

May 16, 2016

The North Mahaska Board of Education met in regular session May 16, 2016 at 5:15 p.m. in the elementary conference room New Sharon, Iowa. Those members present: Dirk Wilkin, Dan Gruber, Sherrill Strobel, Keith Foster and Arvin DeBoef. Also present: Angela Livezey, Doug Ray, Lindsay Miller, Renee Ferguson, Shawna Goemaat, Danielle Shaw, Garvin Shaw, RD Keep and Cindy Quang.

A motion was made by Gruber and seconded by Strobel to enter into closed session as provided in Iowa Code Session 21.5(1) (i) for the purpose of the Superintendent Evaluation. Roll call vote to go into closed session are as follows: DeBoef–Yes, Foster–Yes, Strobel–Yes, Gruber–Yes and Wilkin–Yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Gruber to come back out of closed session. Roll call Vote: DeBoef–Yes, Foster–Yes, Strobel–Yes, Gruber–Yes and Wilkin–Yes. Motion carried.

The closed session began at 5:15 p.m. and ended at 6:34 p.m.

REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING BEGINS

Mr. Wilkin called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

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

Due to the business office computers being down, no financial reports were available to the board.

A motion was by Gruber and seconded by DeBoef to approve the consent agenda and will allow the business manager to pay the bills pending the board members receiving a bill listing report. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION

TESTING OUT HIGH SCHOOL CLASS

Shawna Goemaat spoke with board on testing out of high school courses. Mrs. Goemaat mentioned that she would like to increase the difficulty for the pass/fail test for students. She plans to improve student testing so students will not test out of classes so easily.

RECOGNITION OF BOARD MEMBERS SERVICE

Mrs. Livezey recognized the board for the time and dedication to the board for Board Appreciation Month.

OLD BUSINESS

ARCHERY & SHOOTING CLUB

Mrs. Livezey talked with the board about the archery club and shooting club. There has been conflicts with the volunteer coaches and administration about certain purchases the coaches would like to purchase. According to the state guidelines, some of these purchases cannot be purchased through the school. The clubs has talked about removing themselves from the school. Mrs. Livezey mentioned that she talked with some parents and they would like the clubs to stay within the school.

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Gruber to have the archery and shooting club stay within the school district under the activity account, and both clubs must follow by the school policy and state guidelines. Motion carried.

REMODELING PROJECT UPDATE

Mrs. Livezey talked with the board about the construction project updates. She mentioned that she spoke with teachers and staff about the construction projects. She received some good feedback on ideas for the areas under construction.

Mrs. Livezey also mentioned that the track project can possibly be updated this summer. She is still looking at the timeline to see if it is feasible with student activities.

If the construction project is going according to plan, all projects can be done by the end of December 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE CONTRACTS

MCKENIZE MITCHELL – ELEM READING/SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER

A motion was made by Gruber and seconded by Strobel to approve a teaching contract to McKenize Mitchell as an Elementary Reading/Special Education Teacher. Motion carried.

MCKENIZE MITCHELL – JR. HIGH VOLLEYBALL

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Foster to approve a coaching contract to McKenize Mitchell as a Junior High Volleyball coach. Motion carried.

CHRIS SAMPSON – ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACH

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Strobel to approve Chris Sampson as a co-coach to a full-time Assistant Football Coach. Motion carried.

RYAN GROOM – ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACH

A motion was made by Gruber and seconded by Foster to approve Ryan Groom as an Assistant Football Coach. Motion carried.

TERRY MALONE – DRIVER'S EDUCATION ASSISTANT

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by DeBoef to approve Terry Malone as a Driver's Education assistant. Motion carried.

STEVE EHRET –SUMMER CUSTODIAL AND MAINTENANCE HELP ½ TIME

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Foster to approve a letter of assignment to Steve Ehret as a Summer Custodial and Maintenance Help part-time. Motion carried.

KEVIN KELDERMAN- SUMMER CUSTODIAL AND MAINTENANCE HELP ½ TIME

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by Gruber to approve a letter of assignment to Kevin Kelderman as a Summer Custodial and Maintenance Help part-time. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION

COURTNEY VELDHUIZEN – ELEMENTARY PARA EDUCATOR

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by DeBoef to accept the resignation of Courtney Veldhuizen as a para educator. Motion carried.

BETTY HIZER – JR/SR HIGH SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Foster to accept the resignation of Betty Hizer as a Jr/Sr High Special Education Teacher. Motion carried.

NAKI BUCKLIN – CUSTODIAN

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Gruber to accept the resignation of Naki Bucklin as a custodian. Motion carried.

SCHEDULING FOR 2016-2017

Mrs. Livezey presented the board a possible high school scheduling for the 2016-2017 school year.

APPROVE BREAD AND MILK BIDS

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by Gruber to accept BIMBO Bakeries as the bread bid for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by Gruber to accept the firm milk bids from Anderson Erickson for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

INSURANCE UPDATE

Mrs. Livezey talked with the board about leaving the health insurance trust pool to see if we can get better quotes outside the pool. Mrs. Livezey has been in contact with Iowa School Employee Benefit Association (ISEBA) and Iowa School Board Association (ISBA) for better understanding on which direction to go.

DROP OUT REPORT

Mrs. Livezey stated that North Mahaska Community Schools District had 5 students drop out in the 2014-2015 school year. North Mahaska had a 1.89% drop out rate. North Mahaska is below the state average of 2.5%.

IOWA ASSESSMENT RESULTS

Mrs. Livezey presented the board the Iowa Assessment Results.

JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST MEETING DATE

Mrs Livezey asked the board about having the regular summer board meetings. Mr. DeBoef mentioned he cannot make the regular July 18th board meeting. Mr. Foster will not be here at the regular August 15th board meeting.

DATE OR POLICY REVIEW – COMMITTEE MEETING

Mrs. Livezey plans to have the policy review committee meet on June 6th at 6:30 p.m.

GRUDATION CEREMONY

All board members plan to attend the graduation ceremony on May 22nd at 2:00 p.m.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

MR. RAY'S –SECONDARY

HANDBOOKS FOR STUDENTS & COACHES

Mr. Ray talked with the board about changes to the high school student handbook. He mentioned that he updated the staff list and student dress code sections.

Mr. Ray mentioned that the student code of conduct will be signed by all junior/high school students, even if they are not out for sports.

Mr. Ray discuss changing the locks to the weight room to a code pad system. He plans to have a sign-in sheet and guidelines everyone should follow by.

MRS. LIVEZEY – ELEMENTARY

SPRING FAST SCREENING DATA

Mrs. Livezey mentioned that the FAST data was not as well as she wanted. Her goal was to have students 80% proficient in the FAST assessment.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Strobel mentioned she volunteered in Mrs. Watts' classroom. She talked about the rigor in that classroom. She was helping students with their sonnet.

Mrs. Strobel talked about the Rex and Louise Morris Scholarship winner Emily Van Donselaar. Emily mentioned in her essay utilizing the webpage and offering more college credits.

ADJOURN

Board President Mr. Wilkin adjourned the meeting at 9:52 p.m.

Cindy Quang
Board Secretary

Dirk Wilkin
Board President