

January 18, 2016

The North Mahaska Board of Education met in regular session January 18, 2016 at 5:30 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, Lindsay Miller, R.D Keep, Kipp Schuler, Renee Ferguson, Kevin Kelderman, Matt Gillespie from Piper Jaffery and Cindy Quang.

BOARD WORK SESSION – FINANCIAL OVERVIEW FOR FACILITIES ASSESSMENT PROJECTS

The board work session began at 5:30 p.m. Present at the board work session was Matt Gillespie from Piper Jaffery. Mr. Gillespie went over the financial overview of possible funding streams for the potential facilities projects.

Dirk Wilkin called the regular board meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

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

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

COMMUNICATION

There was no written communication and public forum.

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE ON PAST BUILDING PROJECTS

Mrs. Livezey updated the board on the new Football Press Box and Bus Barn addition. According to the Fire Marshall both projects were not in compliance to Iowa Code. Mrs. Livezey has done the necessary provisions to meet the Iowa Code for the football press box. Based on what Mrs. Livezey submitted to the Fire Marshall, the football press box was verbally approved. However, the Bus Barn addition was not approved. Since the bus barn is over 5,000 square feet and it houses commercial vehicle there must be a fire wall added between the old and new addition or add a sprinkler system in the bus barn.

WEBSITE UPDATE

Mrs. Livezey updated the board on three possible website company for the new school website. The district received a quote from Katie Manfull at Fierce Creative Agency in the amount of \$12,500. The district also received a quote from Juice Box in the amount of \$18,000 plus additional add on cost. A verbal quote was received from Flying Hippo in the amount of \$20,000.

NEW BUSINESS

SWEAR IN NEW BOARD MEMBER

The board secretary read the oath of office to appoint board member Arvin DeBoef for district #4.

APPROVAL OF RESIGNATIONS – JULIE GOEMAAT

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by DeBoef to approve the resignation of Julie Goemaat as cook effective at the end of the January month. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF STAFF – WENDY SMITH CO-ASST SOFTBALL, TARA GRIER CO-ASST SOFTBALL AND RANDY MOFFIT – DRIVER'S EDUCATION TEACHER

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Foster to approve a letter of assignment to Wendy Smith as a Co-Assistant Softball Coach for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by DeBoef to approve a letter of assignment to Tara Grier as a Co-Assistance Softball Coach for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Foster to approve Randy Moffit as a Driver's Education Instructor for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion carried.

CALENDAR CONSIDERATION

Mrs. Livezey presented the board a draft of the 2016-17 school calendar consideration.

DRIVER EDUCATION FEES AND RATE FOR SUMMER 2016

The board decided to keep the driver education fees and rates the same. The fees will remain at \$245 per student (\$490 for out of district students) and the driver education instructor fee will remain at \$175 per student.

NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE AND INSURANCE INFORMATION

Kevin Kelderman, Chief Negotiator for the North Mahaska Education Association, presented the board there initial proposal for the 2016-17 Master Contract. Estimated cost was \$179,311.35 for a 5.64% increase in wage and benefits.

There was no health insurance update to give at this time.

MANAGEMENT LEVY CONSIDERATION FOR FY17

Mrs. Livezey discussed the consideration for the management levy at \$1.05.

APPROVE PPEL LEVY FOR FY17

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Strobel to approve the .33 cent board approved PPEL levy for the 2016-17 school year. Motion carried.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

MRS. LIVEZEY'S REPORT – ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Livezey talked with the board about the Next Generation Science Standard. Mr. Van Hulzen has been to training at the AEA. North Mahaska plans to partner with the AEA for the Full Option Science System (FOSS) Kit. Partnering with the AEA we can get the FOSS kit for cheaper price.

Mrs. Livezey submitted a grant to the Department of Human Service (DHS) for the preschool. The grant consists of rating the quality of our preschool for a \$800 grant to be used towards the preschool program. The preschool received a level 4 rating out of 5.

MR. RAY'S REPORT – SECONDARY

Mr. Ray talked about the PLC groups working on the Multi-Trier Support System (MTSS).

Mr. Ray mentioned that success period has been changed to allow any teachers to connect with any students that are behind on makeup homework or quizzes. This change was put in effect after Christmas Break.

Mr. Ray stated that the Turf Management Class taught by Ms. Timmons will beginning this Spring Semester. Currently there are thirteen students enrolled in that class.

Mr. Ray updated the board on the Head Football Coach applicants – 16 applicants applied. Will plan to interview the three best candidates.

Mr. Ray received six applicants for the high school business teacher position.

Mr. Ray talked about the Archery Tournament held this past weekend. The North Mahaska Archery Team finished third out of twenty teams.

The state speech competition is January 23rd.

Mr. Ray discussed with the board about adding a small exhaust system in the wood working room. Plans to purchase an Air King Exhaust system costing around \$800 to \$1,300.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

TEACHER LEADERSHIP AND COMPENSATION PLAN UPDATE

Mrs. Livezey is finalizing the Mentor and Model Teacher application. Plans to release the application to teachers by the end of this month.

AUDIT REPORT – FEBRUARY

Mrs. Livezey mention that Dave Sietstra from Van Maanen, Sietstra, Meyer and Nikkel will be at the February board meeting to present the audit report.

ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT – FEBURARY

The Annual Progress Report will be mailed out in February to everyone in the school district.

IHCC BOARD APPRECIATION DINNER – MARCH 9 @ 6:30

Mrs. Livezey asked if any board members that would like to attend the IHCC Board Appreciation Dinner to let her know by the February board meeting.

LEGISLATIVE DINNER – JANUARY 28TH

Mrs. Livezey reminded the board of the legislative dinner on January 28th.

BOARD COMMENT & THANK YOU NOTES

Mrs. Strobel asked for an update on the Summer Lunch Program. Mrs. Livezey mentioned that we currently do not meet the guidelines. In order to have the Summer Lunch Program we needed 50% of the student population on free and reduce.

Mrs. Strobel asked about the Student of the Month questions published in the “The Sun”. Mr. Ray mentioned he will do a better job of reviewing the answers before it is submitted to print.

Mr. DeBoef was glad to join the North Mahaska Board of Education.

ADJOURN

Mr. Wilkin adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Cindy Quang
Board Secretary

Dirk Wilkin
Board President