

February 15, 2016

The North Mahaska Board of Education met in regular session February 15, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the elementary conference room New Sharon, Iowa. Those members present: Dirk Wilkin, Dan Gruber, Sherrill Strobel, Keith Foster and Arvin DeBoef (6:32 p.m.). Also present: Angela Livezey, Doug Ray, Pete Perez & Bo Weaver – Estes Construction; Dave Sietstra – Van Maanen, Sietstra, Meyer & Nikkel CPA Firm; R.D Keep; Kevin Kelderman, Renee Ferguson, Lindsay Miller, Kipp Schuler, Anne Sellers and Cindy Quang.

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

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

There was no written or public forum.

OLD BUSINESS

REVIEW FACILITIES ASSESSMENT PROJECT PRIORITIES

Mrs. Livezey gave the board an overview of the facilities meeting on February 8, 2016. At the facilities meeting the committee listed some capital improvement that the committee feel are priorities. From highest to lowest priorities are:

- 1) Junior/Senior High health, life and safety requirements; Façade Renovation; and remodeling high school office.
- 2) Junior/Senior High Science Rooms, Family Consumer Science Room and Media Center Renovation.
- 3) Elementary health, life and safety requirements
- 4) Junior/Senior High Electrical Improvements
- 5) Capital Improvements – New Track, Concessions restrooms and baseball/softball restroom
- 6) Junior/Senior High Lighting Improvements
- 7) Capital Improvements – New Softball and Baseball Press box and Baseball Dugouts
- 8) Elementary – enclosed corridor to preschool building
- 9) Multipurpose Safe Room

CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING STREAMS FOR FACILITIES ASSESSMENT PROJECTS

Mrs. Livezey talked with the board about the possible funding streams for the capital improvement project. Mrs. Livezey mentioned that the district can try and get a .67 cent voted PPEL Levy which will generate approximately \$1.2 million over 10 years. Mrs. Livezey also talked about barrowing against our one cent money. North Mahaska can barrow approximately \$3 million from the one cent money over 13 years.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE AUDIT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

Dave Sietstra from Van Maanen, Sietstra, Meyer and Nikkel CPA Firm from Pella, Iowa presented the district's audit report from the 2014-2015 school year.

A motion was made by Gruber and seconded by DeBoef to approve the 2014-2015 audit report. Motion carried.

BOARD REPORT – ANNE SELLERS – LIBRARY POLICY UPDATE

Anne Seller, North Mahaska Librarian, presented the board the procedures in removing and selecting new books for the library. Mrs. Sellers mentioned the board should look at revising some of the library policies.

APPROVAL OF RESIGNATIONS

The board did not have any resignation to approve at the board meeting.

APPROVAL OF STAFF – ROSS TERPSTRA, CARSON STUBS AND DANETTE BRIGGS

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Foster to approve Ross Terpstra as the Junior High Baseball Coach for the 2015-2016 school year pending his coaching certification, pre-employment physical and background check. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gruber and seconded by DeBoef to approve Carson Stubb as the Junior/Senior High Guidance Counselor and Head Football Coach for the 2016-2017 school year pending Iowa Teaching License, pre-employment physical and background check. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Foster to approve Danette Briggs from a part-time cook to a full-time cook. Motion carried.

NEGOTIATION – INITIAL BOARD PROPOSAL

Mrs. Livezey presented the board of education's opening offer to the NMEA chief negotiator, Kevin Kelderman. Total cost of the package was approximately \$77,000 for a 2.2% increase.

HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION

Mrs. Livezey told the board the health insurance increased 3.85%.

APPROVE MANAGEMENT LEVY

A motion was made by Gruber and seconded by Strobel to approve the Management Levy in the amount of \$1.06 per thousand for the 2016-2017 year. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF NEW AT-RISK. DROP OUT PREVENTION RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Foster to approve the At Risk/Drop Out Prevention amount up to \$122,330. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION – BUDGET UPDATE

Mrs. Livezey mentioned to the board that she has started the budget process for the 2016-2017 school year. She will plan to go over the budget at the March board meeting. Mrs. Livezey said it's difficult to finalize the budget until she knows what the supplemental state aid percentage set by the state.

SET DATE FOR BUDGET HEARING & CALENDAR ADOPTION

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Foster to set the date and time for the 2016-2017 budget hearing on April 4, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Elementary Conference Room. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Gruber to set the date and time for the 2016-2017 calendar adoption on April 4, 2016 at 6:45 p.m. in the Elementary Conference Room. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SENIOR'S LAST DAY FOR 2015-16 CALENDAR

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by DeBoef to approve senior's last day as May 16, 2016. Motion carried

APPROVAL OF 5TH/6TH TRIP TO OMAHA HENRY DOORLY ZOO – TENTATIVE DATE 5/19/2016

A motion was made by Gruber and seconded by Strobel to approve the 5th/6th grade trip to the Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo attentively for May 19, 2016. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE CHANGES FOR BOARD MEMBERS

A motion was made by Sherrill and seconded by Foster to approve Arvin DeBoef as the board representative to the North Mahaska Education Foundation Committee. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gruber and seconded by Strobel to approve Keith Foster as the board representative to the Ag Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

MRS. LIVEZEY – FAST ASSESSMENT DATA

Mrs. Livezey will show the board the FAST assessment data at the March board meeting, since she could not log into the FAST assessment website. Mrs. Livezey mentioned that 72.9% of our students are proficient in the fast assessment data.

MR. RAY – IOWA ASSESSMENT

Mr. Ray mentioned the Iowa Assessments will be April 4th to April 8th. Mr. Ray would like to start an award to be passed around among school districts in our conference. The award will be given to the school district with the highest Iowa assessment score.

Mr. Ray said that some students from Montezuma Community School District are interested in attending the North Mahaska Welding Academy.

Mr. Ray mentioned that Speech did really well. He said the Readers Theatre made it to All-State.

Mr. Ray talked about two North Mahaska wrestler Tyler Strasser and Jarrett Stodghill making it to the state wrestling tournament.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

POSSIBLE SHARING OF HR POSITION FOR 2016-2017

Mrs. Livezey talked with the board about sharing a Human Resource (HR) position with Montezuma Community School District. North Mahaska can receive additional state funding for operational sharing.

TEACHER LEADERSHIP AND COMPENSATION PLAN UPDATE

The teacher leadership mentor/model application is available to teachers. Administration and a representative from the North Mahaska Education Association will be working together in selecting the mentor/model teacher.

COUNTY ASSESSOR'S BUDGET – BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs. Livezey mentioned to the board that we missed the county assessor's budget meeting, but would like a board member to attend the next meeting.

ROOF REPAIR

Mrs. Livezey is in contact with a roofing company in Waukee that help find our roof leaks. This company was recommended from Estes Construction.

Mrs. Livezey also give the board an update on the bus garage. She is working with Pro-Line Building and the Fire Marshall to fix the fire wall issue. Mrs. Livezey said that district would need to build two layers of sheet rock on both side of the interior wall. Mrs. Livezey will make sure the Fire Marshall will approve the drawn up plans before she will allow the project to begin.

IHCC BOARD APPRECIATION DINNER – MARCH 9 @ 6:30

Mrs. Livezey asked if any board members were interested in going to this event.

BOARD COMMENTS & THANK YOU NOTES

Mrs. Strobel asked about the procedures on playground incidents. Mrs. Livezey mentioned that she will refer the parents to talk with the teacher first.

ADJOURN

Mr. Wilkin adjourned the meeting at 9:54 p.m.

Cindy Quang
Board Secretary

Dirk Wilkin
Board President