

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, October 24, 2011

6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by President Don Ward.

Present: President Don Ward, Vice President Denise Balsley, Secretary Tom Kinser, Treasurer Laura Zwart, Mr. Collin Crull, Mr. Glen Gratz and Mrs. Amy Morris

Absent: *(None)*

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Emily Gregory, President of the North Boone Education Association, reminded everyone that she had made a statement at the last Board meeting. She added that the members of the Association desire to maintain an effective school environment and not interrupt the educational environment of the district. Ms. Gregory then handed out a copy of a letter dated October 24, 2011 from Nicole Rethamel, UniServ Director, to the Board and Dr. Baule.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mrs. Balsley and seconded by Mrs. Zwart to approve the Agenda. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Baule reported that a Teachers Institute was held on Friday, October 7, 2011. He received very good feedback regarding the programs offered. Mainstream Renewable Power provided lunch for the staff. District staff made presentations, together with Michelle Courier, Boone County State's Attorney; Kim Maville, Boone County Special Education Cooperative; Rebecca Downs, Chicago Office Technology Group; and, Dr. Steven Shutz, Crusader Clinic.

Dr. Baule updated the Board on the Governor's efforts to consolidate school districts in order to reduce duplicative spending thereby increasing the amount of money available for schools.

Dr. Baule attended a meeting hosted by the Regional Office of Education on October 12, 2011 to better inform the school districts on the new County School Facilities Sales Tax Law. The district representatives discussed the concept of a county sales tax for school facilities. It would be a 1% sales tax for school construction and/or facilities. The key to accessing the funds is that 51% of all students in the county must be represented. In order for North Boone to do so,

Rockford School District must agree; however, it appears Rockford is not interested at this time because they have a rate referendum that will go to ballot in March 2012.

Friday, October 12, 2011 was an early dismissal day for school improvement. Each school provided a variety of excellent activities for their staff.

The district held fire drills this past month with representatives from the two Boone County Fire Districts. Mr. Hubert chaired the district's annual critical incident review meeting on October 18, 2011. And, the schools held lockdown drills with the Sheriff's Department today.

Dr. Baule reviewed the 2011 State Report Cards. The district did not make AYP this past year. District wide, the reading scores went down a little. Reading scores at the high school level decreased 12%, but the ACT scores did not drop. Only about 40% of students with IEPs met the state's target. The district's graduation rate is about 85%; however, that rate does not include those students who are in high school more than 4 years. If they were included, our graduation rate would be closer to 90%.

According to ISBE's Pre-School for All grant office, our pre-school program will be audited sometime between now and April 2012.

Dr. Baule reported that Mr. & Mrs. Phippen were in the district in October to work with our math teachers on the district's assessment programs and to create common core assessments for all math courses.

Mr. Hubert added that the group was able to complete the assessment programs for Algebra and Geometry. The middle school worked on their goals and set up a pacing drive. He reported that many of the high school math teachers have used a lot of the activities taught by the Phippens and, overall, a lot of positive outcomes have resulted through the Phippens' training.

The Student Services Team conducted bullying surveys put together by Mrs. Peed, School Counselor, at the high school and middle school. The results show that the biggest issue is the bullying that occurs in non-structured time and, in particular, on line.

Dr. Baule reviewed notes from the recent ISBE/IASA Advisory Board meeting regarding state and federal funding. In essence, the district should not expect any new money and even less than originally appropriated. Transportation funding has been decreased, and there is a 50/50 chance the district will receive its March payment for mandated categoricals. He stressed the importance that everyone reach out to their legislators regarding the importance of funding education.

Dr. Baule added that the preliminary numbers for EAV has dropped about 9%. Representative Franks has introduced legislation that would limit the extension to zero if the EAV decreases. We have yet to see if this passes. The Governor has decided to pay the salaries for Regional Offices of Education out of the Corporate Replacement Tax, which would come out of the portion received by school districts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Committee

Mrs. Balsley reported that the Policy Committee did not meet in October. Since the district office has not yet received PRESS from IASB, a meeting will not be held in November.

Business Services Committee

Mrs. Zwart reported that the Business Services Committee did not meet in October. The next Business Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Facility/Long Range Planning Committee

Mr. Ward reported that the Facility/Long Range Planning Committee did not meet in October. The next Facility/Long Range Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.

Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee

Mr. Gratz reported that the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee last met on October 20, 2011. The Committee reviewed the School Report Cards and discussed future curriculum. The next meeting will take place in the spring.

Other Committee Reports

Mrs. Zwart reported that the Community Involvement Committee last met on October 5, 2011. The Committee discussed the upcoming rivalry event with Harvard, which will be a chili cook off on December 16, 2011. The next Community Involvement Committee meeting will be held at the high school on Wednesday, November 2 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Kinser reported that the Technology Subcommittee did not meet in October. The next meeting date is to be determined.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The Treasurer’s Report was submitted to the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mrs. Balsley and seconded by Mrs. Zwart to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

- A. Minutes of the Special Meeting September 26, 2011
- B. Minutes of the Regular Meeting September 26, 2011
- C. Minutes of the Special Meeting October 11, 2011
- D. Personnel

| Site | Person | Position | Salary | Effective/End Date |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|--|
| 1. Certified – Leave | | | | |
| NBMS | Elizabeth Blackmer | Special Education Teacher | N/A | 1/21/12 to 3/5/12 (subject to change) |
| 2. Non-Certified - Hire | | | | |
| NBHS | Amanda Hathaway | Special Education Teacher Assistant | BA, Step 0 | October 12, 2011 |
| Transportation | Robin Baker | Bus Assistant (2.5 hrs./day) | \$9.00/hr. | October 24, 2011 |

| 3. Extra-Curricular – Hire | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| NBMS | LaVonna Baden | Boys Basketball Coach | Group III, Step 1 | 2011-2012 School Year |
| NBMS | Brenda Kamholz | Boys Basketball Coach | Group III, Step 4 | 2011-2012 School Year |
| NBMS | Brad Breakfield | Girls Basketball Coach | Group III, Step 0 | 2011-2012 School Year |
| NBMS | LaVonna Baden | Girls Basketball Coach | Group III, Step 1 | 2011-2012 School Year |

E. Approval of IASB PRESS Subscription Renewal

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(No Unfinished Business)

NEW BUSINESS

A. October 2011 Bills

A motion was made by Mrs. Zwart and seconded by Mr. Kinser to approve the October 2011 Bills.

Ayes: Mr. Crull, Mr. Gratz, Mr. Kinser, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Zwart, Mr. Ward

Nays: *(none)*

Abstain: Mrs. Balsley

Motion passed 6-0, with one abstention.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made at 6:51 p.m. by Mrs. Balsley and seconded by Mrs. Morris to recess to Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; collective negotiating matters; 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: President Don Ward, Vice President Denise Balsley, Secretary Tom Kinser, Treasurer Laura Zwart, Mr. Collin Crull, Mr. Glen Gratz and Mrs. Amy Morris.

The Open Session of the Board of Education was called to order at 8:52 p.m. by President Don Ward.

Present: President Don Ward, Vice President Denise Balsley, Secretary Tom Kinser, Treasurer Laura Zwart, Mr. Collin Crull, Mr. Glen Gratz and Mrs. Amy Morris

Absent: *(None)*

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

(No Recommendations from Executive Session)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

A. Enrollment

B. **FOIA**

C. **Student Activity Fund Reports**

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Balsley and seconded by Mrs. Zwart to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

PRESIDENT _____
Don Ward

SECRETARY _____
Tom Kinser

APPROVED: _____