



New Holland-Middletown Elementary District #88
Middletown, Illinois
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
January 16th, 2019

The regular meeting of the NH-M Board of Education was held January 16th, 2019 at 7:00 PM. Board President Coers called the meeting to order with roll call:

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

1. **Board of Education Emails:** None

2. **Public Comments/Correspondence:** Thank you from staff for Christmas bonus that was given by the Board of Education. Ms. Bicknell had also given Mr. Campbell information on the pen pal program that she had been doing with students and military members overseas on active duty. The board was shown the card and picture that was sent back to Ms. Bicknell along with the picture of the troops as well.

3. **Approve Minutes, Bills, and Financial Reports**

Treasurer's report was not approved by R. Deters, and tabled by the Board of Education. Motion made by K. Davison, second by J. Coers. Roll call vote was called; Janssen, M. Davison, Melton, K. Davison, Coers, and Merriman all aye. Motion carried. R. Dobey arrived at 7:04 PM.

4. **Approve IMPREST and Activity**

Motion by Merriman, seconded by Janssen. Roll call vote was called; M. Davison, Dobey, Melton, K. Davison, Coers, Merriman, and Janssen all aye. Motion carried.

5. **Discussion Items**

a. **Board Policies: 1st Reading**

i. **Teacher Licensure and Recruitment: 5:190, 5:220, and 5:220-AP**

1. Pertains to licensing requirements, subs that do not hold a degree, and waivers for flexibility of part time needs.

ii. **Instruction and Curriculum- School Calendar & Day: 2:20-E, 5:230, 6:20, 6:60, 6:60-AP, 6:60-APE1, 6:60-APE2**

1. This was the change to 176 school attendance days scheduled which we are already doing. It also included driver's education at the high school level, different education models, how to teach cursive since it is required by law, sex education, bicycle and walking safety, and discipline procedures.

iii. **Student Health: 4:45, 4:130, 4:130-E, 5:100, 6:120-AP1-E1, 7:100, 7:260, 7:27-, 7:270-AP2, 7:270-E2, 7:285-AP, 7:290-AP, 7:305-AP**

1. Students cannot be denied food or snacks for finance reasons. The different rights of a 504 Plan; immunization and examination requirement changes, such as a student going into high school is now required by law to have eye exams; Ashley's Law and Medical Cannabis allowing students to have medical cannabis at school IF it is administered by a licensed, medical professional. Finding ways to better correlate social and emotional health and keeping disagreements from escalating

into physical altercations, which, commonly, is a learned behavior. Also, the concussion protocol remains in place.

b. 2nd Quarter BOE Data Presentation- Academic, Enrollment, Attendance, and Discipline

- i. Enrollment down to 94 students (4 ECE and one at LJHS) and continuing to decline; 7-10 down in 2019-2020 SY, a probable other 10 down in 2020-2021 SY to bring us as low as 75 students. Attendance is better than 17/18 SY, and most students with discipline referrals are no longer in attendance which has dropped the number of referrals. There are only two students with four referrals.

c. 2nd Quarter BOE Finance Presentation

- i. Final steps of all funds; no IMRF of debt service included in documentation. The actual vs budgeted amounts show what is left from what was budgeted for 2018-2019 SY. April will show money that is left in the budget through March of this school year, and was also stated that just because the money is there does not mean that it will be spent. Also, not all funding has been received yet and will be doing a total revenue vs. total expense vs. cushion amount.

d. Fiber Optic Cable- Continued Business

- i. This would bring Fiber Optic to the community. Initially would be between \$250 and \$300/month, but ISBE and E-Rate with state matching grant would cover 90% of the cost. The state grant can also be applied for before starting a contract 471 for E-Rate to allow bidding, but it is not a binding contract until signed. New Holland-Middletown would have their own designated line of cable in order to eliminate band width constriction.

e. Auditor Discussion

- i. Considering a change of auditors, however the current auditor will continue if able to move up the audit in order to receive the AFR sooner.

6. Action Items

a. Adopting of Board Policies: Governance 2:70, 2:80, 2:80-E, 2:150, 2:150-AP, Employee Benefits 2:250-E2, 2:260, 3:40-E, 5:10, 5:10-AP, 5:20, 5:60. 5:200, 5:300, Safety 3:60-E, 4:170-AP1, 4:170-AP2, 5:30, 5:30-AP2, 7:150-AP2, 7:190-AP7, 7:190-E3

- i. Motion by Merriman, second by M. Davison. Roll call vote called, Dobey, Melton, K. Davison, Coers, Merriman, Janssen, and M. Davison, aye. Motion carried.

b. Approve the adjusted public comment form- 2nd Reading

- i. Motion by Melton, second by Janssen. Roll call vote called; Melton, K. Davison, Coers, Merriman, Janssen, M. Davison, and Dobey vote aye. Motion carried.

c. Table contract for fiber optic cable installation/service

- i. Motion by Merriman, second by M. Davison. Roll call vote was called; K. Davison, Coers, Merriman, Janssen, M. Davison, Dobey, and Melton all vote aye. Motion carried.

7. Superintendent Report

a. Superintendent Self-Evaluation

- i. Included for board members in manila folder to discuss in executive session.

b. High School Success

- i. IASA and David Schuler; Schuler is the only Superintendent in Illinois to win Superintendent of the Year. The academic work relates to growth reports. The SAT is removing geometry and replacing it with statistics. Generally, a student makes the decision as to whether or not to be successful in school in the 4th grade. It was also noted that 88% of our students met growth in math, and 80% met growth in reading.

c. Facilities Meeting

- i. The next meeting will be January 23rd at 6PM. The committee is going to prioritize Health Life Safety projects.

d. Bullying team committee

- i. Law required, and will be comprised of staff, board member, and parents.

e. Food Establishment Inspection Report

- i. Report from LCDPH went well and has been renewed licensure.

f. Other

- i. Still reviewing options for the purchase of a mini-bus. Pritzger is also moving quickly in legislation, and should expect to see the \$40,000 minimum salary bill to return soon. It was also noted that the state superintendent was a superintendent that was already sitting. Discussed how the federal government shut down would/will have an affect on the national school lunch program and also the federal funding. When it comes to our Board of Education, there were four members up for re-election, and they are running unopposed.

8. Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session

- a. Motion by Merriman, second by Janssen. Roll call vote was called; Coers, Merriman, Janssen, M. Davison, Dobey, Melton, and K. Davison, all aye. Motion carried and adjourned to executive session at 8:07 PM.

9. Motion to Adjourn to Regular Session

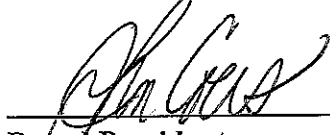
- a. Motion by Merriman, second by Janssen. Roll call vote was called. Merriman, Janssen, M. Davison, Dobey, Melton, K. Davison, and Coers all voted aye. Motion carried. Adjourned to regular session at 9:10 PM.


10. Action Items as a Result of Executive Session Discussion Presented

- a. Motion by Merriman, second by Janssen. Roll call vote was called. Janssen, M. Davison, Dobey, Melton, K. Davison, Coers, and Merriman all vote aye. Motion carried.

11. Motion to Adjourn

- a. Motion by Melton, second by Dobey. Roll call vote was called. M. Davison, Dobey, Melton, K. Davison, Coers, Merriman, and Janssen all vote aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.



Board President

Board Secretary

Next Meeting- Wednesday, February 20th, 2019 at 7:00 PM