



New Holland-Middletown Elementary District #88
Middletown, Illinois
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

August 19, 2015

The regular August 2015 meeting of the NH-M Board of Education was held August 19, 2015 at 7:03 P.M. Board Vice President Janssen called the meeting to order with roll call:

Coers – Absent
Merriman – Present
Janssen – Present
Ford - Present

Boward–Present
Dobey -Present
Davison -Present
Mr. Dugan -Present
Mrs. Schmitz –Present

Board of Education Emails: None Received

Public Comments/Correspondence: Superintendent Todd Dugan received a fax giving Mrs. Caitlin Lore a “High Five” from the DonorsChoose.org website. Mrs. Lore received several donations from people all over the United States for her English and Literature Reading Classes.

08-19-15-01 APPROVE MINUTES, BILLS FINANCIAL REPORT AND DESTRUCTION OF FEBRUARY 2014
CLOSED SESSION AUDIO RECORDINGS

Merriman made motion, seconded by Boward to approve Minutes, Bills, Financial Report, and the destruction of February 2014 Closed Session Audio Recording given to us on this day. Roll call vote Janssen, Ford, Dobey, Boward, Davison, Merriman, Janssen; aye. Motion carried.

08-19-15-02 APPROVE REPORTS: IMPREST AND ACTIVITY.

Davison made motion, seconded by Merriman to approve the Imprest and Activity reports given to us on this day. Roll call vote; Dobey, Boward, Davison, Merriman, Janssen, Ford; aye. Motion carried.

Discussion Items:

- a. Meet the New Teachers: Sarah Rheaume and Shelby Wall: Sarah is a first year teacher and will be teaching Music, Band, and Chorus. Shelby will be teaching 3rd grade. She was a paraprofessional last year for Special Education in another district. The Board welcomed both ladies to New Holland-Middletown.
- b. Transportation Fund FY2016 Options –Transportation is still underfunded. Last years’ 14/15SY reimbursements are paid this year very slowly by the state. This is the case with most school districts in Illinois. This year, we only have two bus routes-no special education transportation. Superintendent Dugan also brought up an option to buy a new vehicle to replace the schools transportation van, since it continuously is in the shop for miscellaneous repairs. There is a program funded by State of Illinois, (transportation reimbursement), which would reimburse the school to approximately 72% of the purchase price over 5 years by the state. The van is driven to pick up lunch/breakfast, take students to “extra-curricular” practices in Lincoln, and other miscellaneous trips as needed by the school.
- c. RFQ Architect Firm Update-Superintendent Todd Dugan reminded the BOE on September 15th, they will be interviewing Architects for NHM. So far, we have had 5-6 “walk thrus” with one scheduled for 8/20/15. Mr. Bret Boward and Mrs. Karen Davison volunteered at the July 2015 Meeting to interview prospective candidates. Superintendent Dugan reminded the BOE any questions regarding pricing or firm rates are prohibited by Illinois School Law. The board would like to see an architect hired before starting repair on the walls. (information discussed in the July 2015 BOE Minutes)
- d. Display FY2016: The Budget for 2016FY will be on display on the NHM88.com website as well as a copy will be in the office for the next 30 days for those who may wish to review it.



**New Holland-Middletown Elementary District #88
Middletown, Illinois**

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES CONTINUED

August 19, 2015

08-19-15-03 APPROVE PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH/BREAKFAST FREE AND REDUCED PROGRAM

Dobey made motion, seconded by Merriman to approve the participation in the National School Lunch/Breakfast Free and Reduced Program given to us on this day. Roll call vote: Davison, Merriman, Janssen, Ford, Dobey, Boward, Motion carried.

08-19-15-04 ACCEPT LETTER OF RESIGNATION

Davison made motion, seconded by Merriman to accept resignation letter from elementary teacher Melinda Moore given to us on this day. Roll call vote: Merriman, Janssen, Ford, Dobey, Boward, Davison; aye. Motion carried.

08-19-15-05 APPROVE EMPLOYMENT OF TEACHER

Merriman made motion, seconded by Boward to approve the employment of elementary teacher Mrs. Shelby Wall given to us on this day. Roll call vote; Merriman, Janssen, Ford, Dobey, Boward, Davison: aye. Motion carried.

08-19-15-06 APPROVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH ROE#17

Merriman made motion, seconded by Boward to approve Intergovernmental Agreement with ROE#17 given to us on this day. Roll call vote: Janssen, Ford, Dobey, Boward, Davison, Merriman; aye. Motion carried.

08-29-15-07 APPROVE APPLICATION OF RECOGNITION OF SCHOOLS

Merriman made motion, seconded by Davison to approve Application of Recognition of Schools given to us on this day. Roll call vote: Ford, Dobey, Boward, Davison, Merriman, Janssen; aye. Motion carried.

08-19-15-08 AMEND CALENDAR OF BOE MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 23, 2015

Dobey made motion, seconded by Merriman to amend the BOE Meeting scheduled for September 23, 2015 given to us on this day. Roll call vote: , Dobey, Boward, Davison, Merriman, Janssen, Ford; aye. Motion carried.

08-19-15-09 SET BUDGET HEARING-6:50PM ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2015

Merriman made motion seconded by Ford to set the Budget Hearing for September 23, 2015 at 6:50PM given to us on this day. Roll call vote: Boward, Davison, Merriman, Janssen, Ford, Dobey; aye. Motion carried.

08-19-15-10 AMEND RESOLUTION OF WORKING CASH TRANSFER TO ABATEMENT

Davison made motion, seconded by Merriman to amend resolution of Working Cash transfer to Abatement given to us on this day. Roll call vote: Davison, Merriman, Janssen, Ford, Dobey, Boward ; aye. Motion carried.



**New Holland-Middletown Elementary District #88
Middletown, Illinois**

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES CONTINUED

August 19, 2015

08-19-15-11 RESCIND JULY RESOLUTION RE-ESTABLISHING WORKING CASH

Ford made motion, seconded by Davison to rescind July resolution of Working Cash re-establishing Working Cash given to us on this day. Roll call vote: Merriman, Janssen, Ford, Dobey, Boward, Davison; aye. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- a.) Opening Day: August 17th was Teachers Institute-All District Employees were welcome to have breakfast at Stage Coach in Middletown. New Holland Bank and Middletown Bank each paid for ½ of the cost of the breakfast. June Harnacke from NH Bank, Val VanEtten from Illinois Central School Bus, and Earl Baker joined the Teachers, Staff and Mr. Dugan for breakfast. Superintendent Dugan handed out books to the teachers titled "The Smartest Kid in The World" for Staff Development/Teacher Institute requirements.
- b.) Safe Routes to School Update: IDOT will reimburse up to 80% needed to implement the side/crosswalks as requested. Mr. Dugan would like to ask the Village of Middletown and the property owner(s) re: placement of the crosswalk if they would be interested in this idea and would also be able to help financially.
- c.) "Those Who Excel" Awards-ISBE: Mr. Earl Baker was nominated and chosen to receive the Excellence Award from The Illinois State Board of Education for his years of devotion and service to NH-M. It is the highest honor of Excellence given. On October 17th Earl, Diane Bicknell, Jerry Neisler, and Mr. Dugan will be attending the Awards Breakfast to Honor Earl.
- d.) Other Items: Mr. Dugan and the Board received an invitation from the IASB to have dinner with the State of Illinois Superintendent on October 7, 2015. The cost per person is \$25. Superintendent Dugan would like to know if any BOE Members would like to attend to represent our NHM School Board.

08-19-15-12 RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION (AS A RESULT OF SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT)

Merriman made motion, seconded by Dobey to approve the Resolution of Appreciation (as a result of Superintendent's Report given to us on this day. Roll call vote: Janssen, Ford, Dobey, Boward, Davison, Merriman; aye. Motion carried.

08-19-15-13 ADJOURNMENT OF AUGUST 2015 BOE MEETING

Merriman made motion, seconded by Davison to adjourn this meeting at 8:46 P.M. Roll call vote: Davison, Coers, Merriman, Janssen, Ford, Dobey, Boward; aye. Motion carried.

Board President

Board Secretary

APPROVED AT THE 9/23/2015 MEETING