Report and the Audit.

He went on to clarify the definition of chronic absenteeism in regards to information that was wrongly given at a previous meeting while presenting the state data. Mrs. Neri then explained how chronic absenteeism is different than truancy. Chronic absenteeism occurs when a student is absent 10% or more of their school days, roughly 18 days. Originally we said 10 days but we actually meant 10% of the days. The 10 days refers to being truant in regards to the involving a truancy officer.

Dr. Greenlee stated that the Instructional Coaches presented at the Raising Student Achievement Conference last week and they did a wonderful job in their presentation. He did get a chance to attend the conference along with Mr. Mulholland and Mrs. Hutchinson. Mrs. Neri then gave a summary on their presentation of Cultivating Student Growth Through Instructional Coaching.

Dr. Greenlee mentioned that one of the District's minivans is in need of some major work currently. This vehicle is slated to be replaced this year and it would be better to start looking now to replace it as opposed to investing a lot of money on a vehicle that is being traded in that will not hold the value. This will be brought to the Business Services Committee Meeting as soon as some replacements are found.

Congratulations went out to Julie Brosnan, our Head Nurse, who just achieved her Doctorate Degree last month. Mrs. Brosnan defend her dissertations and now has her doctor's degree in Nursing in the Advanced Population.

Dr. Greenlee finished his report by wishing everyone on the board, the staff and the community and students a very Happy Holiday and hopes that everyone enjoys their break.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Committee

The next Committee Meeting will be held on January 10, 2024 at 3:45 p.m.

Business Services Committee

The next committee meeting will be on February 13, 2024.

Facility/Long Range Planning Committee

The committee met on November 28, 2023 at to review the athletic fields presentations and began a SWOT analysis. The next committee meeting will be held on January 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee

The next committee meeting will be held on January 10, 2024 at 4:45 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – November 14, 2023
- B. Personnel

Site	Person	Position	Salary	Effective/ End Date
1. Certified - Hire				
NBMS	Beth Dennis	Special Education Teacher	MA+32, Step 17	01/08/2024
2. Certified - FMLA				
District	Kari Neri	Chief Academic Officer	N/A	02/06/2024-03/12/2024
UE/MS	Ben Doyle	Instructional Coach	N/A	12/0/2023 - TBD
NBHS	Ryan Kelley	Physical Education Teacher	N/A	03/08/2024-04/26/2024
3. Non-Certified Hire				
District	Linda Morales	Bus Driver	\$33.00/Route	11/28/2023
District	Cynthia Ventura	Bus Driver	\$33.00/Route	TBD
CES	Natalie Emanuel	Pre-K Paraprofessional 5.75	Para 120, Step 2	12/18/2023
PGE	Christine Yurs	Paraprofessional 5.75	Para, Step 0	12/07/2023
District	Jamie Carollo	Food Service Director	\$53,000 plus IMRF	01/08/2024
4. Non-Certified - Resignation				
District	Janice Burmeister	Food Service Director	N/A	11/24/2023
MES	Jayne Ries	Paraprofessional	N/A	12/08/2023
NBHS	Nayley Ruiz Hernandez	Bi-lingual Paraprofessional	N/A	12/01/2023
5. Non-Certified – Termination				
NBHS	Andrej Jestafie	Assistant Custodian	N/A	12/12/2023
6. Non-Certified – Retirement				
NBMS	Craig Johnson	Head Custodian	N/A	01/03/2024
7. Non-Certified- FMLA				

PGE	Amy Ekberg	Paraprofessional	N/A	01/08/2024- 01/30/2024
NBUE	Jessica Martinez	Bi-lingual Paraprofessional	N/A	05/06/2024- 09/09/2024
8. Extra-Curricular - Resignation				
NBMS	Robert Lopez	Assistant Wrestling Coach	N/A	12/01/2023
9. Extra-Curricular - Volunteer				
MES	Jayne Ries	Chess Club Coach	Indemnify	2023/2024 School Year

C. Minutes of the Facility/Long Range Planning Committee Meeting – November 28, 2023

Discussion:

(none)

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Appointment of new Board Member

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxey to approve the appointment of Tom Kinser as the new Board Member and seconded by Mr. Haselhorst.

Discussion:

Mrs. Schilling expressed her concern that the vacancy was not announced at a Board Meeting. It was expressed that the District’s Policy was followed to fill the open position. This includes posting the vacancy in a newspaper, on our website and on the bulletin board. This has been how vacancies have been filled in the past.

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

Nays: Mrs. Schilling

The motion was passed with a 4-1 vote.

B. Swearing in of new Board Member Tom Kinser

C. Levy

1. Adoption of 2023 Tax Levy

Ms. Corder stated that there have been no changes to the proposed tax levy that was approved by the Business Services Committee.

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxey to adopt the 2023 Tax Levy as presented and seconded by Mr. Haselhorst.

Discussion:

A discussion was had in regards to the when the Levy has to be approved as well as when abatement needs to be approved. The Levy does need to be approved at tonight's meeting whereas the abatement can be table to a later meeting, however that is a separate motion on the agenda.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

2. Resolution abating a portion of the tax heretofore levied for the year 2023 to pay debt service on General Obligation Capital Appreciation School Building Bonds, Series 2008B, of the District.

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxey to table the resolution of abatement and was seconded by Mrs. Hutchinson.

Discussion:

Holding a Business Services Committee Meeting to discuss the abatement was agreed upon.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

NEW BUSINESS

A. December 2023 Bills

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxey to approve the December 2023 bills as presented and seconded by Mr. Haselhorst.

Discussion:

(none)

The motion carried by unanimous roll call.

B. Approval of 2024-2025 School Year Calendar

A motion was made by Mrs. Hutchinson to a motion to approve the 2024/2025 School Year Calendar and was seconded by Mrs. Maxey.

Discussion:

(none)

The motion carried by unanimous roll call.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made 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, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for 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).

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Haselhorst and seconded by Mrs. Maxey to approve up to 25 sick bank days for employee 2023-12-A, contributed from any NBESS member for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxey and seconded by Mrs. Hutchinson to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

PRESIDENT Ed Mulholland /s/

SECRETARY Brian Haselhorst /s/

APPROVED: 1/24/2024