

## MINUTES

North Boone Community Unit School District #200

### **Board C.I.A. Committee: Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment**

North Boone District Office, 6248 North Boone School Road, Poplar Grove, IL 61065

**May 3, 2012 at 3:30 PM**

#### **Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Glen Gratz at 3:39 p.m. The following Committee members were present: Dr. Steven Baule, Mrs. Lindsay Abbeduto, Dr. Bridget Belcastro, Mrs. Kristi Crawford, Mr. Collin Crull, Ms. Rachel Eglite, Mrs. Kristi Franseen, Mr. Jacob Hubert, Mrs. Melissa Nachampassack, Dr. Sharon Olds and Ms. Tracy Schabacker.

The following Committee members were absent: Mrs. Jeannine DuBois, Ms. Emily Gregory, Mrs. Jeannine Plath, Mr. Matt Klett and Mrs. Christine Troller.

#### **Audience to Visitors**

*(No Audience to Visitors)*

#### **Updates: Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Items**

##### **Update regarding math recommendations for grades K-5/6:**

Mrs. Crawford distributed a Program Overview of *enVisionMATH Common Core*, one of the recent math series a group of elementary teachers have been piloting. One of the key elements the teachers liked about this series was the depth of understanding math concepts it instills in students. The other series that was piloted was *My Math*. The teachers piloting both series felt that *enVisionMATH Common Core* far surpassed the *My Math* series.

One of the teachers piloting the series who was in favor of keeping *Saxon Math* commented that she finally realized what was missing in our math curriculum.

The curriculum outlined in *enVisionMATH* has 16 topics for grades K-6 that are color coded by Common Core domains. Mrs. Crawford added that she would have a full book sets for the Board members to view.

The teachers also felt that the technology used in this program was outstanding. In response to Dr. Baule, Mrs. Crawford will ascertain whether it works on the Android Operating System as well as iPad.

*EnVisionMATH Common Core* also offers webinars for staff members throughout the year and is available to provide on-site help.

In reviewing the series, the teachers found it evident that this program was written to address the Common Core Standards.

In reply to Mr. Gratz, Mrs. Crawford confirmed that the *EnVisionMATH Common Core* would be implemented in all six grades next school year. Dr. Baule added that he planned to set up in-service dates during the summer for teachers to get acquainted with *enVisionMATH* and meet

with its representatives. Although this would be on a voluntary basis, he thought most teachers would want this information in order to be ready for the classroom in the fall.

Ms. Abbeduto confirmed that *Connected Math* is a great program that addresses Common Core Standards; however, the district only purchased three or four of the seven or eight books that are required. In order to create a whole program, the missing books are now being ordered.

In response to Mr. Gratz, Dr. Baule confirmed that the district has budgeted for both *EnVisionMATH Common Core* and *Connected Math*.

Mrs. Crawford added that she had talked to a couple other districts that are using *EnVisionMATH Common Core*. They warned her that the 1<sup>st</sup> semester was tough but after working through it, they felt the series was great.

Mrs. Crawford stated that the recommendation of the Math Committee is to adopt *enVisionMATH Common Core* for grades K-5 and *Common Core* for grades 6-8.

Dr. Baule thanked Mrs. Crawford, everyone on the Math Committee and all the teachers who piloted the series. He felt everyone took the process very seriously and as a result, the district has a very good product.

**Assessment agreement:**

Dr. Baule stated that a part of adopting the new math series is the assessment agreement with the ECRA Group for program assessment and principal, assistant principal and teacher evaluation. The Board has received information about the research, monitoring and reporting system they have developed which is related to student achievement. ECRA is highly recommended and is the only company of its kind that is supported by AASA (American Association of School Administrators). He felt the district would be far better off to start this program before the new evaluation requirements are put in place in 2016. In this way, the district can work with ECRA to make sure we have all the right assessments in place and the teachers are familiar with how it works. It will also improve instruction. He added that the recommendation to the Board will be to approve the contract for 100 hours and budget 150 hours for a total cost of approximately \$36,000.

**Other Discussion Items**

*(No Other Discussion Items)*

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

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Glen Gratz, Chairperson