

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, Illinois 61065
Monday, December 13, 2010
6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by President Don Ward.

Present: President Don Ward, Vice President Denise Balsley, Secretary/Treasurer Laura Zwart, Mr. Bradley Crull and Mr. Tom Kinser
Absent: Mr. John Ellingson and Mr. Glen Gratz

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2010 TAX LEVY

(No speakers on Public Hearing on 2010 Tax Levy)

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

(No Audience to Visitors)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mrs. Balsley and seconded by Mrs. Zwart to approve the Agenda. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Baule reported on the school improvement day held on December 8, 2010. The teachers reviewed the Common Core Standards and worked on Common Formative Assessments. The Common Formative Assessments will be completed at the teacher institute day on January 14, 2011.

There is a potential to obtain a truancy ordinance for student discipline. Dr. Baule is working with the Boone County State's Attorney to see if it is a viable option for the county to consider. The village of Cherry Valley has such an ordinance in place.

A new version of state testing based on Common Core Standards will start in 2013. The tests will be computer based and will be given four times a year (three formative and one summative). There is also some impetus to go to MAP testing.

Dr. Baule announced that the district received the library grant. He referred to a recent article in the ISBE Newsbulletin in which the State Superintendent of Schools, Christopher Koch, urged school districts to maintain fiscal restraint regarding finances. The state's House of

Representatives will hold hearings for two days starting this Thursday in which four or five groups will be presenting. The House is reviewing the budget to determine how to move forward.

Starting January 2011, 15 minutes will be added to two employees' work day at Capron Elementary to accommodate the breakfast program. A letter will be going out to the parents explaining this program. Dr. Baule speculated on the likelihood of North Boone Upper Elementary and Poplar Grove Elementary being required to implement the breakfast program in the 2011-2012 school year.

Manchester Elementary and Poplar Grove Elementary are working together on obtaining bids for their playgrounds' upgrades. Dr. Baule anticipated that the bids would be presented at the next Board meeting in January 2011.

Administration is working on the student handbooks in order to combine the three separate discipline codes into a single, coherent K-12 discipline code.

Dr. Baule announced that Barb Sager has arranged to have a dentist visit our schools. At present, she has dates scheduled for the dentist to visit Capron Elementary on February 2 and North Boone Upper Elementary on January 26, 2011.

Although Dr. Baule preferred presenting the 2011-2012 school calendar to the Board in December, a couple things have hindered the process this year. He expects to present it to the Board in January 2012.

The Community Involvement Committee (CIC) has been discussing the bleachers at the football field. Dr. Baule spoke with the district's architects who have developed cost estimates for bleachers in past, and they agreed to work with us at no cost in updating these estimates. He confirmed that the bleachers are inspected every year and the last inspection on April 7, 2010 states that the bleachers are safe.

Mrs. Zwart added that a couple parents spoke about the bleachers at the November CIC meeting. She handed out information to the Board on how to run a capital campaign to raise money to replace the bleachers. Her mission is to ascertain whether the Board would support this project, and she asked that any feedback be directed to her attention.

Dr. Baule added that there are approximately 1100 bleacher seats in the district. The issue is not only replacing but obtaining additional seating as well. The cost just to replace the bleachers would be approximately \$172,000. He asked the Board to also review fixing the track around the football field so the district can hold track meets. In order to be able to use the field for football, soccer and track, trees would have to be removed. He will work with the CIC to identify the scope of the work and lay out a reasonable, tiered approach to accomplish the desired goal.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Committee

Mrs. Balsley reported that the Policy Committee last met on December 6, 2010. The next Policy Committee meeting was scheduled for Monday, February 7, 2011 at 4:15 p.m.

Business Services Committee

Mrs. Zwart reported that the Business Services Committee did not meet in December. The next Business Services Committee meeting was scheduled for Monday, January 10, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Facility/Long Range Planning Committee

A Facility/Long Range Planning Committee meeting has not been held. The next meeting is to be determined.

Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee

A Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee meeting has not been held. The next meeting is to be determined.

