

North Boone Community Unit School District No. 200
Minutes of the Joint Business Services & Facilities Committee Meeting
District Office
6248 North Boone School Road
Poplar Grove, Illinois 61065
Tuesday, May 9, 2022
6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mary Maxey at 6:00 p.m. The following Committee members were present: Chad Cunningham, Marc Eckmann, Brian Haselhorst (joined 6:08 pm), Melissa Geyman, Dr. Greenlee, Kelly Holsker, Sara Istad, Ed Mulholland, Nancy Schilling and Heather Walsh. Absent: Greg Stahler, Kelly Hanaman, Joe Haverly, Tom Kinser, Jim Nolen, Mary Piskie and Dean Schultz.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

(none)

SUBSTITUTE PAY

Ms. Geyman provided statistics on substitutes, including fill rates, reasons for employee absences, current and proposed pay rates, incentives, and referral bonuses. The Committee discussed raising the daily teacher sub rate. Mr. Mulholland asked for data on fill rate and local sub rates. Mrs. Maxey wished to look at increasing incentives.

SOLAR

North Boone has an opportunity for a solar project by leasing land, contracting or installing solar. If we lease to another organization, they would host a solar farm on our land, which could result in revenue from land rental. We can also participate in an adjustable block program. This will give us the opportunity to access solar energy from a larger project not hosted on our property, where we could experience a reduction in electricity costs. We could also install solar on our land, which could cause a reduction in electricity costs. Mrs. Schilling said no to the project as there hasn't been any progress on the stadium. Dr. Greenlee said there are stadium costs being prepared and we could hold a Facilities meeting later this month. Mrs. Hutchinson was leaning toward no, Mr. Haselhorst was not interested but will listen to proposals, and Mrs. Maxey was open to seeing presentations from consultants. Dr. Greenlee suggested a small group to form a solar committee led by Mr. Haverly and Mr. Nolen.

LAND PURCHASE

There are 14 acres of land available for purchase north of Capron Elementary School. Mrs. Schilling and Mrs. Self were both against the acquisition, and Mrs. Maxey felt we should consider purchasing. Mr. Mulholland was interested, as the District would be in control that parcel of land. Dr. Greenlee will bring the topic to the closed session of the May Board meeting when all the Board members are present.

TRUCKS AND VANS

The trucks and vans we had ordered have still not been received. It was recommended to wait until the end of May, then check the local dealer lots for vehicles. Mr. Haselhorst said lot price would be 10-15% over the state bid. Mr. Mulholland suggested leasing in the short term while we wait for our order.

BUDGET

Ms. Geyman provided an overview and amendment for FY22, and revenue forecasts and budget considerations for FY23. We received grants for ESSER I, II, III, IDEA and Digital Equity. Ms. Geyman summarized expenditures and stated fund balances for FY22. Budget considerations for FY23 include instructional coaches, student technology, the Capron parking lot, phone systems, the HVAC project and resources to support the Strategic Plan and MTSS. This year, a budget amendment is required due to administrative costs.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Dr. Greenlee said one boiler had been removed from the UE. He noted uninvents would be removed on May 25th, with the uninvent delivery on July 13th.

He stated the contractor will be moving equipment in on May 23rd for the Capron parking lot, with an expected completion date of July 1st.

Dr. Greenlee said we have stadium pricing back from the architect and asked if May 31st was agreeable for a Facilities Committee meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(none)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Submitted by:

Brian Haselhorst, Facilities Chair

Mary Maxey, Business Chair