



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

March 16, 2016

The regular March 2016 meeting of the NH-M Board of Education was held March 16, 2016 at 7:08 P.M. Board President Coers called the meeting to order with roll call:

Coers – Present	Boward–Present
Merriman – Present	Dobey -Absent
Janssen – Present	Davison -Absent
Ford - Present	Mr. Dugan -Present
	Mrs. Schmitz –Present

Board of Education Emails: None

Public Comments/Correspondence: Laura Weber and Matt Keller from GRP Mechanical were seated and available for the Board to ask any questions regarding the wall project. Custodian/District Treasurer Richard Deters was also present.

Mary Jo Janssen, School Box Top Coordinator, stated over the past few years NH-M has collected over \$4,100.00 in Box Tops money. In the past, this money has been deposited into the Activity All School Line Account. She suggests transferring \$3,000.00 from the All School Activity Line Account to the Activity Box Tops Line Account in hoping the money can be put towards a new school playground for the kids of NH-M. This will addressed at the April 2016 Board of Education meeting.

3-16-16-01 APPROVE MINUTES, BILLS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

3-16-16-02 APPROVE REPORTS; IMPREST, ACTIVITY, ATTENDANCE, & MEAL REIMBURSEMENT

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

Discussion Items:

- a. Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes: Required by Illinois State, this review is completed Semi-Annually for the option of opening or closing closed session minutes every 6 months.
- b. Update from Facilities Committee-Dobey (absent) Ford: Board Member Cody Ford, Custodian Richard Deters, and GRP Mechanical Representative Matt Keller, did a walk through in re: to the “Wall Project” in question. GRP Mechanical represented Change Order #2 to Contract #PC14-0028 for the South West Wall (Science Wall/Girls Locker room) project. Items to be changed on Contract include, but not limited to: 1st page “Section 3” Date to be changed to Completion Date **August 10th, 2016** *NOT* August 18th 2016; #4 Page 2 Exclusions; Removal of language “OR NEW”. With this agreement, GRP Mechanical will replace the existing exterior wall. Matt Keller is currently in discussion with the roofers at Top Quality Roofing regarding the storage room roof leak in the school office.
- c. NH-M Athletics/Extra-Curricular Banquet: Superintendent Dugan asked the Board if they would be interested in having a dinner banquet for all NH-M Families/Students in grades 5th-8th who have been involved in extra-curricular activities/sports. This idea was brought to his attention by a board member who wanted to see if the rest of the members would help purchase/provide the main dish (ex. Meat) while families of the students would bring a side dish to share “pot luck” style. Each student who did participate in an activity or sport will be acknowledged for their participation.
- d. South Wall Project-GRP Mechanical: (Please see 5b discussion notes)
- e. Pre-School Feasibility Update: Superintendent Dugan gave each Board Member a spreadsheet with estimated items/costs needed to obtain a pre-school class at NH-M. Discussed at this time was the difference between Dual Certified Teacher vs Certified/Early Childhood Endorsement, as well as, possible Grants/Title I Funds to offset the costs to operate. The Board Members are still interested in having a preschool and are still reviewing options and costs.



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Action Items:

3-16-16-03 (6a) APPROVE 2016-2017 DISTRICT CALENDAR (2ND READING)

Boward made motion, seconded by Merriman to approve the 2016-2017 District Calendar given to us on this day. Roll call vote: Coers, Merriman, Janssen, Ford, Boward; aye. Motion carried.

3-16-16-04 (6b) USE OF SCHOOL REQUEST: NH-MCSE ON APRIL 29th-30th, 2016

Coers made motion, seconded by Janssen to approve NH-MCSE request for use of school on April 29th and April 30th given to us on this day. Roll call vote: Coers, Merriman, Janssen, Ford, Boward; aye. Motion carried.

3-16-16-05 (6c) AWARD PERFORMANCE-BASED CONTRACT FOR WALL PROJECT

Coers made motion, seconded by Merriman to Award Contract for the Wall Project to GRP Mechanical given to us on this day. Roll call vote; Merriman, Janssen, Ford, Boward, Coers; aye. Motion carried.

3-16-16-06 (6d) ACCEPT \$2,000.00 ANONYMOUS DONATION-TRACK UNIFORMS

Boward made motion, seconded by Merriman to approve the anonymous donation to Track for Uniforms given to us on this day. Roll call vote: Janssen, Ford, Boward, Coers, Merriman; aye. Motion carried.

3-16-16-07 (6e) EMPLOYMENT OF ASSISTANT TRACK COACH (PENDING TEAM PARTICIPATION NUMBERS)

Merriman made motion, seconded by Boward to approve the Employment of Assistant Track Coach to Mrs. Shelby Wall given to us on this day. Roll call vote: Ford, Boward, Coers, Merriman, Janssen; aye. Motion carried.

3-16-16-08 (6f) AMEND START TIME FOR APRIL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Ford made motion, seconded by Janssen to Amend the April 2016 Board of Education Start Time to 7:30PM given to us on this day. Roll call vote: Boward, Coers, Merriman, Janssen, Ford; aye. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- a.) Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation Closeout: NH-M received the check for the Solar Panel Grant, the check was deposited in March and will show on the March Report.
- b.) 3rd Quarter Discipline Report: Superintendent Dugan shared a chart with the Board Members showing 3rd Quarter of the 2015/2016 School Year is slightly higher than last years at this time-2014/2015 School Year, however, it is much lower than 2013/2014 3rd Quarter Suspensions. He stated continuing to track suspensions will be helpful next school year with SB 100 takes full effect.
- c.) Legislative Correspondence: All Superintendents in the State of Illinois received an email from Illinois Governor Rauners' new secretary of Education, Dr. Purvis, praising the Governors' proposed 2017 Fiscal Year Budget and blaming a political party for the budget crisis. A week later, Illinois Senate President John Cullerton responded to Dr. Purvis' email of accusations and placing the blame on the opposite political party. This seems to be the "blame game" back and forth for both the Republican and Democratic Parties accusing each other of the education budget crisis. However, Superintendent Dugan attended a meeting at ROE#17 and received a "Cash on Hand Summary" of all School Districts' in the ROE#17, and currently, NH-M has 413 days of cash on hand which is excellent!
- d.) IASB Spring Division Supper Meeting: Superintendent Dugan and Board Member, Richard Dobey, attended The IASB meeting held on March 1st in Taylorville. Discussions were led by a panel of 3 practicing school attorneys on various school issues, including SB 100, cyber bullying, and transgender students.

e.) Other Items: None.



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03-16-16-09 ADJOURNMENT OF MARCH 2016 BOE MEETING

Merriman made motion, seconded by Boward to adjourn this meeting at 8:09 P.M. Roll call vote: Janssen, Ford, Boward, Coers, Merriman; aye. Motion carried.

Board President

Board Secretary

Approved at the April 20, 2016 BOE Meeting