

**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 28, 2013

6:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by President Don Ward.

Present: President Don Ward, Vice President Denise Balsley, Secretary Collin Crull, Mr. Matt Ellingson, Mr. Thomas Moon and Mr. Brian Reininger

Absent: Mrs. Amy Morris

**STUDENT RECOGNITION**

The Board recognized Tanner Synove as an AP Scholar. Tanner is a member of the graduating class of 2014, and will have at least one more year in which to complete college-level work and possibly earn a higher-level AP Scholar Award. Tanner is the first student in three years to receive an AP Scholar Award. Mr. Ward presented Tanner with a certificate of achievement, which was followed by a round of applause.

**AUDIENCE TO VISITORS**

Mrs. Deb Torrison spoke on behalf of the NBEA. She felt it was unfortunate that an agreement has yet to be made after eight months of teacher negotiations. The next negotiations meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2013, and they are hoping a tentative agreement can be reached in a timely fashion. Mrs. Torrison then asked, on behalf of the taxpayers, how the Board intended to use the sales tax revenue and the CDB grant. Mrs. Torrison invited the Board to join her Skype session tomorrow regarding the state of geography, and thanked the Education Foundation for the grant that has enabled her to acquire 30 Kindles. She also invited to Board to provide ideas for second semester speakers to present on agriculture land use, GPS and economic issues for both rural and urban land.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report was submitted to the Board. Mrs. Zwart mentioned we received the remainder of the tax money.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The College Board recognized Tanner Synove as an AP Scholar. The College Board's Advanced Placement Program provides willing and academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school, and to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP Exams.

Jane Lenser and Sarah Timmons were both recently notified that they received grants from the IEA. Jane's grant was designed to support her summer library programming. Sarah's grant was written to purchase tools for the landscaping course to be offered this spring. Mrs. Timmons brought along a group of her FFA students to present information on a \$1,000 Score Grant awarded by the NEA/IEA. The FFA is planning to adopt-a-highway on March 21, 2014, and use the grant toward t-shirts to wear during clean-up, gloves, trash bags and lunches for the workers. Dean Foods will be donating milk for the workers. The FFA is asking for Board support this effort and they feel it will instill a sense of pride and value in the community.

On October 2, 2013, Mrs. Melissa Geyman, Mrs. Kim Moore and Dr. Baule presented to the Illinois State Advisory Council on the Education of Children with Disabilities (ISAC) regarding the potential dissolution of the Boone County Special Education Cooperative. Dr. Baule mentioned Mrs. Geyman and Mrs. Moore were both exceptional in delivering this presentation. Dr. Baule has been informed that the dissolution is moving forward. After approval, there will be a division of assets, hopefully commencing in December.

The October 11 in-service went well and was organized by Mrs. Lindsay Abbeduto and Mrs. Melissa Geyman. The SIP Day on October 16 was designed as a follow up to implement items from the in-service day.

The new school report cards show some growth. The district made about twice the growth in reading as the state average and average growth in math.

The Prairie Grange will be delivering dictionaries to all of our 3rd Graders. The Grange spent over \$2400 and will deliver the dictionaries in person to each elementary school.

We currently have two students on track to graduate from the alternative school this spring. The program has 33 students enrolled currently between D100 and North Boone. Mr. Jake Hubert stated he was pleasantly surprised with this program and feels students are finding success with the program. Attendance is at the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile.

The Department of Health and Human Services has selected NBHS to take part in the state's National Youth Tobacco Survey. The survey has been conducted annually since 2011.

The agricultural impact forms and the environmental impact forms were sent to the Capital Development Board and the Departments of Natural Resources and Agriculture. Dr. Baule is hopeful we will have formal notice prior to the next Board meeting.

The students who took the ACCESS test did show expected growth. The troublesome exception seems to have been students in 2nd grade that showed weak growth. Dr. Baule is trying to analyze this outcome, as he feels we have done a good job of creating a better ESL program. Dr. Baule thanked Mr. Matt Klett for much of the success of this program.

