

North Boone Community Unit School District No. 200
Minutes of the Special Meeting of the
Board of Education
District Office
6248 North Boone School Road, Poplar Grove, Illinois 61065
Monday, May 18, 2015
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Matt Ellingson. The following members were present:

Present: President Matt Ellingson, Vice President Joe Haverly, Secretary Tom Moon, Ed Mulholland and Don Ward
Absent: Mary Maxey and Brian Reininger

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Haverly and seconded by Mr. Mulholland to approve the Agenda as presented.

The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Ms. Ashley Doetch, NBMS teacher, read a letter on behalf of Ms. Kirshna Selchow, NBHS teacher, which highlighted benefits of the tablet program. She noted Ms. Selchow felt some teachers were planning on having the 1:1 program for incoming freshmen, and not having it in place next year will mean the teachers have been misusing their planning time. She believes wholeheartedly that 1:1 is the way to go and teaching students to use technology appropriately while teaching them different ways to use it will help them grow as 21st century learners.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

A. Personnel

Site	Person	Position	Salary	Effective/End Date
1. Certified - Hire				
NBMS	Kassandra Bowman	8 th Grade ELA Teacher	BA, Step 0	8/12/15
2. Certified – Resignation				
PGE	Kristi Crawford	Principal	N/A	6/13/15

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. After School Care Programs

Dr. Baule provided the Board with three proposals. A motion was made by Mr. Mulholland and seconded by Mr. Haverly to approve the YMCA as the After School Care Program.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

B. Tablet Decision

Mr. Moon asked if interest for the lease was included in the price. Mr. Rudolph said he would verify. Mr. Mulholland felt the pilot should be kept at the 7th and 8th grade level for next year. Mr. Haverly doesn't feel we are ready to expand, that we should take a moment to evaluate the program. He stated this was not a step backward, just a pause. He'd like to look into all the options and doesn't feel it is the time to expand the program. Mr. Ward asked what hardware would be used for 7th & 8th graders. Mr. Rudolph said it would be a new sub-notebook with Windows. Mr. Mulholland suggested current students could keep their current devices. Dr. Baule said there were options such as offering the devices for purchase, and asked the Board if students would be allowed to use them in high school. Another option would be to buy them back from the student. A third alternative would be to explain this was a pilot and apologize for the fact that we are changing directions and students are out the money. Ms. Abbeduto said if we don't allow incoming freshmen to have a device in 9th grade, we are doing a disservice to students, and they will lose out on Anytime Anywhere Learning. Mr. Haverly said a pilot program is a short term test and hoped the current pilot had an exit strategy. He believed they needed time to consider all the options and how parents will react. Dr. Baule noted the original pilot did not include any fee, however at the time the Board felt a fee was necessary. Mr. Rudolph said we could sell to the students for a fair price of \$30-\$40, which is an average trade in price depending on condition. Mr. Ward asked which device would be used by 7th graders. Mr. Rudolph said we would move to a Windows device as proposed and 8th graders would move to the same device. Mr. Haverly said it is possible to re-design a pilot with a new Superintendent, new Principals, committees, etc. Mr. Ward asked when a decision would need to be made on the type of device. Mr. Rudolph said we should order by July 1, as there would need to be time to configure the devices. Dr. Baule asked the Board what they'd like to tell the 8th grade parents. Mr. Ward said we need to know which device we are using in the 7th grade before we sell 8th grade devices. Dr. Baule said if there is no direction, he would recommend refunding 8th graders money if they had paid their technology fees or apply the refund to outstanding fees. Mr. Moon said he was told repair costs were not tracked for the first year. Ms. Abbeduto said we will need approximately \$500K for outdated textbooks if the high school students aren't going to use the devices. Mr. Rudolph said we could sell for \$60 or if a student returns the device, there would be no refund.

A motion was made by Mr. Mulholland and seconded by Mr. Haverly to approve the tablet program for 7th and 8th grade and not expand to 9th grade.

Mr. Ward made an amendment to the motion that said in solidarity with incoming freshman, the District will no longer provide laptops for members at Board meetings.

The motion failed for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Mr. Mulholland and seconded by Mr. Haverly to approve the tablet program for 7th and 8th grade and not expand to 9th grade.

Ayes: Mr. Ellingson, Mr. Moon, Mr. Haverly and Mr. Mulholland

Nays: Mr. Ward

Abstain: *(None)*

Motion passed 4-1

C. Superintendent Search Proposals

Mr. Tom Leahy from IASB gave a presentation to the Board outlining the Superintendent Search process.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made at 7:55 p.m. by Mr. Haverly and seconded by Mr. Mulholland to recess to Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; collective negotiating matters; the sale or lease of property; 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 Matt Ellingson, Vice President Joe Haverly, Secretary Tom Moon, Ed Mulholland and Don Ward.

Absent: Mary Maxey and Brian Reininger

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Mrs. Maxey and Mr. Reininger joined Executive Session 8:30 p.m.

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A motion was made by Mr. Ward and seconded by Mrs. Maxey to return to Open Session of the Board of Education, and was called to order at 8:43 p.m. by President Matt Ellingson.

Present: President Matt Ellingson, Vice President Joe Haverly, Secretary Tom Moon, Mary Maxey, Ed Mulholland, Brian Reininger and Don Ward

Absent: *(None)*

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Ward and seconded by Mr. Reininger to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

PRESIDENT _____
Matt Ellingson

APPROVED: **SECRETARY** _____
Tom Moon