

February 21, 2017

The North Mahaska Board of Education met in regular session February 21, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. in the elementary conference room New Sharon, Iowa. Those members present: Dirk Wilkin, Dan Gruber, Sherrill Strobel, Arvin DeBoef and Keith Foster. Also present: Angela Livezey, Doug Ray, RD Keep – The Sun, Lindsay Miller, Renee Ferguson, Shawna Goemaat, NM journalism students – Jac Munson, Rafa Arias, Samuel Watts, Hung Tong and Derek Brown, Estes Construction – Dale Lienemann and Cindy Quang.

Dirk Wilkin called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

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

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

COMMUNICATION

There was no written communication and public forum.

HIGH SCHOOL JOURNALISM STUDENTS PRESENTATION

Jac Munson a NM student talked with the board about the journalism class. He mentioned that the journalism students has a section in “The Sun” newspaper called the sneak peek. The article is written by the students but reviewed by Mrs. Goemaat. Jac also talked about “Wally’s Way” which is a one page article that is posted weekly for the students at North Mahaska.

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE ON ELEMENTARY HVAC

Mrs. Livezey mentioned to the board that she will not put the elementary HVAC project out for bid until after she see were the current high school renovation contingency balance ends.

ESTES CONSTRUCTION – BUILDING PROJECTS UPDATE

Mr. Lienemann from Estes Construction spoke with the board about the building project updates. Mr. Lienemann discussed the vision of the high school front entry area. He also spoke about the high school bathroom and the projected timeline for that project.

NEW BUSINESS

DRIVER EDUCATION FEE AND RATES FOR SUMMER 2017

A motion was made by Gruber and seconded by Foster to approve the increase of \$10 for driver education fee from \$245 to \$255 per student and the increase of \$10 for teacher’s pay from \$175 to \$185 per student. Motion carried.

APPROVE 2017-2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Strobel to approve the 2017-2018 school calendar. Motion carried.

APPROVE VOLUNTEER COACHES

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by DeBoef to approve the volunteer coached for Tara Grier, basketball; Daryl Brager, Ryan Westmoreland, Cass Stubbs, Jordan Smith and Chris Sampson, track; and Doug Readshaw, Levi Ferguson, baseball. Motion carried.

HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION

Mrs. Livezey informed the board the health insurance rate increased 2.7% from the previous year.

APPROVAL OF SUPPORT STAFF SALARY AND BENEFITS

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Foster to approve a 2.67% increase for non-certified staff for the 2017-2018 school year. Strobel abstain from voting. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE SALARY AND BENEFITS

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Foster to approve a 2 year contract for Angela Livezey and Doug Ray for a 2% and 2.5% increase respectively. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gruber and seconded by Strobel to approve a 2.67% increase for Cindy Quang and Tom Hehli for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion carried.

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Foster to approve a 2.76% increase for Cindy Quang and Tom Hehli for the 2018-2019 school year. Motion carried.

EMC TRAFFIC FLOW REPORT

Mrs. Livezey presented the board a traffic flow report that was conducted by EMC insurance.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

EARLY GRADUATION

Mrs. Livezey mentioned that NM student Savanna Coster graduated after first semester. She has met all the high school graduation requirements.

TRANSPORTATION COST

Mrs. Livezey gave the board an overview of the 2015-2016 transportation report.

INDIAN HILLS BOARD APPRECIATION DINNER – MARCH 8TH 6:00

Wilkin – Yes, Gruber – Yes, Strobel– No, DeBoef – Yes and Foster – No

POLICY REVIEW SCHEDULE

The board will be reviewing the 700, 800 and 900 policies series.

SET DATE FOR BUDGET HEARING

The board set the 2017-18 budget hearing date for April 4, 2017 at 6:30 to be published in the “The Sun”.

AUDIT REPORT – MARCH BOARD MEETING

Mrs. Livezey mentioned that the audit report for the 2015-2016 school year will be discussed at the March board meeting.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

MRS. LIVEZEY – WINTER FAST DATA, PERSISTENTLY AT-RISK LETTER, SUMMER SCHOOL

Mrs. Livezey mentioned that if a student scores twice in the red on benchmark, then a letter is sent to the parents.

Mrs. Livezey plans to have a summer school program again for the GAP program.

MR. RAY – UPCOMING ASSEMBLIES, PD, LAW CONFERENCE, BOOK STUDY

Mr. Ray talked about upcoming assemblies for the high school. He had Mitch Goudy come to the school on February 21 and Moxie Girl on February 23. Mr. Ray would like to work with law enforcement to do a live mock car accident before prom.

Mr. Ray congratulated Caleb Gipple, senior at North Mahaska, on his accomplishment winning the American Legion Oratorical Contest for the state of Iowa. He will be representing Iowa in Indianapolis, IN for the national competition in April.

Mr. Ray talked with the board about what he learned at his Law Conference he attended.

BOARD COMMENTS/THANK YOU NOTES

Mr. DeBoef talked about the bus stop situation at the Russell Wildlife corner.

Mrs. Strobel asked about closing the north gate in the spring. Mrs. Livezey mentioned she would like to have the gates closed at night to avoid the traffic to the north.

Mr. Wilkin is proud that the board accomplished a 3 year master contract with teachers before the law changes.

Mr. Wilkin also mentioned to the board that District #5 school board seat will be available after the term expires in September. Mr. Gruber plans to not run again for school board.

ADJOURN

Mr. Wilkin adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Cindy Quang
Board Secretary

Dirk Wilkin
Board President