

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, July 18, 2023

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, Secretary Brian Haselhorst, Joe Haverly, Judy Hutchinson, Vice President Mary Maxey and Treasurer Nan Schilling.

Absent: Becky Self.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Joe Haverly and seconded by Mary Maxey to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Wendy Spence did speak to give a shout out to her daughter, who is a North Boone graduate. She was offered her dream position as a Special Education Teacher in Normal. Wendy wanted to just show that there is success that is coming from North Boone School District.

TREASURER'S REPORT

(none)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Greenlee gave an update on the Middle School steam damage. The ceiling tiles are being replaced this week. We are working with our claim representative to move forward with the IT equipment replacement to be ready prior to school starting.

At the Business Committee meeting last week, there was discussion had in regards to the cell towers that are located at Capron Elementary and Manchester Elementary that are no longer in use by the District. The owner has offered to sell them to us for \$1.00 each. The Committee has asked us to first see if anyone is willing to lease the space on the tower before declining the offer.

On September 16th and 17th, the Village of Capron will be celebrating their Sesquicentennial and will be using the parking lot at Capron Elementary School as a staging area for the parade. Our bands and other groups will be involved in that parade as well.

Congratulations to Chandler Alderman, a 2023 graduate of North Boone, as he was awarded the Athlete of the Year Award from Rockford Register Star.

Interviews began today for the Director of Special Education position. The candidate pool is not a very large one but it is a strong one.

A question was asked in regards to whose insurance is liable for the steam damage at the Middle School? According to the contract, it is the District's responsibility to have all of the boilers turned off prior to the work commencing. It was asked that it still be sent to the attorney for clarification.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Committee

The next Policy Committee meeting is September 27, 2023 at 3:45 P.M.

Business Services Committee

A meeting was held on July 10, 2023. There will be a few items presented to the Board tonight from the meeting. The Committee would also like to start the process of interviewing for a new bonding agent.

Facility/Long Range Planning Committee

A meeting was held on July 11, 2023. At the meeting, Summer work was discussed along with converting the playground at the Upper Elementary to be ADA accessible. The bus barn floor work which will be presented tonight, was also discussed. The damage at the Middle School was discussed as well as the long-term facilities and athletic fields priorities.

Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee

The next Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee meeting will be held on September 27, 2023 at 4:45 P.M.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxey and seconded by Mr. Haverly to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Discussion:

- There was no discussion needed.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, June 20, 2023.
- B. Personnel

Site	Person	Position	Salary	Effective/ End Date
1. Certified - Hire				
MES	Alexis Bishop	3 rd Grade Teacher	BA24 Step 6	08/14/2023
MS	Brandon Mooney	PE Teacher	BA Step 0	08/14/2023

MS	Allison Johnson	Social Worker	MA32 Step 16	08/14/2023
2. Certified – Resignation				
HS	Joseph Pienta	Social Studies Teacher	N/A	End of 22/23 School Year
MS/UE	Julie Anderson	Student Counselor	N/A	06/23/2023
District	Ashley Doetch	Director of Special Education	N/A	7/31/2023
HS	Reid Fleegeer	Social Studies Teacher	N/A	End of 22/23 School Year
3. Certified - FMLA				
4. Non-Certified - Hire				
MES	Laurie Chudoba	Paraprofessional	Per NBESS schedule Appendix A	08/14/2023
MS	Mark Hanaman	Paraprofessional	Per NBESS schedule Appendix A	08/14/2023
HS	Nayeli Ruiz Hernandez	Bilingual Paraprofessional FT	Per NBESS schedule Appendix A	08/14/2023
PGE	Jennifer Krause	Paraprofessional for Life Skills FT	Per NBESS schedule Appendix A	08/15/2023
PGE	Laura Richards	Paraprofessional for Life Skills FT	Per NBESS schedule Appendix A	08/15/2023
5. Non-Certified - LOA				
MS	Craig Johnson	Head Custodian	N/A	TBD
6. Extra-Curricular – Hire				
HS	Britton Morris	Assistant Football Coach	Group II, Year 2	2023/24 Season
7. Extra-Curricular - Resignation				
HS	Joseph Pienta	Music-Drama-Play Assistant	N/A	End of 22/23 School Year
HS	Reid Fleegeer	Assistant Football Coach	N/A	7/11/2023
HS	Reid Fleegeer	Assistant Wrestling Coach	N/A	7/11/2023

- C. Rock Valley College – Running Start Intergovernmental Agreement and MOU’s
- D. Approve Stacey Corder as an IMRF Authorized Agent.
- E. Drive-Right School of Driving, Inc. 2023-2024 Contract

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(none)

NEW BUSINESS

A. July 2023 Bills

A motion was made by Mr. Haselhorst to approve the July 2023 bills as presented and seconded by Mrs. Maxey.

