

**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, IL 61065

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

6:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Ed Mulholland.

Present: President Ed Mulholland, Vice President Mary Maxey, Judy Hutchinson, Becky Self and Nan Schilling.

Absent: Secretary Brian Haselhorst and Joe Haverly

Mr. Mulholland appointed Mrs. Maxey as Secretary Pro-Tem.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

**AUDIENCE TO VISITORS**

*(none)*

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Ms. Geyman stated the Treasurer's report was as presented.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Greenlee recognized the competition cheerleading squad for their 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish at State. The team includes: Samantha Becker, Kenzie Demann, Emma Ford, Jaylin Hawking, Alyiah Rodriguez, Nate Brunschon and Mattie Whalen. Coaches are Krystal Jole and Kim Crull. On behalf of the Board of Education, Mr. Mulholland presented certificates to each participant. Mrs. Crull and Mrs. Jole thanked Principal Marc Eckmann and AD Aaron Sullivan for their outstanding support.

Dr. Greenlee congratulated Melissa Ford and her unified basketball team for their 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish at State. The team will be recognized at the April Board meeting.

He noted Becky Giesecke from PGE received a \$5K grant for the One Book / One School program.

Dr. Greenlee mentioned on March 28, 2022, the EPA will be here to take soil samples from a gas spill that happened in the 90's.

He also stated the second Strategic Planning meeting was held last Friday. The team had worked through data which will now be distributed to stakeholders for feedback.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Policy Committee**

The next Policy Committee meeting date is to be determined.

**Business Services Committee**

Mrs. Maxey said the next Business Services meeting is to be determined.

**Facility/Long Range Planning Committee**

Dr. Greenlee said the small group met to discuss the outdoor facilities, and they will bring a couple of options to study at the next Facilities meeting. The next Facilities Committee meeting is to be determined.

**Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee**

Mrs. Hutchinson said a CIA meeting was held on March 9, 2022, and the next meeting will be May 11, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. She stated they had discussed summer school and the K-4 literacy pilot program. Mrs. Neri noted they are piloting K-4 literacy materials, which will now require purchasing. Once they receive a quote from Collaborative Literature, they will bring that purchase to the Board if it is over \$10,000.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxey seconded by Mrs. Hutchinson to approve the consent agenda as presented.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting February 15, 2022
- B. Personnel

Site	Person	Position	Salary	Effective/End Date
<b>1. Certified – Hire</b>				
NBUE	Jhemia Simon	Special Education Teacher	MA, Step 0	1/18/22
<b>2. Non-Certified – Hire</b>				
CES	Vanessa Rodriguez	Pre-K Teacher Assistant (5.75 hours/day)	TA30, Step 1	3/7/22
PGE	Vince Vermett	Assistant Custodian (4 hours/day)	Asst. Custodian, Step 7	2/23/22
<b>3. Non-Certified – Leave of Absence</b>				
NBHS	Richard Hahn	Assistant Custodian	N/A	2/7/22 – 3/7/22
<b>4. Non-Certified – Resignation</b>				
NBUE	Jhemia Simon	Special Education Teacher Assistant	N/A	1/17/22
District	Baylee Baumann	Occupational Therapist	N/A	8/15/22

NBUE	Brenda Jones	Special Education Teacher Assistant	N/A	3/22/22
NBHS	Jennifer Muehl	Special Education Teacher Assistant	N/A	3/18/22
<b>5. Extra-Curricular - Hire</b>				
NBHS	Angela Mouroukas	Basketball Cheer Coach	Group VI, Year 1	2021-2022 School Year
NBMS	Retha Dreyer	Head Track Coach	Group IV, Year 1	2021-2022 School Year
<b>6. Extra-Curricular - Resignation</b>				
NBHS	Jared Lang	Cross Country Coach	N/A	2022-2023 School Year
NBMS	Jared Lang	Assistant Track Coach	N/A	2022-2023 School Year
NBHS	Krystal Jole	Basketball Cheer Coach (Split Stipend)	N/A	2021-2022 School Year
NBHS	Kim Crull	Basketball Cheer Coach (Split Stipend)	N/A	2021-2022 School Year
<b>7. Extra-Curricular - Volunteer</b>				
NBHS	Zach Huber	Volunteer Boys Track Coach	Indemnify	2021-2022 School Year
NBHS	Dean Axmark	Volunteer Bass Fishing Coach	Indemnify	2021-2022 School Year

