

North Boone Community Unit School District No. 200
Minutes of the Joint Business Services and Long-Range Planning Committee Meeting
District Office
6248 North Boone School Road
Poplar Grove, Illinois 61065
Tuesday, June 9, 2026
6:30 P.M.

I. Call to Order

The Joint Business Services and Long-Range Planning Committee Meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Hutchinson at 6:30 P.M.

II. Roll Call

Roll call was conducted by Secretary.

Members Present: Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Schilling, Dr. Cascio, Dr. Mullikin, Elaine Ahrens, Liz Saveley, Lexi Boothe, Brad Crull, Jimmy Helmick, Nick Augustine, and Jasen Chamberlain. Also Present: Mr. Mulholland and Mr. Haverly.

Members Absent: Mr. O'Donnell, Mrs. Meyer, Randy Steen, Holly Houk, Mr. Eckmann, William Randall, Chris McKibben, Donnie Livdahl.

III. Audience to Visitors- (None)

IV. Financial Update- Dr. Mullikin gave an update on the following:

- Primary Changes from April to May
 - May Tax Payment: \$4,149,123.06 came in from Boone County
 - June Payment cleared for \$3,034,202.56
 - Positive news: We have received 54% of the Boone County Taxes
 - Other side: We will only have 45% to budget in FY27
 - CSFT - \$60,572.24 in May (20.74+)
 - Interest - \$92,700.16 (\$872,664.58 FY to date) 104.96% of our budgeted revenue for interest
- General Updates
 - Cola Account Discussion- Last deposit was made on March 10, 2020. Discussion was held regarding when the account was used and its purpose. Believed to be when North Boone filled its own machines. Mr. Mulholland asked that a conversation be held with Mr. Eckmann to make sure this was not high school money.
 - Investments
 - \$3 million was invested in alignment with our cash flow which should fund the district nearly fully through the end of February (average 3.697%)
 - \$1.5 million was invested in a 24-month term series at a rate of 4.574%
 - Sub Rates for 2026-2027

- Rates are under review to ensure competitiveness. If not competitive Dr. Mullikin will bring back to the committee.
- Permission to expend beginning July 1st and develop a tentative FY27 budget to be presented in August
 - A motion was made to take to the Board of Education for approval a resolution of authorization to expend beginning July 1st and develop a tentative FY27 Budget to be presented in August. Motion passed by unanimous consent
- A. Interest Transfer
 - A recommendation to take a resolution to transfer interest from Working Cash to Tort to the Board of Education for approval passed by unanimous consent
- B. Treasurer's Bond
 - Paperwork has been filed; awaiting payment
- C. PowerSchool Renewal Contract
 - PowerSchool, the student information system, faces a 4% annual increase for a proposed three-year contract, reduced from an initial 7% increase for a one-year contract.
 - Discussion focused on the improvements made due to Mary Piskie's work in the platform and updating the systems.
 - A recommendation was made to take the proposal for the multiyear contract.
- D. PSIC Liability and Workers' Compensation Renewal
 - Renewal resulted in an 11% increase
 - Alternative insurance providers were investigated but deemed more expensive
 - Continuing with Prairie State offers consistency, uninterrupted district coverage, ensures compliance with legal obligations, preserves access to cooperative risk management services, and supports responsible long-term financial planning.
 - No additional cyber insurance was purchased after internal discussions
 - Liz Saveley made a motion, seconded by Elaine Ahrens, to take the renewal of PSIC Liability and workers' compensation to the Board of Education for approval. Motion passed with unanimous consent.
 - Elaine Ahrens made a motion, seconded by Liz Saveley to take to board the health insurance for approval. Motion passed with unanimous consent.

V. Athletic Cart/UTV Purchase (FY27)

- The current athletic cart is in poor condition and used for both maintenance and athletics.
- Several options were presented.
- Purchase is planned for FY 2027
- Committee suggested bringing back additional bids (including Gators) and utilize available municipal discounts.
- Isaiah Johnson will get more bids and bring them back to the committee.

VI. NBHS & NBMS Scoretables and Shot Clock (FY27)

A. Shot Clock

- Beginning next year, IHSA will require shot clocks for hosting varsity basketball games.

B. Scoretable-NBHS & NBMS

- New electronic score tables were proposed, capable of displaying ads for sponsorship revenue.
- Budget estimate including shot clocks is approximately \$60,000, with potential for partial reimbursement via sponsorships.
- The Watchfire system integrates with other venues (football, softball) for operational consistency.
- The committee asked Isaiah to get three bids with costs outlined, pictures, and exact numbers, as well as potential sponsorship information to be able to get an accurate projection.

VII. Local School Nutrition Program

A. CEP Update

- Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) qualification requires $\geq 25\%$ direct certification; current is marginally above (25.67%).
- The recommendation was not to pursue CEP due to potential revenue loss (~\$100,000+) from lunch program reimbursements and impacts on future Title grants and IDEA funding. However, committee members would like to continue monitoring the percentage and revisit the issue in the future.
- Currently, no breakfast program exists.

B. School Lunch Pricing 2026-2027

- Current paid lunch pricing is \$3.35 (K-4) and \$3.50 (5-12), well below USDA target price of \$4.16.
- ISBE mandates at least a \$0.10 increase annually if below target price.
- Four options were presented, with the favored option being the minimum 10-cent increase (to \$3.45 and \$3.60 respectively), avoiding a large jump to full USDA pricing.
- Concern was expressed about affordability for families, but also interest in eventually adding breakfast.
- Elaine Ahrens made a motion, seconded by Lexi Boothe to recommend the minimum increase option to the Board of Education. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

VIII. Tentative FY26 Amended Budget Updates

- Recent Boone County property tax payments positively impacted revenues.
- Operating fund deficit improved from approximately \$1.3 million to approximately \$729,000 after adjustments.

- CPPRT income increased modestly.
- Expenditure increases included facilities repairs and asphalt project costs.
- Amended Timeline was discussed

IX. Vape Detectors in MS & HS

- Proposal to install vape detectors in bathrooms linked to cameras for immediate response to violations.
- Installation timing pending; concerns acknowledged about potential vandalism, but plan is to install simultaneously at both schools.

X. Asphalt Project Update

- Construction began with existing pavements removed to prepare for new asphalt.
- Coordination with architects and contractors ongoing.
- Dirt unsuitable for project to be managed on-site by using to improve field leveling and make other infrastructure upgrades discussed.

XI. Facilities Update

- Multiple projects underway including boiler maintenance, water treatment improvements, and painting/lighting repairs.
- New work order system helping prioritize maintenance requests across schools with summer focus on critical safety issues.
- 193 open work orders and 53 closed so far; focus on improving preventative maintenance for major systems (boilers, HVAC, sprinklers, alarms).
- Recruitment of custodial staff ongoing.
- Life safety audit scheduled to begin soon.

XII. Sprinkler System Fix (FY27)

- Deferred sprinkler system repairs identified will cost about \$24,000.
- Repairs will be billed starting Fiscal Year 2027.
- Fire alarm system assessments also underway with replacement of faulty panels and efforts to unify inspection schedules.

XIII. BoardBook Transition (FY27)

- Transitioning from current board management software ([SchoolBoard.net](https://www.schoolboard.net)) to BoardBook which is recommended by Illinois Association of School Boards.
- BoardBook is more user-friendly but costs roughly \$1,800–\$2,000 more than existing system.

- No formal recommendation needed at this stage; preparation for transition is underway.

XIV. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 8:11 P.M. by unanimous consent.

Judy Hutchinson, Chair

Russell O'Donnell, Vice-Chair

APPROVED: _____

