

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, April 13, 2020
6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:39 p.m. by President Joe Haverly.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

(none)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. School Closure and e-Learning Update

Dr. Greenlee thanked the Board and Administration for their patience during this stay at home order. He noted prior to March 16, the state had strict guidelines that districts with 1:1 were the only ones to have approved e-learning programs. The state then relaxed the requirements and North Boone now has an approved e-learning plan. The week after spring break we were able to get devices to students in grades 5-8. Last week families of K-4 students received devices. Teachers were asked to send lessons to students and to reach out to parents and students regarding expectations. Originally, the state said taking attendance was not a priority, however they are now wanting attendance tracked, so we are asking students to sign in. Dr. Greenlee stated each Monday, the Administration team meets to discuss what is working well and what needs adjusting. Administration has reported that teachers are actively reaching out to students and are following up with families on how things are progressing with e-learning. Administration feels teachers have done an incredible job in being flexible.

Dr. Greenlee said about 20% of high school students are not actively completing the work, so we may have some students that need credit recovery. The summer school programs will be addressed at the Regular April Board meeting. If we cannot start summer school in June, he suggested beginning K-4 summer school two weeks before the August start date. Higher

grades could complete credit recovery via e-learning in June. We are awaiting further information from the state and ISBE on future closures that may affect summer school.

Dr. Greenlee noted we currently have a 40-hour community service requirement in policy. Administration is researching online options and there are continuing discussions on how to modify possibly through proration. The topic will be brought to the Regular April Board meeting.

He noted prom had been postponed since it was scheduled for April, but the awards program and graduation dates are still on schedule, but could change depending on future direction from the state and ISBE.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 2020-2021 Planning Discussion

Dr. Greenlee guided the Board through the 2020-2021 planning presentation. For PreK-4, the plan is to begin a dual language program, hosted at Capron. The program would be available to any student, would be in a multi-age classroom, and would become a choice for English speaking families and advantage for Spanish speaking families. Grades 5-8, an addition of one PE teacher at the MS is proposed, along with the addition of a social worker for grades 5-8. They would also plan to begin career pathways at 5-8 that feed into the career electives at high school. The high school level would begin to develop and expand career pathways in business (IT), health sciences (EMT, nursing), industrial technology (agriculture, engineering, automotive, manufacturing), human services (FACS) and education. The plan would also include growing Chromebooks, the continued focus on AP class success and SAT improvement. The stimulus money of \$190,000 could be used toward devices. Staff and Administration would implement strategies to build strong learning and working cultures and a social and emotional curriculum will be developed in the 2021-2022 school year. Dr. Greenlee said the Administration is currently reading “The Happiness Advantage” and are hoping to implement the plans and strategies in the 2021-2022 school year. The District is also proposing re-opening the UE kitchen, and adding a District Repair Person.

Mr. Kinser would like additional detail on the justification for home schools. He also asked if we should consider putting the large projects on hold in case we need to restart e-learning in the future. He asked us to consider what lessons we learned and how we can plan for similar future situations.

Dr. Greenlee said buildings are currently open from 8:00 – 4:00, and asked if the Board was opposed to modified hours of 8:00 – 2:00. There were no objections.

B. Capron Elementary Parking Lot

Dr. Greenlee said based on conversations with the architect, it would not be feasible this summer to complete this large project due to the pandemic. Among other things, we would still need plot surveys, soil boring and permits. Mr. Mulholland felt under these circumstances, it was not sensible to rush the project through this year.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxey and seconded by Mr. Mulholland to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.
The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

PRESIDENT _____

SECRETARY _____

APPROVED: