

North Boone Community Unit School District #200

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
District Office
6248 North Boone School Road, Poplar Grove, IL 61065

Tuesday, February 17, 2026
6:30 P.M.

The Mission of the North Boone educational community is to provide a safe and all-inclusive environment that prepares confident students to be resilient for a future that is ever-changing.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order by the President

This meeting was called to order by President Nan Schilling at 6:30 P.M.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call by the Secretary

Roll call was conducted by the Secretary.

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

Members Absent: Mr. Haverly

IV. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Meyer and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell to approve the agenda as presented.

Discussion: (None)

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstention: 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. Glenn Gratz reiterated to the Board of Education that he would like to see them abate \$600,000.

Mr. William Randall addressed the Board of Education stating he would like to see follow through on approved budget by transferring some of the facility sales tax revenue to debt services and abate \$600,000. He also inquired why the same bill was paid twice for tires for bus 62. Asked for an answer within the 48-hour window.

VI. Treasurer's Report and Financial Update

Dr. Mullikin presented the January treasurer's report, noting:

- Reviewed with Mr. Randy Steen on February 10, 2026.
- Fund 50 variance due to timing of payments between December and January.
- A discrepancy of \$166.79 was identified and corrected involving a check mistakenly cleared from the wrong account.
- Invested \$350,000 over the projected investment for cash flow which helped to get a better rate with PMA.

Dr. Mullikin presented on the financial report, noting:

- Financial updates presented to the Business Services Committee on February 4th, 2026
- Budget alignment with FY26 approved budget noted; discussion ongoing about the need to amend the budget.
- Revenue sources analyzed: Local funding declining due to tax payment cycles; state and federal revenues increasing as a proportion of total revenue.
- Expenditure trends: Supplies and materials running light; non-capitalized equipment running above budget due to coding policies for items between \$500 and \$5,000.
- Received significant state mandated categorical payments and additional state/federal grant funding.
- Countywide sales and facility tax payments were discussed, including a large single payment of \$100,435.95 received in February and another payment is expected later in the month.
- Interest revenue running at 71.22% of budgeted revenue to date.
- Audit process nearing completion; audit representative expected at the March board meeting.
- Utilities costs expected to rise sharply due to severe weather impacts.
- Bus RFP process underway; public bid opening scheduled for 10:30 AM on Thursday, February 19, 2026.
- Federal and state grants reviewed, with particular attention to carryover rules and recent expenditures.
- Grant tracking and expenditure report process outlined with emphasis on shared spreadsheets and communication among grant administrators.

çII. Committee Reports

çIII. Policy Committee - Meeting held on February 3, 2026. The next meeting is held on March 3, 2026, at 6:30 P.M.

İE. Business Services Committee - Meeting held on February 4, 2026. Next meeting will be held March 10, 2026, at 6:30 P.M.

È. Facility/Long Range Planning Committee - Meeting held on February 4, 2026. Next meeting will be held March 12, 2026, at 6:30 P.M.

ËI. CIA Committee - The next meeting will be held on February 25, 2026, at 4:45 P.M.

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, January 20, 2026
- B. Minutes of the Executive Session, January 20, 2026
- C. Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting February 3, 2026
- D. Minutes of the Joint Business Committee Meeting and Facilities/Long Range Planning Committee, February 4, 2026
- E. Personnel

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

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstention: None

Motion Carried.

IX. New Business

A. MTSS Presentation

- Presented by Kari Neri, overview of MTSS implementation since 2021.
- MTSS is a strategic goal focusing on academic and behavioral support across three tiers:
 - Tier 1: Core instruction for all students.
 - Tier 2: Targeted interventions for students needing additional support, led by classroom teachers.
 - Tier 3: Intensive interventions for a small number of students.
- Progress milestones:
 - 2022-23: Completion of two PLC (Professional Learning Community) cycles per team.

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- 2023-24: Three PLC cycles.
- 2024-25: Implementation of Tier 2 academic interventions; creation of MTSS guidebook and resource hub.
- Current year goal: 100% of schools implementing Tier 2 interventions using assessment data.
- Planning underway for Tier 3 systems development across all buildings.

B. February 2026 Bills

A motion was made by Mrs. Meyer and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell to approve the February bills, as presented.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstention: None

Motion Carried.

C. Overnight Field Trip Requests

A motion was made by Mrs. Meyer and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell to approve the overnight field trip requests for softball, baseball, wrestling, and unified basketball.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstention: Mrs. Maxey

Motion Carried.

D. Approval of 2026-2027 Student Fees

A motion was made by Mrs. Hutchinson and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell to approve the 2026-2027 student fees, as presented.

Discussion: Mr. Mulholland inquired how much revenue was brought in by the fees. Mrs. Hutchinson pointed out the fees are the lowest compared to surrounding districts, but the business services committee recommended we do not raise them this year.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstention: None

Motion Carried.

E. Accepting Donations

1. Solutions Bank Donation

A motion was made by Mrs. Hutchinson and seconded by Mrs. Meyer to approve the resolution for the donation of the softball scoreboard.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstention: None

Motion Carried.

2. Local Family Donation

A motion was made by Mr. Mulholland and seconded by Mrs. Maxey to approve the resolution for the Richard A. Britton Estate donation with the stipulation the money and land are used as an outdoor classroom for all students.

Discussion: Discussion regarding stipulations on the Britton Estate Donation. Mr. Mulholland expanded the recommended motion to include the stipulation the money and land are used as an outdoor classroom for all students. He wanted more kids to benefit from the donation and expand the opportunities for our students. Mrs. Schilling and Mrs. Hutchinson didn't want to amend the family's wishes with the board of education's stipulations. Mrs. Meyer was interested in accepting the donation and then having the curriculum portion added.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Maxey, Mr. Mulholland.

Nays: Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Meyer, Mr. O'Donnell, Mrs. Schilling

Abstention: None

Motion Failed.

A motion was made by Mrs. Hutchinson and seconded by Mrs. Meyer to approve the resolution for the Richard A. Britton Estate donation, as presented.

Discussion: Discussion continued with Mr. Mulholland asking if anyone has checked with the liability insurance and stating the board of education should be checking into the curriculum. Mrs. Hutchinson stated she would like to accept the donation and have administrators work out the details.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: Mrs. Maxey, Mr. Mulholland
Abstention: None
Motion Carried.

F. Approve the initiation of the FY26 Budget amendment process

A motion was made by Mrs. Meyer and seconded by Mrs. Hutchinson to approve the initiation of the FY26 Budget amendment process.

Discussion: Dr. Mullikin stated there is no statute that states a district needs a board of education motion to begin the budget amendment process. However, it is best practice to ensure transparency.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Meyer, Mr. Mulholland, Mr. O'Donnell, Mrs. Schilling, Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Maxey.
Nays: None
Abstention: None
Motion Carried.

G. Approval of Opterra No Cost Assessment Agreement

A motion was made by Mrs. Hutchinson and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell to approve the Opterra No Cost Assessment Agreement with North Boone School District, as presented.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mr. Mulholland, Mr. O'Donnell, Mrs. Schilling, Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Maxey, Mrs. Meyer.
Nays: None
Abstention: None
Motion Carried.

H. Abatement

A motion was made by Mr. Mulholland and seconded by Mrs. Hutchinson to approve abating \$600,000.

Discussion: Detailed discussion on tax abatement amount focusing on returning over-taxed funds to the community and transferring funds into the debt services. Additional discussion about calling bonds deferred to the next business committee meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mr. O'Donnell, Mrs. Schilling, Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Maxey, Mrs. Meyer, Mr. Mulholland.
Nays: None
Abstention: None

Motion Carried.

I. School Board Members Town Hall Meeting Discussion - April date

Discussion: The board came to an agreement to hold the next town hall meeting April 8, 2026 at 6:30 P.M.

X. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Dr. Cascio reported on the following:

- Stated he is looking forward to an assessment partnership with Opterra.
- Gratitude expressed for monetary donations and community partnerships.
- Superintendent attended national conference (AASA) highlighting academic improvement strategies and communication best practices.
- Athletics highlights:
 - Middle School wrestling and girls' basketball successful seasons.
 - High School girls' basketball achievements and player milestones.
 - Boys' varsity basketball regional quarterfinal scheduled.
 - Wrestling sectional qualifiers and Scholastic B team achievements.

XI. Executive Session

A motion was made by Mrs. Hutchinson and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell to go into executive session to discuss personnel and negotiation matters per Illinois statutes, at 7:55 P.M.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstention: None

Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Hutchinson and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell to come out of executive session at 9:14 P.M.

Motion Carried by consent.

XII. Recommendations from Executive Session - None

Mrs. Meyer did ask everyone to be mindful of committee assignments and to let someone know if you will be absent in hopes to avoid not having quorum for the meetings.

XIII. Information Only

A. FOIA Log

B. Enrollment

C. Student Activity Fund Reports

XIV. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mrs. Hutchinson and seconded by Mrs. Meyer to adjourn at 9:15 P.M.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstention: None

Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned.

PRESIDENT _____
Nan Schilling

SECRETARY _____
Russell O'Donnell

APPROVED: _____