



New Holland-Middletown Elementary District #88

Middletown, Illinois

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

November 18, 2015

The regular November 2015 meeting of the NH-M Board of Education was held November 18, 2015 at 7:02P.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

After Roll Call was completed, President Coers requested a moment of silence in respect for the victims in the Paris attacks on November 13th.

Board of Education Emails: None

Public Comments/Correspondence: Mr. Dugan shared “Thank You” notes of appreciation for the Veteran’s Program from Jim Graff and Allen Schnellenberger. They both really enjoyed the breakfast, program and thought the NH-M Staff and Kids did an amazing job! The school also received “Thank You” notes for supporting the Middletown Firemen’s Fall Festival from the Festival Committee and from the LaForge Family for condolences/plant sent for Pat LaForge’s funeral.

11-18-15-01 APPROVE MINUTES, BILLS, AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Davison made motion, seconded by Janssen to approve Minutes, Bills, and Financial Reports given to us on this day. Roll call vote: Ford, Dobey, Boward, Davison, Coers, Merriman, Janssen; aye. Motion carried.

11-18-15-02 APPROVE REPORTS: IMPREST, ACTIVITY, ATTENDANCE, & MEAL REIMBURSEMENT

Merriman 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. SB318-Tax Freeze/2-year PTELL: Superintendent Dugan brought to the Board’s attention what the SB318 bill will mean for NHM if the 2 year Tax Freeze (tax cap) does happen. NHM has a piece of property in Mason County that keeps our district from being capped. However, the possibility exists (however unlikely) that the entire state of Illinois could be subject to PTELL, and rumors abound as to the possibility of it becoming permanent. If this is the case, the current amount of debt that a District has becomes the Debt Limit currently \$0 (the HVAC bonds were excluded due to being Alternate Revenue bonds). This was shared as informational with the BOE in order for members to decide whether or not it would be in the District’s best interest to sell a small (3-year) working cash or Health/Life-Safety bond to complete needed building projects and also avoid becoming locked into a Debt Limit of \$0.
- b. Tentative 2015 Tax Levy Discussion: Superintendent Dugan presented the BOE with two “Levy Input Page-Assumptions” (examples) for 2015 Tax Levy Year. Levy Calculation Example “A” states a 4.99% Overall Total Levy without a Truth in Taxation Hearing required and Levy Calculation Example “B” at 8.92% Overall Total Levy with a Required Truth in Taxation Hearing. Over the past 3 years, the tax rate has decreased by a total of \$.14.
- c. Board Policies (1st Reading): 2:100, 2:150, 2:200, 2:220-E2, 2:250-E2, 4:120-AP, 4:170, 4:170-AP1, 5:90, 5:100, 5:100-AP, 5:120-AP1, 5:185-AP, 6:15, 6:15-E, 6:50, 6:60, 6:160, 6:270, 6:280, 6:310, 6:315, 6:320, 6:340, 7:50, 7:50-AP, 7:100, 7:130, 7:140, 7:140-E, 7:290, 7:290-AP, 7:300, 7:300-E1, 7:305, 7:340, 7:340-AP-1, E1 and 8:30.



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Action Items:

11-18-15-03 (6A) SET TAX RATE HEARING

Ford made motion, seconded by Boward to Set the Tax Rate Hearing for December 16, 2015 at 7:30pm (or as soon as the Christmas Program is over) given to us on this day. Roll call vote: Davison, Coers, Merriman, Janssen, Ford, Dobey, Boward; aye. Motion carried.

11-18-15-04 (6B) APPROVE 2014/2015 AUDIT (Tabled in October BOE Mtg.)

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

At this time, Superintendent Dugan asked each Board Member to rank the Architect Firm, interviewed at the October 2015 Board Meeting, who they liked least to most. The Board Members then discussed the pros and cons of which architect would be the best for the district.

11-18-15-05 (6C) SECTION OF DISTRICT ARCHITECT FIRM

Merriman made motion, seconded by Ford to approve Shive Hattery as the NHM School District Architect Firm given to us on this day. Roll call vote; Merriman, Janssen, Ford, Dobey, Boward, Davison, Coers: aye. Motion carried.

11-18-15-06 (6D) APPROVE 8th GRADE FUNDRAISER

Boward made motion, seconded by Merriman to approve the 8th grade Fundraiser Request as written given to us on this day. Roll call vote: Janssen, Ford, Dobey, Boward, Davison, Coers, Merriman; aye. Motion carried.

11-18-15-07 (6E) APPROVE SPLIT OF BETA SPONSOR

Davison made motion, seconded by Ford to approve the split of Beta Sponsor between Lindsey Leischner (current sponsor) and Shelby Wall given to us on this day. Roll call vote: Ford, Dobey, Boward, Davison, Coers, Merriman, Janssen; aye. Motion carried.

11-18-15-08(6F) APPOINTMENT OF BUILDINGS & GROUNDS SUBCOMMITTEE

Merriman made motion, seconded by Davison to approve the appointment of Board of Education Members Rich Dobey and Cody Ford as representatives for the Buildings and Ground Subcommittee given to us on this day. Roll call vote: Dobey, Boward, Davison, Coers, Merriman, Janssen, Ford; aye. Motion carried.

11-18-15-09 (6G) CREATE LINE ITEMS (SPEECH AND TRACK) IN ACTIVITY ACCOUNT

Davison made motion, seconded by Janssen to approve the creation of Line Items for Speech and Track in the Activity Account given to us on this day. Roll call vote: Boward, Davison, Coers, Merriman, Janssen, Ford, Dobey; aye. Motion carried.



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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- a.) 2015 School Report Card: Superintendent Dugan presented the 2015 School Report Card to the Board. At this time, the PARCC results were still unavailable.
- b.) Achievement: This year there was a 1200% increase in speech team participants. They participated at the State Speech Conference in Chatham-7th won 1st place for Improv Team, 2 teams won 2nd place and the 7th Grade Scripted won 3rd place.
- c.) Beyond Measure Book and Film Screening: NH-M is hosting this movie on January 14, 2016 at 7pm to the public and educators in the area. Books may be purchased for \$14.00
- d.) American Education Week 2015: The faculty and staff went above and beyond to show appreciation; with a support staff luncheon, "positive picketing" the students, donuts with parents, and sending thank you cards to the community and NHM substitute teachers. These are just a few ways the teachers did to celebrate during the week.
- e.) Other Items: none

11-18-15-10 ADJOURNMENT OF NOVEMBER 2015 BOE MEETING

Davison made motion, seconded by Merriman to adjourn this meeting at 8:22P.M. Roll call vote: Janssen, Ford, Dobey, Boward, Davison, Coers, Merriman; aye. Motion carried.

Board President

Board Secretary

Approved at the December 16, 2015 BOE Meeting.