Other Committee Reports

Mr. Kinser reported that the Technology Subcommittee did not meet in December. The next meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Mrs. Zwart reported that the Community Involvement Committee last met on December 1, 2010. The Committee is preparing to provide food sales for breakfast through dinner at the basketball games on January 22. The next Community Involvement Committee meeting was scheduled for January 5, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

IASB-IASA-IASBO Joint Annual Conference

Mr. Kinser reported that he spoke with Mr. Scott Johnson at one of the presentations regarding geothermal energy he attended at the tri-conference in November. He felt very positive about the cost savings and efficiency of using geothermal energy. The cost of retrofitting a building is approximately \$18-\$22 per sq. ft. The Facilities Committee is welcome to tour Belvidere and Hiawatha to see how this works.

Mr. Kinser also attended a presentation on school communication wherein the importance of print, face-to-face and electronic communications was discussed.

Mrs. Balsley, who also attended the tri-conference, spoke about one of the presentations she attended on health care reform. She emphasized the immensity and complexity of the new Health Care Reform Act. The laws that have been passed and how they are going to affect school districts were discussed.

Mrs. Balsley also attended a presentation on student discipline and another on Maintaining Educational Quality in Times of Financial Need.

Copies of all of the presentations discussed by Mr. Kinser and Mrs. Balsley can be obtained at the district office. All of the handouts from the conference are available at www.iasb.com.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was submitted to the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mrs. Balsley and seconded by Mrs. Zwart to approve the Consent Agenda.

Ayes: Mrs. Balsley, Mr. Crull, Mr. Ward, Mrs. Zwart

Nays: (None)

Abstain: Mr. Kinser

Motion passed 4-0, with one abstention.

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting November 22, 2010

B. Personnel

Site	Person	Position	Salary	Effective/End Date
1. Non-Certified Hire				
PGE	Maureen Glickenberger	Special Education Assistant	TA120, Step 4	December 8, 2010
2. Additional Time				
Capron	Sherri Johnson	Head Cook	15 mins. for Breakfast Program	January 3, 2011
Capron	Maria Nino	Teaching Assistant	15 mins. for Breakfast Program	January 3, 2011
3. Extra Curricular Resignation				
NBHS	Cindy Maten	Head Volleyball Coach	N/A	October 30, 2010

C. First Reading of Policies

D. First Reading and Approval of Policies

E. School Breakfast Program

F. Overnight Field Trip Request – Chess Team

G. Group VIII Program Request – Capron Elementary

H. Booster Club Request to Install Fencing

I. Gift of Trees and Services from Beaver Creek Nursery and Affordable Trees, LLC

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(No Unfinished Business)

NEW BUSINESS

A. December 2010 Bills

A motion was made by Mr. Kinser and seconded by Mrs. Zwart to approve the December 2010 Bills.

Ayes: Mr. Crull, Mr. Kinser, Mr. Ward, Mrs. Zwart

Nays: (None)

Abstain: Mrs. Balsley

Motion passed 4-0, with one abstention.

B. 2010 Tax Levy

Dr. Baule explained that this is a balloon levy to try to capture any new potential growth, the EAV is decreasing and the district is limited to tax caps.

A motion was made by Mrs. Balsley and seconded by Mr. Crull to approve the 2010 Tax Levy.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made at 7:23 p.m. by Mrs. Balsley and seconded by Mr. Kinser 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: President Don Ward, Vice President Denise Balsley, Secretary/Treasurer Laura Zwart, Mr. Bradley Crull and Mr. Tom Kinser. The following Board members were absent: Mr. John Ellingson and Mr. Glen Gratz.

The Open Session of the Board of Education was called to order at 8:08 p.m. by President Don Ward.

Present: President Don Ward, Vice President Denise Balsley, Secretary/Treasurer Laura Zwart, Mr. Bradley Crull and Mr. Tom Kinser

Absent: Mr. John Ellingson and Mr. Glen Gratz

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Crull and seconded by Mr. Kinser to approve the Superintendent's Goals for 2010-11.

Ayes: Mr. Crull, Mr. Kinser, Mr. Ward, Mrs. Zwart

Nays: Mrs. Balsley

Motion passed 4-1.

A motion was made by Mrs. Balsley and seconded by Mr. Crull to approve the Memo of Understanding between NBCUSD 200 Board of Education and NBESS.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

A. District Activities Calendar

B. Enrollment

C. Student Activity Fund Reports

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Zwart and seconded by Mrs. Balsley to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

PRESIDENT _____
Don Ward

SECRETARY _____
Laura Zwart

APPROVED: _____