

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
November 18, 2025

North Boone Community Unit School District #200
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North Boone District Office
6248 North Boone School Road, Poplar Grove, IL 61065
Tuesday, November 18, 2025
6:30 PM

I. Call to Order by the President

This meeting was called to order by President Nan Schilling at 6:32 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call by the Secretary

Members Present: Mr. Haverly (Via Google), Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Maxey, Mrs. Meyer, Mr. Mulholland, Mrs. Schilling. Mr. O'Donnell arrived at 6:35 p.m.

Members Absent: None

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Mrs. Hutchinson and seconded by Mrs. Meyer to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mr. Haverly, Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Maxey, Mrs. Meyer, Mr. Mulholland, Mr. O'Donnell, Mrs. Schilling

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Audience to Visitors is a time for community members and District employees to express a point of view, not to debate an issue. There will be a sign-up card for the public to identify their name, address, phone number, name of organization represented (if any), and a brief description of the topic to be addressed. A District 200 administrative staff member will follow up within 48 hours (if requested) if the issue needs to be discussed further. Comments are limited to 5 minutes. If multiple individuals wish to address the Board on the same subject, the group is encouraged to appoint a spokesperson (See Board Policy 2:230)

V. Audience to Visitors

Mr. Glen Gratz addressed the Board of Education and urged the board to approve a \$600,000 abatement to relieve tax burdens on taxpayers.

VI. Treasurer's Report and Financial Update

- Treasurer's report summarized revenues and expenditures through October.
- Revenues were as expected, with expenditures beginning to outpace revenues in October.
- Final payments from counties and state categorical payments were noted.

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- Liabilities showed variance due to timing of payments such as IMRF and group medical insurance.
- Investment maturities were discussed with plans to monitor cash flow and reinvestments carefully.
- Budget status was reviewed showing revenues at approximately 35% of budget at one-third through the fiscal year, indicating healthy financial standing.
- Expenditures in transportation and capital outlay were higher than budgeted due to bus purchases and carpeting projects.

VII. Committee Reports

- Policy Committee - Meeting held on November 4, 2025. The next meeting will be held on December 2, 2025, at 6:30 PM.
- Business Services Committee - Meeting held on November 12, 2025. The next meeting will be held on December 9, 2025, at 6:30 PM.
- Facility/Long Range Planning Committee - Meeting held on November 13, 2025. The next meeting will be held on December 18, 2025, at 6:30 PM.
- CIA Committee - Meeting held on November 5, 2025. The next meeting will be held on February 25, 2026, at 4:45 PM.

VIII. Consent Agenda

The Board, on an individual basis prior to the meeting, has reviewed all of these items. All financial reports are available for review by the public in the Business Office. Items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be enacted by the Board as one motion.

- A. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, October 21, 2025
- B. Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting, November 4, 2025
- C. Minutes of the C.I.A. Committee Meeting, November 5, 2025
- D. Minutes of the Facilities/Long Range Planning Committee, October 9, 2025
- E. Approval of IMRF authorized agent
- F. Personnel

Motion made by Mrs. Hutchinson and seconded by Mrs. Meyer to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Meyer, Mr. Mulholland, Mr. O'Donnell, Mrs. Schilling, Mr. Haverly

Nays: None

Abstention: Mrs. Maxey

Motion Carried.

Discussion: None

IX. New Business

A. November 2025 Bills

Motion made by Mrs. Meyer and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell to approve the bills as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Maxey, Mrs. Meyer, Mr. Mulholland, Mr. O'Donnell, Mrs. Schilling, Mrs. Hutchinson

Nays: None

Abstention: Mr. Haverly

Motion Carried.

Discussion: None

B. State Data Presentation

Mrs. Neri presented an overview of the State Data released October 30, 2025. All six district schools received commendable ratings. She provided the following points:

Explanation of designations: Exemplary, Commendable, Targeted Support, Comprehensive, Intensive Support.

- All six district schools received commendable ratings this year.
- Discussion of scoring breakdown for K-8 and high schools
- Updates for 2025 Report Card/ State Data
 - High School Assessment
 - ACT includes ELA, Math, and Science
 - New assessment, unable to compare achievement data to previous years (SAT to ACT)
 - Growth in ELA and math data reported this year (Not an accountability measure)
 - IL Assessment of Readiness (Grades 3-8) and IL Science Assessment (Grades 5&8)
 - The state realigned the cut scores, unable to compare achievement data to previous years
- Graduation Rate is 91% compared to 83% in 2024.
- 9th Grade on Track increased to 91.6% from 88.6% in 2024.
- Growth data and chronic absenteeism trends presented; chronic absenteeism improved but remains an area for growth.
- Errors in absenteeism data at Manchester and Poplar Grove schools identified and corrected for future reporting.
- Schools identified strengths and areas for growth by building.