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. District Update**

Mrs. Louis and Mrs. Neri presented an update on Curriculum, SEL, Strategic Planning, School Improvement, Professional Development, Learning Loss and Student Assessment.

**B. Capron Parking Lot Alternative Bid 4**

Greg Stahler consulted Stenstrom regarding their Alternate Bid Four for electrical service, as their bid was for an even \$100,000. The electrical contractor was \$95,455, Stenstrom's 5% overhead was \$4,773 for a total of \$100,228. They elected to round the number down to \$100,000 in lieu of using the actual number of \$100,228.

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxey and seconded by Mrs. Hutchinson to approve Stenstrom's Alternative Bid Four for \$100,000 as presented.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

**C. Transportation Trade Ins**

It was recommended to trade in 3 2014 77 passenger IC/CE with air brakes for \$10,500 each, for a total trade in of \$31,500.

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxey and seconded by Mrs. Self to approve the trade in of 3 2014 buses for a total of \$31,500 as presented.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

**D. Fees**

It was recommended student fees remain the same as the 2020-2021 school year. All students registered and paid in full by June 30, 2022 will receive a \$25 discount per child.

Beginning July 1, 2022, families would pay the Board approved fee rate. Mr. Mulholland and Mrs. Maxey were in favor of waiving fees for registration, sports and clubs.

A motion was made by Mrs. Hutchinson and seconded by Mrs. Schilling to approve the 2022-2023 Fees as presented.

Ayes: Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Schilling and Mrs. Self

Nays: Mrs. Maxey and Mr. Mulholland

Abstain: None

The motion passed 3-2 with no abstentions.

**E. Technology Purchases**

Federal funding was received through a Digital Equity Formula Grant for \$96,570. The purpose is to assist school districts in closing the digital divide and enabling digital-age teaching and learning. All purchases for this grant must prioritize 1:1 ratio of devices to students. It was proposed to use this grant to purchase Chromebooks for grades 1-2-5-9 as part of our regular rotation, purchasing 390 Chromebooks along with the Google Licenses from ITsavvy for \$107,250.

A motion was made by Mrs. Self and Mrs. Schilling to approve the Technology Purchases from ITsavvy for \$107,250 as presented.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. March 2022 Bills**

A motion was made by Mrs. Schilling and seconded by Mrs. Self to approve the March 2022 bills as presented.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

**B. Summer School – ELL, ESY and General Education**

Summer school opportunities will be provided to students from June 6-30, 2022. Host schools will be PGE, UE MS and the HS. At the elementary level, the goal of summer school is to remediate skill gaps while providing enriching learning experiences. At the 5th-12th grade level, the goal of summer school is to remediate skill gaps and to recover credits to be prepared for the next grade level. Elementary regular education is budgeted at \$17,382.65 for teachers, para professionals, a nurse, secretary and an Administrator. ESL regular education is budgeted at \$5,277.33 for teachers and a para professional. The focus will be on literacy and math. Special Education Preschool and Elementary has a budget of \$17,061.68 for teachers, para professionals, a speech pathologist, transportation and benefits. Upper Elementary has a budget of \$7,179.37 for teachers, para professionals and an Administrator. Students that fail 1-3 classes will attend summer school, and students failing 4 or more classes will attend summer school and may be considered for retention. Middle School costs will be \$16,496.01 for teachers, para professionals, a secretary and an Administrator. Students that fail 1-3 classes will attend summer school, and students failing 4 or more classes will attend summer school and may be considered for retention. High School's budget will be \$8,406.30 for teachers, a para professional, and the Administrator stipend. High School students will be offered Summit Academy, an in-person option for those that need to recover more than two credits. Educere will be

offered as an online credit recovery option for students that need to recover one to two credits. Students will attend in-person at North Boone.

