

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, IL 61065

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Ed Mulholland.

Present: President Ed Mulholland, Joe Haverly, Judy Hutchinson, Tom Kinser, Vice President Mary Maxey, and Nan Schilling

Absent: Secretary Brian Haselhorst

Mr. Mulholland appointed Mrs. Maxey as Secretary Pro Tem without objection.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxey and seconded by Mr. Kinser to amend the Agenda as follows:

- Under the Consent Agenda
 - Remove Policy 4:60 – Purchases and Contracts
 - Add Policy 4:60 – Purchases and Contracts to New Business following 2025/2026 Student Fees

Discussion:

Policy 4:60 – Purchases and Contracts was moved to allow for further discussion as the Consent Agenda is enacted by one motion.

The motion carried with unanimous roll call.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Ms. Sherry Giesecke spoke in regard to Manchester Fire District #5.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND FINANCE UPDATE

The January Treasurer's Report is as presented.

The Finance Update is on track.

Discussion:

Clarification on the variances in the Treasurer's Report was requested. Per Stacey Corder, she posted the year-ending entries this month, which will result in a variance if the Treasurer has not

yet changed the beginning balance. Adjusted journal entries for FY24 were also made per the audit. Ms. Corder will look into the internal adjustments and advise the Board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Greenlee asked Marc Eckmann to report on the students who have made it to State for the Winter Season and how they have fared. The competitive cheer team went down to State again, meaning they qualified for the top 25 in the State. They finished in the top 10 in the State, which is a great accomplishment. He stated that we do have one wrestler, Gavin Ekberg, a senior, who has advanced to state over the upcoming weekend. He has had an excellent four-year career with North Boone. We wish him the best of luck. Our Unified Dance Team was invited to participate in the State Dance Finals. Unified Dance is not part of IHSA so this was more of an exhibition for our Team. Mr. Eckmann noted that as they performed on Saturday, the audience pulled out their cellphones and turned on their flashlights. It was an amazing heartfelt moment for our students. Also, the Unified Basketball Team won second place in the region.

Dr. Greenlee followed up regarding ComEd having come out to the district and going through each building and the football field to change all fluorescent lights to LED lights. A proposal has been submitted that would be no cost to the District. Once the proposal has been approved, they will meet with us to discuss the next steps. They believe that they will be able to get through one building per week.

Aaron Sullivan, Jim Nolen, and Brett Frederick have been meeting with representatives for the football scoreboards and the design work. Solutions Bank has graciously offered to donate a new scoreboard to the District.

On Saturday, March 8th, at 10:00 AM, an open house at the Poplar Grove Airport will be hosted by Boone County regarding the water project with Boone County Conservation District. They are working with the state Geological Survey Team to study the drinking water in the County.

One last reminder, Statements of Economic Interest are due to the County by May 1, 2025. You can either submit them to the Clerk's office on your own or turn them in to Andrea Sowers, and she will get them submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Committee- A meeting was held on February 4, 2025. PRESS Plus was presented by IASB. The first reading of policies is included in the Consent Agenda with the exception of 4:60, which was moved to New Business.

Business Services Committee – The next meeting date is June 10, 2025.

Facility/Long Range Planning Committee – A meeting was held on February 4, 2025. The 10-Year Life Safety inspection is included in tonight's meeting agenda. Discussion regarding athletic storage and summer work was also had.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Committee The next meeting date is February 26, 2025.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Kinser and seconded by Mr. Haverly to approve the Consent Agenda excluding Policy 4:60 – Purchases and Contracts.

A. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – January 28, 2025

B. Personnel

Site	Person	Position	Salary	Effective/ End Date
1. Certified - Retirement				
PGE	Sandra Moon	4 th Grade Teacher	N/A	End of 2028/2029 School Year
PGE	Natalie Engelman	Kindergarten Teacher	N/A	End of 2028/2029 School Year
2. Non-Certified – Hire				
MES	Bryanna Moore	Intervention TA	Para/Step 0	02/10/2025
3. Non-Certified - Resignation				
HS	Katelyn Sharer	Nurse	N/A	01/31/2025
4. Non-Certified - LOA				
PGE	Haley Gratz	Paraprofessional	N/A	02/18/2025- 03/20/2025
5. Non-Certified - Transfer				
MS to PGE	Matthew Williams	Grounds to Head Custodian	Head Cust/ Step 7	01/16/2025
6. Extra-Curricular - Hire				
MS	Jillian Zelek	Quiz Bowl - Master	Group VII, Year 1	2024/2025 School Year
7. Extra-Curricular - Resignation				
HS	Richard Willams	Volleyball – Varsity Assistant Coach	N/A	01/28/2025

C. Minutes of the C.I.A. Committee Meeting on January 14, 2025

D. Minutes of the Business Services Committee Meeting on January 14, 2025

E. Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting on February 4, 2025

F. Minutes of the Facility-Long Range Planning Committee Meeting on February 4, 2025

G. 1st Reading of Policies

H. Overnight Field Trip Request

I. 2025-2026 District Contract with Drive Right

Discussion:

(none)

The motion carried with unanimous roll call.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Abatement

Stacey Corder stated that included in tonight's packet was a summary of what was discussed and approved at the previous month's board meeting. The recommendation is as follows:

- Total Abatement \$1,050,390.00
 - \$227,840.00 – Boone County Error Repayment (per County letter)
 - Will be transferred out of other funds at a later date
 - \$328,577.00 – 2024 Levy Year Scheduled Abatement
 - \$493,973.00 – Difference between 2023 Levy Scheduled Abatement and the amount abated.