C. Approval of Varsity Softball Scoreboard Purchase and Installation

Motion made by Mrs. Hutchinson and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell to approve the purchase and installation of the softball scoreboard quote "A" from Watch Fire.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Meyer, Mr. Mulholland, Mr. O'Donnell, Mrs. Schilling, Mr. Haverly, Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Maxey

Nays: None

Abstention: None

Motion Carried.

Discussion: Mr. Mulholland asked we pay attention to how we word rationales.

D. Approval of Varsity Softball Fence Repair/Replacement

Motion made by Mrs. Hutchinson and seconded by Mrs. Meyer to approve contracting Rock Valley Fence to repair and add bottom rail to the first base, third base, and outfield fence on the varsity softball field.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mr. Mulholland, Mr. O'Donnell, Mrs. Schilling, Mr. Haverly, Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Maxey, Mrs. Meyer

Nays: None

Abstention: None

Motion Carried.

Discussion: None

E. Approval of High School Updated Course Guide

Motion made by Mrs. Hutchinson and seconded by Mrs. Meyer to approve the high school updated course guide.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mr. O'Donnell, Mrs. Schilling, Mr. Haverly, Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Maxey, Mrs. Meyer, Mr. Mulholland

Nays: None

Abstention: None

Motion Carried.

Discussion: None

F. Approval of Farmland Leases

Motion made by Mrs. Hutchinson and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell to continue the rental of two district farmland properties for 2026-2027 at the rate of \$250 per acre.

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Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mr. Haverly, Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Maxey, Mrs. Meyer, Mr. Mulholland, Mr. O'Donnell

Nays: None

Abstention: Mrs. Schilling

Motion Carried.

Discussion: Dr. Mullikin stated he had conversations with both tenants and they were appreciative of the possibility of leaving the rate at \$250 per acre.

G. Approval of Overnight Field Trip

Motion made by Mrs. Meyer and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell to approve the overnight field trip, as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mr. Haverly, Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Maxey, Mrs. Meyer, Mr. Mulholland, Mr. O'Donnell, Mrs. Schilling

Nays: None

Abstention: None

Motion Carried.

Discussion: None

X. Superintendent's Report

- Update on RFQ process for architectural firm selection; narrowed to three firms with upcoming campus visits and interviews scheduled.
- Ongoing discussions regarding tax abatement and financial planning.
- Attendance at Institute for Education Innovation conference with potential new instructional resources under review.
- High school fall play praised for outstanding performances.
- Winter sports schedules and middle school basketball records shared.
- Strategic planning process to begin around July or August, with possible consultant engagement.
- Bulk paper contract is going extremely well and is resulting in cost savings.
- Emergency repairs approved for universal ventilators with work scheduled to minimize disruption.
- Five board members attending state school board conference for professional development.

XI. Executive Session

Motion made by Mrs. Hutchinson and seconded by Mrs. Meyer to go in to executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park,

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recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for 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) at 7:44 pm.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Maxey, Mrs. Meyer, Mr. Mulholland, Mr. O'Donnell, Mrs. Schilling, Mr. Haverly

Nays: None

Abstention: None

Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Hutchinson and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell to come out of executive session at 9:05 pm.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Maxey, Mrs. Meyer, Mr. Mulholland, Mr. O'Donnell, Mrs. Schilling, Mr. Haverly, Mrs. Hutchinson.

Nays: None

Abstention: None

Motion Carried.

XII. Recommendations from Executive Session

Motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mrs. Meyer to approve up to 25 sick bank days for Lauren Boyce, contributed from any NBEA member for the remainder of the 2025/2026 school year. In addition, the Board agrees to donate one day per 5 days donated by NBEA members, up to a total of 5 Board donated days.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Meyer, Mr. Mulholland, Mr. O'Donnell, Mrs. Schilling, Mr. Haverly, Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Maxey

Nays: None

Abstention: None

Motion Carried.

Discussion: None

XIII. Information Only

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

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Discussion: None

XIV. Adjournment

Motion made by Mrs. Hutchinson and seconded by Mrs. Meyer to adjourn at 9:07 pm.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mr. Mulholland, Mr. O'Donnell, Mrs. Schilling, Mr. Haverly, Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Maxey, Mrs. Meyer

Nays: None

Abstention: None

Motion Carried.

PRESIDENT_____

SECRETARY_____

APPROVED: