North Boone Community Unit School District #200

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee of the Board of Education
District Office
6248 N. Boone School Rd.
Poplar Grove, IL 61065

Thursday, October 22, 2026
6:30 PM

The Mission of the North Boone educational community is to provide a safe and all-inclusive environment that prepares confident students to be resilient for a future that is ever-changing.

AGENDA

I. **Call to Order**

II. **Roll Call**

III. **Audience to Visitors**

IV. **Career Day at Middle School Update**

V. **Discuss Partnerships/Sponsorships**

- A. Appoint a Lead Person
- B. Start a Focus Group

VI. **Workforce Update- Marc Eckmann**

- A. Jake's Electric
- B. Scot Forge

VII. **CEANCI- Check-in/Update**

VIII. **Fall of 2026 High School Xello Survey Update**

IX. **RVC/CNA - Update**

X. **Long Range Master Facilities Plan Update**

XI. **HS Ag Classes that Could Run**

- A. 2027-2028
- B. 2028-2029

XII. **Grants**

A. For the Purpose of Acquiring Tools and Equipment

B. For the Purpose of Acquiring Funds to Pay for the Facility/Space for CTE Taught Courses

C. Focus Group Needed

D. Grant Writer

XIII. **Harvest-Celebration Share-Out**

XIV. **Adjournment**

High School Grant Opportunities

Grant: Nutrien Ag Solutions FFA Alumni & Supporters Grant
Purpose: Plant science-based educational opportunities, supplies/materials for agricultural education, or FFA chapter affiliation fees.
Amount: Up to $5,000
Fit Questions: Ask Ag/FFA to identify one plant-science or agriculture-program need for the March cycle and gather a simple project budget.
Link: Nutrien Ag Solutions Grant

- Link not available right now
- Examples say to have FFA alumni and supporters complete the grant, not advisors

Grant: AES Chapter Grant Program, administered through National FFA.
NBCUSD need: I would target a discrete **plant-science/horticulture/agribusiness experiential-learning component** connected to the new horticulture/greenhouse pathway—not general operations. AES specifically funds FFA initiatives involving **agribusiness education, agricultural and energy innovation, or mental health,** which gives the Ag department room to design something directly around the emerging courses. National FFA Organization
Amount: Up to $5,000
Match: National FFA's current program listing does not state a required match; I would verify the application terms before submission rather than assume none
Deadline: October 30, 2026. National FFA Organization
Prerequisites: The proposal needs to run through the FFA chapter and fit one of AES's eligible initiative areas.
Link: National FFA — AES Chapter Grant Program

- Cindy and Heather will apply for this one by deadline

Grant: Casey's Cash for Classrooms Grant
Purpose: The grant supports **K–12 public and nonprofit private schools** in Casey's communities. Funding can be used for:

- Physical improvements to school buildings, playgrounds, and facilities
- Classroom materials and educational resources
- Teacher support
- Community engagement and extracurricular activities

Amount: Up to $50,000
Deadline: Opens in October (last year's window was Oct. 12th - Nov. 13th). Winners announced March-April
Link: https://www.caseys.com/community/cash-for-classrooms-grants

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Grant: American Welding Society Foundation Welding Workforce Grant. The official program page currently displays **"Apply Today."**
Potential award: Up to $50,000 per institution.
Deadline/internal date: AWS's live page does **not currently state an exact closing date**, despite showing "Apply Today," so I would not invent one.
Prerequisites: AWS Educational Institution Membership; an actual welding education/training program; equipment budget/quotes; lab photos; and preferably letters from **local employers, advisory-board members and the local AWS Section**. Employer letters demonstrating an immediate need to hire graduates are specifically preferred.
Link: https://www.aws.org/career-resources/students/grants/

- Once we have the space, this one would be a possibility

Grant: Toshiba America Foundation STEM Grants — Grades 6–12
Purpose: Teacher-designed hands-on STEM projects; equipment/materials tied to innovative science, technology, engineering or math learning.
Amount: 6–12: up to $5,000 rolling$; >5,000 next major deadline 11/1/2026.
Fit Questions: Do we have a hands-on STEM project that you can't currently implement because we lack equipment or materials?
Link: Toshiba STEM Grant

- Once we get the engineering class, this one would be a possibility

Grant: CHS Seeds for Stewardship — Cooperative Matching Grants
Purpose: Agriculture education, FFA/4-H projects, greenhouse or rural community vitality, agriculture safety; project must benefit eligible local organization/public school.
Fit Questions: Project title; precise greenhouse/ag-ed use; grade/course and student reach; equipment or supplies; itemized budget/quotes; measurable outcomes; timetable; maintenance; named CHS partner and cash contribution; photos/plan; district acceptance/procurement implications.
Link: CHS Seeds for Stewardship — Cooperative Matching Grants