

North Boone Community Unit School District No. 200

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the
Board of Education

North Boone High School

Commons / Cafeteria

17823 Poplar Grove Road, Poplar Grove, IL 61065

Tuesday, July 14, 2020

6:30 p.m.

OATH OF OFFICE

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Vice President Tom Kinser.

Present: Brian Haselhorst, Tom Kinser, Lisa Leden, Secretary Mary Maxey, Ed Mulholland (voice) and Carl Rudy.

Absent: President Joe Haverly

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

(none)

NEW BUSINESS

A. Health Protocols

Dr. Greenlee described the health protocols that were provided to the Board. Ms. Sager noted the protocols put in place could change tomorrow as this is such a fluid situation. The plan was sent to the Health Department for their approval. Mrs. Brosnan stated as the year begins, they will stay in constant contact with the Health Department, and noted they had a meeting this Thursday. Mr. Kinser asked if the process for handling cases had been firmed up. Mrs. Brosnan said they would consult the Health Department with each case, as they are the experts in contact tracing, and stated even quarantine timeframes can change. Ms. Sager stated the safety of staff and students is the top priority. Dr. Greenlee will provide the Board with a list of local testing sites.

B. Re-Opening Costs

Dr. Greenlee said the survey results indicate approximately 20% of parents will be keeping their children at home. To date, 900 of the 1500 surveys have been returned.

The in-person plan was presented and Dr. Greenlee said parents would enroll but students would do all their learning remotely. Mr. Mulholland asked what kinds of PPE we have stocked. Ms. Geyman stated we have approximately 2000 face masks, some face shields and have boosted our purchasing of sanitizer.

A staffing proposal was presented which included pricing on long term subs, extra TA's, custodians, transportation, additional supervision and professional development. The District would like to bring teachers in for professional development in August. Ms. Geyman discussed the impact on the budget with these additions. She stated the Governor said there could be money for professional development and technology and there is a FEMA grant that may help offset costs. Mr. Kinser asked it had been factored in yet for the NBEA length of day. Ms. Geyman noted her budget did not yet factor that in as a consideration. Dr. Greenlee will be meeting with the Administrative team on July 16th to finalize some plans, and will be meeting with the ROE and area Superintendents on July 17th. He said between now and July 31st, he has asked principals to get in-person and e-learning plans prepared for the building level and hopefully work toward remote plan option, too. From August 3-8, they are inviting teachers to meet in groups for e-learning and remote learning. NBEA is on board with e-learning and the remote plan has been discussed with them at length, and they appear open to that scenario.

Mr. Rudy asked when we expect parents to register and commit to an option. Dr. Greenlee will remind parents to complete the survey. He said the remote plan will be built by the end of July and they will re-survey parents. A decision to remote learn may be locked in until progress reports of the end of the quarter. Mr. Kinser suggested deadlines for getting the plans to parents, receiving a commitment from parents and firm health guidelines.

C. Additional Information Meetings

Dr. Greenlee provided the Board dates and options for a town hall meeting, audience to visitor opportunities, and Facebook live offerings. The Board felt having one Facebook live meeting on July 22nd then possibly host another Facebook live after the plan has been rolled out.

OTHER ITEMS

(none)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxey seconded by Mr. Haselhorst to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

VICE PRESIDENT _____

SECRETARY _____

APPROVED: