

December 11, 2017

The North Mahaska Board of Education met in regular session December 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the elementary conference room New Sharon, Iowa. Those members present: Dirk Wilkin, Arvin DeBoef, Sherrill Strobel, Keith Foster and Margaret Ratcliff. Also present: Angela Livezey, Doug Ray, Ken Allsup, Shawn DeJong, Renee Ferguson, Michelle Sampson, Brian Van Weelden, Lindsey Thoreson, RD Keep, Seth Edmundson, Thomas Wilkin, Kenny Wanders, Ty Kelderman, Carmen Kelderman, DeAnna Goodman, Drake Hall, Dylan Klinker, Sharon Young-Wilkin, Kipp Schuler, Shawna Goemaat, Ed Goemaat, Mark Klinker, Ginger Klinker, Jody Smith, Ross Terpstra, Matthew Goemaat, Dianna Klinker, Carrie Van Gorp, Rusty Lindenman, Travis Van DerVeer, Curtis Ferguson, Ron Terpstra, Scott Bokhoven, Blake Readshaw, Joel Davis, Jason Steil, Kelli Steil, Marcy Grandia, Terry Malone, Lynn Hodgeman, Al Hodgeman, Cass Stubbs, Seth Streebin, Chris Sampson, Deuce Walker, Gherritt Adam, Jace Williams, Luke Groves, Karla Mick, John Colligan, Kevin Kelderman, Stephan Smith, Bryon Bellinger and Cindy Quang.

Dirk Wilkin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Foster to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Ratcliff to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC FORUM – DEUCE WALKER, LUKE GROVES AND BLAKE FISHER

Deuce Walker, NM junior, is in favor of 8 man football. Deuce stated that North Mahaska will have the smallest players in the football division class if we stay as an 11 man football team. Luke Groves, NM junior, is also in favor of 8 man football and asked the board to reconsider their decision. Blake Fisher, NM junior, would also like to have 8 man football.

Many North Mahaska citizens that attended the board meeting stated their input on the 8 man football decision.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION – PETITION FOR 8 MAN FOOTBALL

A petition was established to change the board decision from 11 man football team to an 8 man football team.

BOARD REPORT - TEACHER LEADERSHIP AND COMPENSATION PLAN UPDATE – MATT AUGUSTIN & AMBER GOEMAAT

Mr. Augustin and Mrs. Goemaat, Instructional Coaches for the High School and Elementary, respectively presented the board an update on the Teacher Leadership and Compensation (TLC) Plan. Changes made in the 2017-2018 school TLC Plan was adding two Model Teachers. A revision was made to the TLC Plan purpose to state “The universal purpose of the North Mahaska Building Leadership Team is to foster an enthusiastic, trustworthy, environment for staff and students to promote the continuous improvement of our district while implementing best practices to increase student achievement.”

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE ON ELEMENTARY HVAC CONTROLS

Mrs. Livezey mentioned that Travis Mechanicals are still in the process of updating the HVAC system in the elementary. The system should be completed by mid-January. With the new controls the variable

refrigerant volume (VRV) should be running all the time. This will help with the fresh air intake into the building and keep students healthy in the classroom.

FOOTBALL DISCUSSION

The board listened to the community input at the board meeting, but the board will remain an 11 man football team. The board appreciated the community's feedback, but believes NM football will be great remaining as an 11 man football team.

NEW BUSINESS

SCHOOL NURSE'S ANNUAL REPORT

The report will be tabled to another board meeting.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FFA TRIP

Mrs. Livezey mentioned at the last board meeting the FFA students would like to attend the National Western Stock Show in Denver, CO from January 12th to January 18th.

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by Ratcliff to approve the overnight stay for the FFA students to attend National Western Stock Show in Denver, CO from January 12th to January 18th. Ayes – Foster, Ratcliff, DeBoef and Wilkin. Nay – Strobel. Motion carried.

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Mrs. Livezey talked with the board about the Affordable Care Act Fee that will go into effect January 1, 2018. Our insurance provider Iowa School Employee Benefit Association (ISEBA) will be charging the district \$27.15 per month per employee covered under the school health insurance. This Affordable Care Act fee was mandated by the federal government and is currently in the appealing process.

POLICY REVIEW – 100 & 200 SERIES

The board did a first review of the 100 and 200 series board policy.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

MRS LIVEZEY – 5TH/6TH GRADE KINDNESS PROJECT, WALK THROUGHS

Mrs. Livezey mentioned the 5th and 6th graders are reading the "Wonder" book in the classroom. The book is about kindness and leading by example. The elementary TAG group has created a video on the kindness initiative.

Mrs. Livezey will be doing more classroom walk through now that majority of her state reports are done. She mentioned that students and staff are working hard implementing the Iowa Core and focusing on learning.

Mrs. Livezey talked about the clamming room that is in the elementary. The students that enter in this room will become calmer and the brain will be more engaged when they enter back into the classroom.

MR. RAY – MAP TRAINING, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Ray talked about eight high school teachers that attended an all-day MAP Training here at North Mahaska on November 28th. The teachers that did attend this meeting will be sharing the information they learned at the training to the other high school teachers.

Mr. Ray mentioned some of the activities that are coming up:

- Winter Concert – December 7th for students' 7th-12th grade.
- SICL conference facilities walk-through – January 10th for surround principal in the conference.
- Moxie group – November 30th has been speaking with high school girls on “being confident with who you are”.
- Iowa Assessment – March 7th to 9th for students' 7th-12th grade.

Mr. Ray said the FFA students has been busy with silent action for the Christmas tree pallet sold during one of the home basketball game. The proceeds from the silent action went to the Ronald McDonald House. The FFA students have also been busy selling the poinsettias from the North Mahaska greenhouse.

SUPERINTEDEDENT'S REPORT

WORK SESSION – JANUARY 15, 2018 @ 5:00 REGULAR BOARD MTG @ 6:30

IASB representatives will be in attendance at the work session.

OUTSIDE LIGHTING – COMPLETED

Mrs. Livezey mentioned the outdoor LED lighting and is completed. Total cost of the project was \$6,000 and will be purchased out of the PPEL funding.

STAGE LIGHTING – COMPLETED

Mrs. Livezey mentioned the auditorium stage lighting is completed.

TECHNOLOGY AUDIT – DECEMBER 11

The AEA will be at North Mahaska to do a technology audit. The AEA will send a final report back in January. They will give the district feedback and recommendation on technology use, updates and budgeting for future software/equipment.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – JANUARY 25, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M. IN BROOKLYN

BOARD COMMENT

Strobel asked for a follow-up on the alarm for the boy's locker room door. Mr. Ray mention the custodians are still waiting on a part for the door.

Strobel would like changes for any school activities to occur on Sunday. Mrs. Livezey mentioned that board policy must be revised to reflect this policy.

Ratcliff was impressed with the school Teacher Leadership Compensation (TLC) Plan. She was also appreciative of the students and parents that spoke up about the football discussion.

DeBoef mentioned he heard many views on the football discussion, but he stated education should be priority for the district.

ADJOURN

Mr. Wilkin adjourned the meeting at 9:38 p.m.

Cindy Quang
Board Secretary

Dirk Wilkin
Board President