



**New Holland-Middletown Elementary District #88**  
**Middletown, Illinois**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**  
**December 18, 2017**

The regular December 2017 meeting of the NH-M Board of Education was held December 18, 2017 at 7:06P.M. Board President Coers called the meeting to order with roll call:

Coers –Present  
Merriman – Present  
Janssen – Present  
M. Davison-Present

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

Board of Education Emails: None.

Public Comments/Correspondence: The BOE received a Letter of Appreciation from the American Red Cross for the \$138.40 donation received on behalf of the NH-M 4<sup>th</sup> grade class.

**12-18-17-01 APPROVE MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORTS & DESTRUCTION OF JUNE 2016  
CLOSED SESSION AUDIO RECORDINGS**

M. Davison made motion seconded by Dobey to approve Minutes, Bills given to us on this day. The following corrections have been made on the November 15, 2017 Minutes and Bills- Roll Call: K. Davison was absent not M. Davison. The amount of the Corwin Township bill was changed from \$422.86 to the correct amount of \$211.43 which was reprinted on ck#27813 (Original ck#27787 was voided) Roll call vote: Janssen, M. Davison, Dobey, K. Davison. Coers, Merriman; aye. Motion carried.

**12-18-17-02 APPROVE REPORTS; IMPREST, ACTIVITY, ATTENDANCE, & MEAL REIMBURSEMENT**

Merriman made motion, seconded by K. Davison to approve the Imprest, Activity Attendance and Meal Reimbursement Reports given to us on this day. Roll call vote: M. Davison, Dobey, K. Davison, Coers, Merriman, Janssen; aye. Motion carried.

**5. Action Items:**

**12-18-17-03 (5a) Consideration & Action on a Resolution Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2017 To Pay the Interest of the General Obligation School Bonds (Alternative Revenue Source), Series 2014, of the School District**

Merriman made motion, seconded by K. Davison to Approve the Consideration & Action on the Resolution Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the year 2017 to Pay the Interest on General Obligation School Bonds, (Alternative Revenue Source) Series 2014, of the School District given to us on this day Roll call vote: Dobey, K. Davison, Coers, Merriman, Janssen, M. Davison; aye. Motion carried.

**12-18-17-04 (5b) ADOPT 2017 TAX LEVY**

Merriman made motion, seconded by M. Davison to approve the Adoption of the 2017 Tax Levy given to us on this day. Roll Call vote: K. Davison, Coers, Merriman, Janssen, M. Davison, Dobey; aye. Motion carried.



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12-18-17-05 (5c) ADOPT BOARD POLICIES (2nd Reading)

K. Davison made motion, seconded by Janssen, to approve the following Policies: 2:20-E, 2:150-AP, 2:260, 4:10, 4:15, 4:80, 4:110, 4:110-AP2, 4:150, 4:170, 5:10, 5:20, 5:90, 5:100, 5:100-AP, 5:200, 5:220, 5:220-AP, 5:240, 5:250, 5:290, 5:330, 6:20, 6:50, 6:60, 6:140, 6:140-AP, 6:150, 6:235-AP1 & E1, 6:250-E, 6:280, 6:300, 6:340, 7:10, 7:10-AP & AP2, 7:15, 7:20, 7:60-AP2, 7:70, 7:150, 7:180, 7:190, 7:250, 7:250-AP2, 7:260, 7:270, 7:270-AP1 & AP2 & E, 7:275, 7:300-E1 & E3, 7:305, 7:305-AP, 7:340, 7:340-AP1 & E1 and 8:30-AP given to us on this day. Roll call vote: K. Davison, Coers, Merriman, Janssen, M. Davison, Dobey; aye. Motion carried.

12-18-17-05 (5d) APPROVE PERSONAL DAY REQUEST-D. BICKNELL

Coers made motion, seconded by Janssen, to Approve the Personal Day Request from Diane Bicknell given to us on this day. Roll call vote: Merriman, Janssen, M. Davison, Dobey, K. Davison, Coers; aye. Motion carried.

12-18-17-06 (5f) APPROVE CONTRACT WITH MID-WEST TRUCKERS 2018

Merriman made motion, seconded by Coers, to Approve the Contract with Mid-West Truckers 2018 given to us on this day. Roll call vote: Janssen, M. Davison, Dobey, K. Davison, Coers, Merriman; aye. Motion carried.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

- a.) Legislative Update: Three new Laws will come into effect January 1, 2018. 1.) Breakfast after the Bell. This allows all students to receive breakfast after the bell has rung or if they are late regardless if class has started. 2.) Free Feminine Products to be offered in restrooms. This allows feminine products to be accessible at no cost in the girls' bathroom. 3.) Cursive Writing. Teachers must start teaching cursive writing as part of the writing curriculum. As of right now, cursive writing is being taught starting in 4<sup>th</sup> grade at NH-M.
- b.) PSIC Return of Equity Funds: NH-M is part of an Insurance Cooperative and will receive a refund in the approximate amount of \$1,167.00 due to low claims and large amount of equity in the "claims pool".
- c.) ROE Meeting: Superintendent Dugan attended an ROE Superintendents Meeting this morning. Most Superintendents seem to be upset with the cursive writing law set to start in January 2018. Graduation rates for LCHS Students are low and it is rated the lowest amongst Logan County. Nine Students from LCHS did not meet standards of homeschool/alternative school which the State Board Stated the school was Non-Compliant.

12-18-17-09 ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Merriman made motion, seconded by Dobey to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:35PM for discussion of Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employee of the public body according to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)1 given to us on this day. Roll call vote: M. Davison, Dobey, K. Davison, Coers, Merriman, Janssen; aye. Motion carried.



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**12-18-17-10 RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION**

Merriman made motion, seconded by M. Davison, to reconvene to Regular Session at 8:18PM given to us on this day. Roll call vote: Dobey, K. Davison, Coers, Merriman, Janssen, M. Davison; aye. Motion carried.

**12-18-17-11 ADJOURNMENT OF THE DECEMBER 2017 REGULAR MEETING**

Merriman made motion, seconded by K. Davison to adjourn the December 2017 Board of Education Meeting at 8:20PM. Roll call vote: K. Davison, Coers, Merriman, Janssen, M. Davison, Dobey; aye. Motion carried

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Board President

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Board Secretary

**Approved at the January 17, 2018 Board of Education Meeting**