

**North Boone Community Unit School District No. 200**  
Minutes of the Business Services Committee Meeting  
District Office  
6248 North Boone School Road  
Poplar Grove, Illinois 61065  
Wednesday, January 10, 2018  
6:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order by Ed Mulholland at 6:30 p.m. The following Committee members were present: Dr. Mike Greenlee, Kelly Holsker, Tom Kinser, Ed Mulholland, Jamie Pearce and Dave Zumdahl. Also present: Brian Haselhorst and Mary Maxey (arrived at 6:50 p.m.). Absent: Kelly Hanaman and Mary Piskie.

**AUDIENCE TO VISITORS**

*(none)*

**TAX ABATEMENT RESOLUTION**

Dr. Greenlee stated the CPI rate for the levy was 2.1%, and gauged the potential value of that at \$227-240K. He noted the state was still working on the school funding formula, but thought we could possibly receive \$294K from the state. Mr. Dave Zumdahl, Interim Business Manager, felt it was best to keep at least six months of reserve in case of delays or a stoppage in state funding. Dr. Greenlee commented that he had not seen full payments from the state in at least seven years.

The Committee acknowledged that while they see a need for building improvements, they would still like to offer taxpayer relief. The Committee agreed to move forward with the recommendation to abate \$235K. Dr. Greenlee will contact Baird Financial to initiate the resolution process, which will be presented at the January 23, 2018 Board meeting.

Mr. Mulholland mentioned if there were known projects on the horizon, we could keep some money back, but until we have specific plans, we could abate. Dr. Greenlee mentioned our Architect will look at the possibilities and costs of phasing in facility improvements.

**FARMLAND RENTAL AGREEMENT**

The rental agreements established for the Central Campus Farmland (46 acres) and the Poplar Grove Road farmland (25 acres) are currently at the rate of \$243 per acre, with a total rental income for the two properties at \$17,253. Both properties have been well maintained by local families for several years with positive partnerships with the district. Dr. Greenlee provided information from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Economics - University of Illinois regarding current rental rates. The Committee agreed \$215 per acre was an appropriate rental rate for the 2018-2019 school year.

### **OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Dr. Greenlee confirmed that next week he would begin the initial screening process for the Business Manager applicants. He stated the job had been posted for about one month and was recently posted on the state job bank.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(none)*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Ed Mulholland, Chair