Other costs included nurses, instructional materials, transportation and benefits for an additional \$44,393.91. Regular Education will come from ESSER III money, Special Education will be from Special Ed and local funding, and ELL will be from the bilingual grant.

Mr. Mulholland asked if we could open summer school to everyone in the future. Mrs. Neri stated our program is designed for remediation and intervention, but said it may be possible in the future if we have enough staff interested.

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxey and seconded by Mrs. Hutchinson to approve the Summer School program as presented.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

**C. Long Term Substitutes**

It was recommended to hire one permanent substitute for each of our schools (6 total) as in the past couple of years. The substitute would work 181 days for \$30,000 plus TRS and health benefits. This would be a one-year contract. Returning long term substitutes would be paid \$31,000 due to their previous experience in this position with the District.

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxey and seconded by Mrs. Self to approve the Hiring of Long Term Substitutes as presented.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

**D. District Fire Alarm System**

Our current fire alarm panels are no longer in compliance and are in need of upgrades from Johnson Controls. Upgrades are needed at Capron, Manchester, Poplar Grove, Upper Elementary and the Middle School. Costs for all five buildings would be a total of \$58,995. Ms. Geyman will check to see if we can use Health Life Safety money for this project.

A motion was made by Mrs. Hutchinson and seconded by Mrs. Maxey to approve the Upgrade to the District Fire Alarm System from Johnson Controls for \$58,995.00 as presented.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

**E. PGE Carpeting**

Classrooms 112, 113, 114, and 115 at PGE have older carpeting that is now rippling and causing tripping hazards. Of the three bids received, Benchmark was the lowest bid at \$14,828.00. Ms. Geyman will see if we can use Health Life Safety money for this expense.

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxey and seconded by Mrs. Hutchinson to approve the purchase of Carpet for PGE from Benchmark for a total of \$14,848.00 as presented.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

**F. Water Softeners**

In order to enhance water quality, improvements were recommended at CES, MES and NBHS. Manchester currently leases a water softener, the High School has two water softener systems that both are at end of life, and Capron doesn't have a system at all. Since there weren't three bids, it was recommended to table this topic until next month and also check with the co-op for vendor bids.

A motion was made by Mrs. Hutchinson and seconded by Mrs. Schilling to table the Water Softener purchase until the next Board meeting.

Ayes: Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Maxey, Mrs. Schilling and Mrs. Self

Nays: Mr. Mulholland

Abstain: None

The motion passed 4-1 with no abstentions.

**G. Middle School Gym Floor**

The Middle School gym floor needs to be sanded, repainted and refinished over summer break. The quote from Stalker Sports Floors was for \$21,900.00. The MS scoreboard, mats, nets and stage curtains were also addressed as needing replacement. These other concerns will be brought back to the Facilities Committee.

A motion was made by Mrs. Hutchinson and seconded by Mrs. Schilling to approve the Middle School Gym Floor work from Stalker Sports Floors for \$21,900.00 as presented.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made at 7:55 p.m. by Mrs. Maxey and seconded by Mrs. Hutchinson to recess to Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives; the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students; or other matters provided for pursuant to §2(c) of the Open Meetings Act.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxey and seconded by Mrs. Schilling to approve up to 25 sick bank days for employee 2022-03-A, contributed from any NBEA member for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION**

- A. Enrollment
- B. Student Activity Fund Reports
- C. FOIA Log

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxey and seconded by Mrs. Self to adjourn at 8:13 p.m.  
The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

**PRESIDENT** \_\_\_\_\_

**SECRETARY PRO-TEM**\_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED:**