

January 16, 2017

The North Mahaska Board of Education met in regular session January 16, 2017 at 6:10 p.m. in the elementary library New Sharon, Iowa. Those members present: Dirk Wilkin, Arvin DeBoef, Sherrill Strobel and Keith Foster. Absent: Dan Gruber. Also present: Angela Livezey, Doug Ray, Chris VerSteegh – FFA Advisory member, Chris Sampson, by phone – Estes Construction: Dale Lienemann & Matt Chumbley and Cindy Quang.

Dirk Wilkin called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

WALK THROUGH OF JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL REMODELED AREA

Walk through was tabled due to bad weather. Board wanted to proceed with the regular board meeting.

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

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

COMMUNICATION

There was no written communication and public forum.

HIGH SCHOOL BUSINESS STUDENTS – SHARE PROJECT

Chris Sampson, business teacher, talked with the board about a project his students had done during his business class. The business students consisting of four teams produced their own ice cream to market to the high school student body during lunch. The students learn to cost analysis, produce, market and sale their ice cream.

Mr. Sampson also talked with the board on how his business class is collaborating with Mr. Groom's shop class for the North Mahaska Custom Creation. Mr. Sampson is teaching in his class the accounting aspect to the North Mahaska Custom Creation business.

OLD BUSINESS

LAND LAB PROGRESS – CHRIS VERSTEEGH

Chris VerSteegh from the FFA Advisory Committee gave an update on the tiling project for the FFA Land Lab. Mr. VerSteegh mentioned the FFA Advisory committee agreed to purchase the tiling for the FFA Land Lab in the approximate amount of \$7,422.50 with the FFA Land Lab account (Activity Fund).

Mr. VerSteegh presented the board with an estimated cost for the “Denitrification Bioreactor” amounting to \$5,210. Mr. VerSteegh and the North Mahaska Board agreed that the “Denitrification Bioreactor” for the FFA Land Lab will be purchased by the Larry Trust Hall donation the school received.

UPDATE ON ELEMENTARY HVAC

Mrs. Livezey mentioned to the board that Mike Salmon from KCL Engineering will help write up a narrative for the proposed elementary HVAC system so the district can send project out for bidding. Mrs. Livezey said that the current HVAC system at the elementary is not working due to the computer running the HVAC system has crashed.

ESTES CONSTRUCTION – BUILDING PROJECTS UPDATE

The North Mahaska Board had a phone conference with Dale Lienemann and Matt Chumbley from Estes Construction. Mr. Lienemann said overall the high school administration office and family consumer science rooms are finished. Mrs. Livezey, Mr. Lienemann and Mr. Chumbley will plan to meet with the architects later to discuss the high school bathroom changes.

NEW BUSINESS

DRIVER EDUCATION FEE AND RATES FOR SUMMER 2017

This was tabled for the next board meeting.

MANAGEMENT LEVY CONSIDERATIONS FOR FY 18

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Foster to approve the \$.94 Management Levy for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion carried.

APPROVE PEEL LEVY FOR FY 18

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Foster to maintain the \$.33 PPEL Levy for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion carried.

APPROVE VOLUNTEER COACHES

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Foster to approve the following volunteers: Zeja Shannon – basketball cheerleading coach; Tanner Wanders and Doug Readshaw – wrestling. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – JANUARY 26

Mrs. Livezey reminded the board of the Legislative meeting on January 26 in Brooklyn at 6:00 p.m.

SCHOOL REPORT CARD DATA

Mr. Livezey said the Iowa Department of Education report card graded the North Mahaska Elementary School as Commendable and the North Mahaska High School as Acceptable.

AT-RISK APPLICATION STATUS

Mrs. Livezey mentioned the At-Risk application submitted was approved. That At-Risk fund will be used to supplement the at-risk teacher, a high school associate, a portion of the elementary guidance and a portion of the nurse salary and benefits.

SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENT

The smarter balanced assessment is on hold and tabled to next board meeting.

2017-18 CALENDAR INFORMATION

Mrs. Livezey presented the board a 1st draft of the 2017-2018 calendar. She is currently surveying teachers for feedback.

NEGOTIATIONS

Mrs. Livezey planned for the initial proposal from the North Mahaska Education Association (NMEA) and the board at the next board meeting.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

MRS. LIVEZEY – SCHOOL REPORT CARD DATA

Mrs. Livezey talked about receiving the Commendable grade from the Iowa Department of Education. The score increased from 67.8% to 70.5%.

MR. RAY – SCHOOL REPORT CARD DATA

Mr. Ray talked about receiving the Acceptable grade from the Iowa Department of Education. The score decreased from 66.2% to 64.1%. Mr. Ray mentioned attendance has an effect on the report card. Mr. Ray talked about focusing and improving on College and Career Ready Growth.

BOARD COMMENTS/THANK YOU NOTES

Mrs. Strobel asked about students taking advantage of the ACT Prep course.

Mr. Foster and Mr. DeBoef commented on the school report card. Mr. Foster would like North Mahaska to focus on our own district and not to compare to other district. Mr. DeBoef would like to see North Mahaska improve on the report card.

ADJOURNED

Mr. Wilkin adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Cindy Quang
Board Secretary

Dirk Wilkin
Board President