Discussion:

- Mr. Haverly - none
- Mrs. Hutchinson - none
- Mrs. Schilling – What is the Stenstrom bill paying? Per Stacey Corder, it is the final installment for the Capron parking lot. Also, what is the lease for the John Deere? Per Stacey Corder, John Deere is currently in need of used equipment which gave us an opportunity to rent a brand-new tractor with a cab for a year, at a lower cost, which helps us out in the grounds department and with snowplowing.
- Mrs. Maxey - none

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

B. 2023-2024 Substitute Rates

Dr. Greenlee stated that, every year, the District reviews the area sub rates to make sure that North Boone is competitive in the region. It was found that sub rates were increase by area districts. He asked the Board to approve a \$10 increase to the daily rates for a sub teacher; long term sub teacher; North Boone Retire Teacher; and North Boone Retired Teacher long term subbing. This increase will keep the District towards the top rates in the area which will help us to draw teachers to fill those vacancies. Currently, our sub fill rate is at 65% which is the highest in our region.

A motion was made by Mr. Haverly to approve the increase to the 2023-2024 sub rates as presented and was seconded by Mrs. Maxey.

Discussion:

- Mrs. Hutchinson – The Business Services Committee recommends that the sub rates be increased as presented.
- Mrs. Schilling - none
- Mr. Haverly - none
- Mr. Haselhorst - none
- Mrs. Maxey - none

Ayes: Mr. Haselhorst, Mr. Haverly, Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Maxey, Mr. Mulholland and Mrs. Schilling.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call.

C. 2023-2024 Budget Information

At the last Business Meeting, FY23 budget information was presented. This has been expanded on for tonight's meeting. Stacey Corder stated that at the Committee meeting, it was not broken down by funds but it has been for tonight's presentation. These are not the final numbers as they are still being worked on with cleaning up of accounts and forwarding everything to the auditors. When this was previously presented and "lumped" together, the Debt Services did not project the budget in a positive light. As it is now broken down, the expenditures are still more than the revenue due to the abatement of the property taxes which is to be expected. The Fire Life Safety difference is for the School Maintenance Project Grant that a portion of was used to do the Capron Parking Lot. That revenue was received the prior year. Ms. Corder stated that debt service is all of the District's debt, all of the bonds outstanding plus with new GASB reporting standard in regards to any leases that we hold, these are to be paid out of debt service fund.

In regards to FY24 tentative budget, which is still in the very rough stages, the funds have also been split out. The same issue with debt services is shown here with the abatement. The expenditures are the bonds and the lease payments that are due this year. The TORT fund is in the red due to the insurance amounts rising and the Levy of last year. Would the debt services still be in the red if we didn't do the abatement? Generally, it would look better. It was clarified that we do not have firm numbers yet for 2023 so the starting balance for 2024 is tentative.

D. Bus Barn Floor

Dr. Greenlee asked the Board to approve the quote from J and Sons in the amount of \$24,480.00 to repair and coat the floor in our bus maintenance garage. The floor in the garage is heated and showing some flaking and pitting. It is time to resurface and coat the floor so that no damage is done to the heating in the floor. Three quotes were received and Jim Nolen is recommending to approve the quote from J and Sons, even though it was not the lowest, but because of the prep work and that the thickness of the coating will be more durable for longer protection of the floor.

A motion was made by Mr. Haverly to approve the quote from J and Sons as presented and was seconded by Mrs. Maxey.

Discussion:

- Mr. Haselhorst – When will this work be done? Dr. Greenlee said that if the quote is approved tonight, the work will begin on Monday, July 24, 2023.
- Mrs. Schilling – What were the amounts of the other two bids? One was for \$19,000 and the other was for \$68,000.
- Mr. Haverly – The Facilities/Long Range Planning Committee does recommend that the Board accept this proposal.
- Mrs. Hutchinson – What is the warranty? Per Jim Nolen, there is a one-year labor and material warranty and a five-year overall warranty barring major damage. Was the floor not sealed previously? The concrete was sealed but not with an epoxy which will help protect the floor.
- Mrs. Maxey - none

EXECUTIVE SESSION

(none)

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

(none)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxey and seconded by Mr. Haselhorst to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. The motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PRESIDENT _____

SECRETARY _____

APPROVED: