

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

Thursday, August 2, 2018

6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Joe Haverly.

Present: President Joe Haverly, Brian Haselhorst, Tom Kinser, Secretary Mary Maxey and Ed Mulholland.

Absent: Tom Moon

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxey and seconded by Mr. Haselhorst to approve the Agenda as amended, adding Audience to Visitors.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Mr. William Randall addressed the Board regarding the technology purchases. He outlined the benefits of technology and how it supports conceptual learning, essential skill sets, and encourages problem solving that would benefit students throughout their education. He encouraged the Board to embrace technology and approve the proposed technology purchases.

TECHNOLOGY PURCHASES

At the July 24, 2018 meeting, the Board had elected to table this topic, as the bids were part of the confidential portion of the agenda instead of the public portion, and also because not all Board members were aware of the intention to invest in additional devices.

Dr. Greenlee stated he had contacted our attorney regarding publicly publishing quotations. The attorney said many districts publish partial quotes to honor vendor confidentiality, and only make entire quotes available upon FOIA. Dr. Greenlee said in the spirit of the law, we had published the entire quotation package for public viewing for this meeting.

Mr. Haverly suggested a review by a Technology Committee. Dr. Greenlee proposed making the Technology Committee a Sub-Committee of the Curriculum Committee, and recommended moving forward with the purchases tonight. Mr. Haverly felt this was the first opportunity to discuss this \$120,000 purchase. He presented a list of ideas for the Board to discuss, and felt the Technology Sub-Committee should be charged with:

- Outlining the difference between what technology is needed to function as a district and if/how we would incorporate devices/1:1/technology in the classroom, what is needed for testing and what would be considered "growing a technology plan".
- Researching current literature on technology in the classroom to assure our District's plan is based on sound data.
- Reviewing the previous 1:1 document/plan and taking from it what fits into our current vision.
- Predicting any potential externalized costs that might be incurred such repairs, staffing, etc.
- Working with curriculum development/alignment to assure the two are complimentary.
- Determining device longevity and predicting what transitional plans/costs we should expect.
- Assuring our plan for technology in the classroom syncs perfectly with the planned district-wide LMS (or whatever allows for in-district assessment data review).
- Assuring our plan for technology in the classroom syncs perfectly with any future platform for registration, lunches, fees, etc.
- Drafting and presenting a long range plan (possibly 10 years) for technology that can easily and clearly be presented and makes it perfectly clear to all stakeholders our rationale, plan and expected outcomes.

Mr. Haselhorst felt this could go to a Technology Committee in the future. Mr. Kinser noted he was unclear on the refresh budget, and asked if this was a one-time cost. Dr. Greenlee stated we have a placeholder for refresh, and we received money from Title I flow through, with the proposed purchases well within the Technology budget. Mr. Kinser said if the devices can help in the classroom, he would approve to impact this year, as he does not want too much of a delay. Mrs. Maxey agreed with Mr. Kinser, stating testing in spring is cumbersome, and if the purchases were within the budget or close, to move forward with the approval. Mr. Haverly thought a plan would be prudent, and mentioned Mr. Mulholland had said there no well documented expectations or outcomes, and not a very well thought out rationale. Mr. Mulholland felt testing was the biggest concern, and the curriculum needed adjusting every couple of weeks based on feedback. He said he supported it at the Business Services Committee meeting, but had missed some of the information. Mr. Mulholland felt this wasn't a full plan and we owe it to the taxpayers to understand what it is that we want, where we are planning to go, and where we are planning to end up, before we get in any deeper. Mr. Haverly felt the proposal was sudden, there were not clear objectives and outcomes, and that he is against how it was presented.

The Technology proposal included bids for staff laptops, desktops and student Chromebooks. A summary was also presented at the July 24, 2018 Regular Board meeting. The recommendation was to use 2017-18 Title One funds to purchase 60 student Chromebook computers from SHI for \$14,973 for the use at Upper Elementary, 100 touch screen Chromebooks that support a new K-2 test at each K-4 building from Insight at \$32,286, purchase 50 new laptops with docking stations from ITSavvy at \$54,250 to replace aging staff desktops, and purchase 60 off-lease desktops from Compugen for \$18,000 that have 5 year warranties to replace 8 year old desktops around the district from the 2018-19 Technology Budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Haselhorst and seconded by Mrs. Maxey to approve the above technology recommendations as presented.

Ayes: Mr. Haselhorst, Mr. Kinser, Mrs. Maxey and Mr. Mulholland

Nays: Mr. Haverly

Abstain: none

The motion passed 4-1, with no abstentions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

(none)

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was not held. In Open Session, Dr. Greenlee noted Mr. Carl Rudy had applied for the open seat on the Board.

A. Appointment of New Board Member and Administration of Oath to Newly-Elected Board Member

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxey and seconded by Mr. Haselhorst to Approve Carl Rudy as a new Board member.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

Mr. Haverly, President, administered the Oath of Office to the newly-elected Board member, Carl Rudy.

REORGANIZATION OF THE NORTH BOONE CUSD BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. Nomination/Election of Vice President

Mr. Haselhorst nominated Mr. Kinser for Vice President. No other nominations were received.

The nomination was carried by unanimous roll call.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxey and seconded by Mr. Haselhorst to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

PRESIDENT _____

SECRETARY _____

APPROVED: