

ATTACHMENT XI-F:	Strategic Planning
Suggested Motion:	Permission to move forward with Strategic Plan
Recommended Action:	Approve the motion.

Dr. Greenlee has been in communication with Dr. Linell Monson-Lasswell, Assistant Professor at National-Louis University, in preparation for the new Strategic Plan. He plans to form a committee to begin the task this fall. Details of dates and costs will follow. Below please see the history of our Strategic Plan.

In 2008, the Board of Education, the administration and staff, parents and community members spent a great deal of time and effort in developing a visionary Strategic Plan for the district's future. The scope of that plan was to cover 2008 through 2014 in five areas; Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; Facilities; Technology; School-Community Communication; and Student Support. The district has made significant progress in many areas of the plan and it is now time to review each of the sections of the plan and the overall belief statements that form the framework on which the plan was built. Of course, North Boone's demographics and fiscal situation have changed dramatically over the past six years. Development in Boone County has slowed and both the state and national economic outlooks are less positive than they were in 2008.

However, North Boone Schools still need to move forward and ensure that our children are receiving the best possible education. To do that, it is important for the district to look out over the next three to five years as the district prepares to move forward. Additionally, in some areas, the Illinois State Board of Education requires formal plans in order to allow us to compete for certain grants, etc.

The district staff has been working over the past several years to review the curriculum in many areas and update it to align with current and upcoming changes to state standards. The district began implementation of a new math series a few years ago and worked toward reframing the language arts curriculum. The science curriculum has been refocused on hands on experimentation and we are currently working to improve our physical education curriculum. NBHS has expanded its Advanced Placement and honors courses for students since 2008 as well.

In 2013, the Board approved a Communications Plan to move forward in that area. Over the past few years, the District's Facility Committee, architects and staff have been working on a long-range facilities plan. A sub-committee was formed specifically to review the athletic facilities including staff, parents, community members and Board members.

The student support area has been an area of significant positive change. Previous to 2010, the district relied almost entirely on the Belvidere Special Education Cooperative to provide for many student support services. By the end of the 2014 school year, North Boone became a self-sufficient entity in regards to special education and student support. The schools have all created character development programs over the course of the past three years and are using various positive reinforcement models to improve student behavior and reduce discipline issues.

Technology was a key focus area of the 2008 plan and the district has made a great deal of progress in this area. The district has improved its infrastructure and infused technology into most areas of the curriculum.