Mrs. Maxey made a motion to approve the Resolution abating a portion of the tax heretofore levied for the year 2024 to pay debt service on General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2017, of Community Unit School District Number 200, Boone and Winnebago Counties, Illinois and was seconded by Mr. Kinser.

Discussion:

Clarification was needed that of the \$1,609,400 of the 2024 taxes on file, \$1,050,390 will be abated, leaving a remainder tax to be extended will drop to \$559,010. That is correct, per Ms. Corder.

It was reinforced to the administration team on some concerns that were voiced at the last meeting and emphasized to the public why the abatement is as proposed. These would include the savings on a \$100,000 home, any possible issues for the following year, the impact on the educational fund, a new abatement schedule constructed, and a follow-up meeting with the County on the total number.

When would this communication be available to the public? The communication is currently set to go out in March with a mailer from Chartwell.

Ayes: Mr. Haverly, Mr. Kinser, Mrs. Maxey, and Mr. Mulholland.

Nays: Mrs. Hutchinson and Mrs. Schilling

The motion passed with 4 Ayes and 2 Nays.

B. 10-Year Life Safety

This was discussed at the Facility/Long-Range Planning Committee Meeting to bring to the Board for approval. The Board is recommended to approve Cashman Stahler to conduct the 10-Year Life Safety Survey on all six school buildings. This is required by school code to be conducted every 10 years. All six of our buildings are required to go through this by 2026. By conducting this now, the District can use the report to plan long-term projects that are urgent,

required, and recommended. It is also critical to help plan athletic field renovations for future upgrades across the District. The cost to conduct this is \$27,300 for the architectural and engineering services and \$12,000 for the safety reference plans, for a total cost of \$39,300.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinser and was seconded by Mr. Haverly to approve the Cashman Stahler proposal for the 10-year Life Safety inspection as presented.

Discussion:

The discussion was had regarding not having to go out to bid for this work, considering we did have two bids from architects in 2015. It was mentioned that in 2015, the Board was looking for a new architect, and getting the two bids was prudent at that point.

The Board Attorney did give his expert opinion in an executive summary. Mr. Kinser noted that he stated that we either go out for an RFP for a new architect or continue with our current one.

Ayes: Mr. Haverly, Mr. Kinser, Mrs. Maxey, and Mr. Mulholland.

Nays: Mrs. Hutchinson and Mrs. Schilling

The motion passed with 4 Ayes and 2 Nays.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of February 2025 Bills

A motion was made by Mr. Kinser and was seconded by Mrs. Maxey to approve the February 2025 Bills as presented, excluding the Striker Flooring invoice.

Discussion:

(None)

The motion carried with unanimous roll call.

B. Approval 2025-2026 Student Fees

It is recommended that the student fees for the 2025-2026 School Year remain the same as those for the 2024-2025 School Year, with the only change being the discount ending date. This does not include lunch fees, as they will be presented at a later date.

A motion was made by Mr. Haverly and seconded by Mrs. Maxey to approve the 2025-2026 Student Fees as presented.

Discussion:

A question was raised if these fees went through the Business Services Committee. It did not because there was no change in the amounts. It was recommended to bring it to the Committee before approving the fees.

Ayes: Mr. Kinser, Mrs. Maxey, and Mr. Mulholland.

Nays: Mr. Haverly, Mrs. Hutchinson, and Mrs. Schilling.

The motion failed with 3 Ayes and 3 Nays. It will be brought back to the Business Services Committee.

C. Policy 4:60 – Purchases and Contracts

After watching the Policy Committee Meeting, Mr. Kinser had some thoughts in regard to the line “*Contracts for work or purchases involving an expenditure of \$10,000 or more require the Administration to seek proposals from at least three (3) reputable persons, entities, or firms whenever possible.*” Mr. Kinser was on the Board when this section was added to the Policy and feels that section does warrant further discussion. He is requesting that this policy, specifically that line, be discussed at Business Services as it is a Business Service clause.

A motion was made by Mr. Haverly and seconded by Mrs. Maxey to bring Policy 4:60 to the next Business Services Committee Meeting.

Discussion:
(None)

The motion carried with unanimous roll call.

At 7:29 p.m. Mrs. Maxey made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the following:

The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and was seconded by Mr. Haverly.

The motion carried with unanimous roll call.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Personnel

RETURN TO OPEN MEETING

At 7:32 p.m., Mrs. Maxey made a motion to return to open session and was seconded by Mr. Kinser.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

- A. Enrollment
- B. FOIA Log
- C. Student Activity Fund Reports

Mrs. Schilling requested that the Farmland Rental Agreements be brought to the next Business Services Committee Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxey and seconded by Mr. Kinser to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. The motion was carried by unanimous voice call.

PRESIDENT _____

SECRETARY _____

APPROVED: