



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

**Middletown, Illinois**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

**October 21, 2015**

The regular October 2015 meeting of the NH-M Board of Education was held October 21, 2015 at 7:01P.M. Board President Coers called the meeting to order with roll call:

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

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

**Board of Education Emails: None**

**Public Comments/Correspondence:** The BOE received a thank you card from 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher Lindsey Moore for purchasing the new 2<sup>nd</sup> grade reading series. Superintendent Todd Dugan attended a conference and was able to speak with Illinois State Superintendent of Schools-Tony Smith. Mr. Dugan said he really enjoyed meeting Mr. Smith and told him all about NHM School District. Superintendent Dugan asked if any Board Members would like to attend a Conference in Bloomington-Normal with him on Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-11:30am. Board Member Rich Dobey said he would attend. Mr. Dugan also received an email from Malena Wright from the State Board of Education stating NHM will be receiving another \$19,000 in Title I Funds-this comes from State Superintendent Tony Smith stating “any public school with 60% or more poverty level will receive greater funds toward their Title I Budget”. Mr. Dugan was very excited to share this news with the Board.

**10-21-15-01 APPROVE MINUTES, BILLS FINANCIAL REPORT AND DESTRUCTION OF APRIL 2014 CLOSED SESSION**

**AUDIO RECORDINGS**

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

**10-21-15-02 APPROVE REPORTS; IMPREST, ACTIVITY, ATTENDANCE, & BREAKFAST/LUNCH REPORTS**

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

**Discussion Items:**

- a. **School Van Discussion (continued from Sept. 2015 Mtg.):** Superintendent Dugan stated he has no new news regarding the van discussion from last month. NHM received an estimate for approximately \$800.00 from Modern Brake and Alignment in Lincoln to repair the brakes on the van and permission from the Board to also replace the tires: replacement of the tires is not included in the estimate for the brake repair. Mr. Dugan recommends trading the van in and applying for the IDOT State Grant which will reimburse the school district up to 72% (current IDOT reimbursement rate) of the cost for a new vehicle. Example: 72% of 1/5 of the cost for 5 years.
- b. **Track and Field Cost:** The only item the school board will need to purchase for track would be the high jump mat costing approximately \$600.00. Mr. Dugan did budget a total amount of \$2,000.00 for interscholastic supplies/materials/capital outlay. An anonymous donor would like to help pay for track supplies needed. There would only be approximately 6 “away” track meets in all with NHM School only being utilized for practices. The Board also discussed setting up the hurdles around the baseball diamond and painting lines for the practices. The Board was concerned about all students being able to attend each track meet since NHM does not transport to meets.
- c. **FOIA Request-Better Government Association** –Superintendent Mr. Todd Dugan shared the email request from Patrick McCraney from Better Government Association and his response to BGA.
- d. **Interviews for Architect Firm:** At this time, Mr. Dugan called the first Architect Firm (A) -Joe Petty and Stephanie Reese from JH Petty-Springfield, IL and Associates for his/her 15 minute interview followed by Architect Firms (B) -Todd Hannah from Allied Consultants-Springfield, IL; Firm (C)-Shanna Fish, Melissa Menke and \_\_\_\_\_ from ShiveHattery Architectural + Engineering –Bloomington, IL and Firm (D)-Jim Hollenback, Wil Helmick from PCM+Design Architect



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**10-21-15-03 APPROVE BOARD POLICIES (2<sup>ND</sup> READING)**

Merriman made motion, seconded by Davison to approve the following board policies 2:160, 2:160-E, 2:260, 2:260-AP1, 4:50, 5:50, 5:170, 5:170-AP4, 5:270, 5:290, 7:10, 7:40, 7:190-AP5, 7:190-AP6, 7:220, 7:220-AP, 7:260, 7:310, 7:325, 7:325-E, 8:10, 8:80 (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading) given to us on this day. Roll call vote: Davison, Coers, Merriman, Janssen, Ford, Dobey, Boward; aye. Motion carried.

**10-21-15-04 APPROVE 2014/2015 AUDIT-MOTIONED TO BE TABLED**

Merriman made motion, seconded by Ford to table the approval of the 2014/2015 audit given to us on this day. Roll call vote: Coers, Merriman, Janssen, Ford, Dobey, Boward, Davison; aye. Motion carried.

**10-21-15-05 APPROVE REQUEST TO USE SCHOOL –NHMCSE ON 12/5/2015**

Boward made motion, seconded by Janssen to approve the request submitted from the NHM-CSE Group to use the school on 12/5/2015 given to us on this day. Roll call vote; Merriman, Janssen, Ford, Dobey, Boward, Davison, Coers; aye. Motion carried.

**10-21-15-06 EMPLOY TRACK AND FIELD COACH**

Merriman made motion, seconded by Janssen to approve the employment of Darcy O' Connor as the Track and Field Coach given to us on this day. Roll call vote: Janssen, Ford, Dobey, Boward, Davison, Coers, Merriman; aye. Motion carried.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

- a.) Quarter 1 Suspension Report: Superintendent Dugan represented the suspension report for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. It has dropped drastically from previous years.
- b.) Superintendent Professional Goals/Achievement: Superintendent Dugan is including a section on Student Achievement and Growth for his professional goals. All goals are presented to Superintendent Bob Bagby of LCHS #404- 30% of Mr. Dugan's evaluation will focus on "Student Growth". This will include the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class for reading since they have just started the "Read Naturally" program in September.
- c.) Parent-Teacher Conferences: Mr. Dugan shared that the overall attendance rate for this years' Parent-Teacher Conferences was 94% with having conferences held during 2 evening sessions instead of 1 evening session and 1 full day session. His goal was to reach 100% parent attendance, but he was very pleased with the teachers and parents for the total outcome.
- d.) Playground Grant-IEA Score: Superintendent Dugan shared with the Board 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher Lindsey Moore applied for a grant through the IEA for playground equipment. We did receive the grant, but are waiting for the exact amount granted to our school, which could be anywhere from \$1,000-\$100,000.00.
- e.) Senate Bill 100: This bill was passed by the Illinois General Assembly and signed into law by Gov. Rauner, and will affect how schools discipline students. It restricts the total amount of time(s) students can be suspended and which offenses are "suspendable", as well as, disciplinary action(s) a school is permissible to take in some situations.

f.) \*Other Noted Items: None



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**10-21-15-10 ADJOURNMENT OF OCTOBER 2015 BOE MEETING**

Davison made motion, seconded by Ford to adjourn this meeting at 9:05 P.M. Roll call vote: Janssen, Ford, Dobey, Boward, Davison, Coers, Merriman; aye. Motion carried.

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Board President

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Board Secretary

**APPROVED AT THE 11/18/2015 MEETING**