

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

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by President Joe Haverly.

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

Absent: Tom Moon

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

(none)

CIA COMMITTEE UPDATE

Dr. Greenlee said they had discussed textbook adoptions, surveys and received a presentation from Single Path. There was good conversation and they have reached a good landing point for the surveys. He thought the Single Path could help them get a better read on data that the Board had requested. The cost is \$2,500 per month and Title money and professional development funds could be used. Dr. Greenlee said Kinnikinnick school feels they had success using this process. Mr. Haverly wished we would have already had this framework in place. Mr. Mulholland expressed disappointment in what he heard, as he has been trying to get Administration to do this for a couple of years. He said this confirms there was not evidence that putting technology in front of kids increases engagement or student achievement. He feels like there was no effort made in trying to make this work.

Mr. Rudy said he was encouraged that at the CIA faculty reception, and felt like Single Path would be helpful. With devices coming, they would have experience and he is in support of this if the Administrative team wants that. In his experience, he said implementing and supporting tools sometimes takes devices in hand. Setting framework, goals and assessing is critical, and he is encouraged by the presentation, and not too worried about the consulting costs. He would also like to maximize the platforms we already invested in.

Mrs. Lilja noted it may behoove us to have a company with the expertise to guide us into a successful rollout. Mrs. Walsh stated we were unprepared for the pandemic and the e-learning and we do need to prepare for a new reality. She felt we are not where we need to be technology wise compared to other districts. Lots of students don't have devices and unfortunately, these new circumstances just sped up that need.

Mr. Kinser asked how we make advancements if we don't ask for teacher input, so we can improve moving into fall. Mr. Haverly thanked Mrs. Neri for her work on the survey.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. E-Learning Update – K-4 and HS

The elementary principals said e-learning had been a challenge, but they were proud of their staff for coming together, adjusting and educating the students. Some teachers were experienced in using Google Classrooms, so they were helping other educators and sharing ideas.

At the high school level, Mr. Hubert felt students were adapting inconsistently. They have been in contact with students and parents regarding credit concerns. He has received complements regarding the teachers and noted they have done a really good job in this situation. They have several useful trainings lined up that will be helpful for teachers to adapt in the future.

B. Grade Configuration

Dr. Greenlee met with the K-4 Administrators, and provided a review and summary of possibilities. He noted any configuration could work, but each brings challenges. They discussed the possibilities of STEM and Dual Language, but did not do a deep dive in to finances, facilities or transportation. He noted ADA accessibility would have an impact. He suggested addressing with the strategic plan or bringing the topic to CIA, Business or Facilities Committees. Mr. Kinser said he was not in favor of re-doing the District, but as we look at options, he wondered if we would do it differently if we could. Mr. Haverly suggested keeping this topic as a placeholder to revisit.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Summer Lunch Program

Ms. Geyman presented information on the summer food program. This program would continue to provide lunches to children under the age of 18 in June and July, and North Boone would be eligible to receive reimbursement from the state for lunches served. The monthly cost for food, cooks and bus drivers is estimated at \$16,600. The District will continue to work with the YMCA and the Food Bank to provide additional assistance to families. Dr. Greenlee noted many schools in Boone and Winnebago were going to participate in a food program through July. This information will be brought the May 19th Board meeting for a vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made at 7:35 p.m. by Mr. Haselhorst and seconded by Mrs. Maxey 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; or other matters provided for pursuant to §2(c) of the Open Meetings Act.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

The following members were present: Brian Haselhorst, Joe Haverly, Tom Kinser, Mary Maxey, Ed Mulholland and Carl Rudy.

Dr. Greenlee left Executive Session at 9:33 p.m.

The Open Session of the Board of Education was called to order at 9:45 p.m. by President Joe Haverly.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxey and seconded by Mr. Haselhorst to hire Marc Eckmann as Assistant Principal at NBHS effective July 1, 2020 as presented.

Ayes: Mr. Haselhorst, Mr. Haverly, Mrs. Maxey, Mr. Mulholland and Mr. Rudy

Nays: Mr. Kinser

The motion passed 5-1.

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxey and seconded by Mr. Haselhorst to approve the NBEA contract for 2020-2021 as presented.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxey and seconded by Mr. Rudy to adjourn at 9:47 p.m.

The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

PRESIDENT _____

SECRETARY _____

APPROVED: