



New Holland-Middletown Elementary District #88
Middletown, Illinois
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
November 14th, 2018

The regular November 2018 meeting of the NH-M Board of Education was held November 14, 2018 at 7:03 PM. Board President Coers called the meeting to order with roll call:

Coers – Present	Melton–Absent
Merriman – Present	Dobey –Present
Janssen – Absent	K. Davison –Present
M. Davison-Present	Mr. Campbell -Present
	Mrs. Schmitz- Present
	Ms. Hildebrandt- Present

1. **Board of Education Emails:** None
2. **Public Comments/Correspondence:** Post card from Tim Butler and a thank you note from family of Debbie Boward for the flowers at her service. Also received email from a parent that was read to the board. This did lead into discussion of public forum prior to the meetings and the policy pertaining to public forum.
3. **APPROVE MINUTES, BILLS, RECEIPTS, AND FINANCIAL REPORTS**
Motion by K. Davison, second by M. Davison. Roll call vote called: M. Davison, Dobey, K. Davison, Coers, and Merriman, aye. Motion carries.
4. **APPROVE REPORTS; IMPREST, ACTIVITY**
Motion by Dobey, second by K. Davison. Roll call vote called: M. Davison, Dobey, K. Davison, Coers, and Merriman, aye. Motion carries.

5. Discussion Items

- (5a) Star360 Report:** Performed five times during the school year. There has been a large improvement in all grade levels except 7th. First through fifth grade all had marginal improvements.
- (5b) Policy Review: Section 2: School Board 2:10, 2:20, and 2:20E:** Board of Education to govern through policy. This requires attempts to identify what policies are linked to items such as the school calendar, employment, direction of the superintendent, etc.
- (5c) Financial Reporting Packet:** done quarterly with comparison of last quarter to the last five years. Some items were incorrectly coded, but have now been corrected. It is, however, going to take some time to create throughout the whole budget because the packets breakdown the entire budget by object.
- (5d) Budget Amendment Memo 11/14/2018:** Allows Board of Education and administration to see where fund balances are. It allows funds that have been moved to accurately reflect budgetary needs. Transportation is at a \$30,000 surplus and trying to build balance for the future. FLS funds were adjusted to not have a negative cash flow showing. Also, repayment of interfund loan from Education to O&M.
- (5e) Facilities Committee:** First meeting of the committee went well. R. Deters, R. Dobey, and M. Campbell met and discussed a 5-year plan option for repairs. The back-library door is at the top of the list for repairs needed, followed by walls from the stage to boys' locker room, back wall of the science room, and round stairwell wall. Also going to inspect walls and tiles for asbestos and maintenance. The committee is also discussing an intercom system.



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6. Action Items:

(6a.) Set Tax Rate Hearing for Wednesday, December 19th, 2018 at 6:50 PM

Publish notice for hearing. Motion by M. Davison, second by Merriman. Roll call vote called: Dobey, K. Davison, Coers, Merriman, and M. Davison, aye. Motion carries.

(6b) Approve a Motion of Direction for the Superintendent regarding Tax Levy for Tax Year 2018

Coers abstained from vote. Motion made by Merriman, Dobey second. Roll call vote called: K. Davison, Merriman, M. Davison, Dobey, aye. Motion carries.

(6c) Approve 1:20-AP Checklist for Intergovernmental Agreement 2nd Reading

Motion by K. Davison, second by Coers. Roll call vote called: K. Davison, Coers, Merriman, M. Davison, and Dobey, aye. Motion carries.

(6d) Approve Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion by M. Davison, second by Merriman. Roll call vote called: Coers, Merriman, M. Davison, Dobey, and K. Davison, aye. Motion carries.

(6e) Approve Facility Usage by the NHM-CSE for November 30th and December 1st

Motion by K. Davison, second by M. Davison. Roll call vote called: Merriman, M. Davison, Dobey, K. Davison, and Coers, aye. Motion carries.

(6f) Approve Personal Leave for D. Bicknell

Motion by Merriman, second by Coers. Roll call vote called: M. Davison, Dobey, K. Davison, Coers, and Merriman, aye. Motion carries.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- a.) **National Education Week:** Donuts ordered by M. Campbell and gifts coming for students, teachers, faculty, and Board of Education.
- b.) **176 School Day Law:** No designated times for school days, changes in truancy laws, and alternative education options. This law takes over 2019 and 2020 school year.
- c.) **Tim Butler Visit:** Discussed teacher shortage and pension changes. Also discussed a five-year plan that is coming, but how much will that help the smaller schools like us?
- d.) **ESSA Designation Letter:** NH-M received a commendable ranking. We fall in with the majority of rankings through the state.
- e.) **School Board Elections:** Timeline to file for schoolboard election discussed.
- f.) **ISBE Recommendations for Workplace Reinforcement:** Goes hand in hand with Tim Butler visit.
- g.) **Administrative Assistant Update:** Received transfer date. Hoping to move in December to Arizona.
- h.) **Other:** Menard County passed tax rate (we receive for three kids). Penny drive was very successful, and looking into fiber optic internet options.

11. Adjournment

Motion made by Merriman and second by M. Davison. Roll call vote called: K. Davison, Coers, Merriman, M. Davison, and Dobey, aye. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Board President

Board Secretary

Next Meeting- Wednesday, December 19th, 2018 at 7:00 PM