The Preschool report was developed to see if there was a significant difference between those students who were involved in the district's Pre-K program v. those students who were not. Although we are not required to have this program, Dr. Baule feels it's important and does make a difference. He would like to see better growth from our Pre-K program and feels the staff involved in this program work very hard. Mr. Klett spoke to the mandates to the curriculum from the state. Dr. Baule has asked Mrs. Melissa Geyman and Dr. Bridget Belcastro to review our preschool curriculum in light of the ECRA data.

Dr. Baule mentioned there are no radical changes anticipated in PERA reform from LEND and ED-RED. There has been a lot of discussion of NCLB, with Illinois basically the only major state without a NCLB waiver. The Federal government would like to push up implementation of student achievement as a factor in teacher evaluations prior to approving a waiver.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Policy Committee**

The next Policy Committee meeting is to be determined.

### **Business Services Committee**

The next Business Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 7, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

### **Facility/Long Range Planning Committee**

The next Facility/Long Range Planning Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, October 29, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

### **Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee**

The next Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 7, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 23, 2013
- B. Personnel

Site	Person	Position	Salary	Effective/End Date
<b>1. Certified – Hire</b>				
NBMS	Sara Scafidi	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts	BA, Step 0	8/16/13
<b>2. Non-Certified – Hire</b>				
District	Heidi Nebergall	Bookkeeper / Transportation Assistant	14.88/hour (including IMRF)	10/03/13
NBHS	Jonathan Stimes	Special Education Teacher Assistant	TA120, Step 1	10/23/13
NBUE	Jhordynne Alexander	Special Education Teacher Assistant	TA120, Step 1	10/28/13
NBHS	Bianca Hernandez	Bilingual Assistant	TA60, Step 1	10/28/13
<b>3. Non-Certified – Resignation</b>				
District	Veronica Myers	Bookkeeper	N/A	10/03/13
NBHS	Heidi Nebergall	Special Education Teacher Assistant	N/A	10/03/13
NBHS	Ashley Clark	Special Education Teacher Assistant	N/A	11/05/13
<b>4. Non-Certified – Rescind Leave of Absence</b>				
District	Dominic Perri	Bus Driver	N/A	10/15/13
<b>5. Non-Certified – Honorable Dismissal</b>				
District	Tracy Markus	Bus Driver	N/A	10/15/13
<b>6. Non-Certified - Volunteer</b>				
Capron	James McQuinn	Special Education	Indemnify	2013-2014 School Year
Capron	Emily Winder	Assist with Academic Programs	Indemnify	2013-2014 School Year
<b>7. Extra-Curricular - Resignation</b>				
NBHS	Meghan O'Connell	JV Softball Coach	N/A	9/24/13

- C. Overnight Field Trip Request – Costa Rica
- D. Group VIII Program Request
- E. Approval of Reciprocal Agreement with Boone County Sheriff’s Department
- F. Approval of IASB PRESS Subscription Renewal
- G. Approval of PMA Financial Planning Program Consulting Agreement

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*(No Unfinished Business)*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. October 2013 Bills**

A motion was made by Mr. Reininger and seconded by Mr. Ellingson to approve October Bills as presented.

Ayes: Mr. Crull, Mr. Ellingson, Mr. Moon, Mr. Reininger

Nays: *(none)*

Abstain: Mrs. Balsley, Mr. Ward

Motion passed 4-0, with two abstentions.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made at 7:13 p.m. by Mr. Crull and seconded by Mr. Ellingson to recess to Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity; collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

The following members were present: President Don Ward, Vice President Denise Balsley, Secretary Collin Crull, Mr. Matt Ellingson, Mr. Thomas Moon and Mr. Brian Reininger.

A motion was made by Mrs. Balsley and seconded by Mr. Ellingson to return to Open Session of the Board of Education, and was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by President Don Ward. Present: President Don Ward, Vice President Denise Balsley, Secretary Collin Crull, Mr. Matt Ellingson, Mr. Thomas Moon and Mr. Brian Reininger.

Absent: Mrs. Amy Morris

The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mrs. Balsley and seconded by Mr. Crull to approve the request for an extended leave of absence for Cindy Sturm through 12/19/13, unless she receives a doctor's approval to return to work prior to that date.

The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mrs. Balsley and seconded by Mr. Moon to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

**PRESIDENT** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Don Ward**

**SECRETARY** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Collin Crull**

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_