

May 8, 2017

The North Mahaska Board of Education met in regular session May 8, 2017 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 (5:25 p.m.). Also present: Angela Livezey, Doug Ray, Brett Hutchinson – Ag Teacher, Matt Chumbley – Estes Construction, RD Keep – The Sun, Renee Ferguson, Lindsay Miller; Steve Ehret, Jenell Steel and Tina Layman – Athletic Boosters and Cindy Quang.

CLOSED SESSION IOWA CODE 21.5 1(i) – SUPERINTENDENT’S EVALUATION

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

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

The closed session began at 5:15 p.m. and ended at 6:29 p.m.

REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING BEGINS

Mr. Wilkin called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

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

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

COMMUNICATION

There was no written communication or public forum.

LAND LAB UPDATE

Mrs. Hutchinson, NM Ag Teacher was present to update the board on the land lab progress. Currently the FFA Manager is disking the Land Lab and then the tiling will be put in. The tiling project will cost approximately \$7,422.50 and will be purchased from the FFA Land Lab account. The bioreactor that was approved by the board will begin after the planting season. The bioreactor will cost \$5,210.00 and will be purchased from the Larry Hall Trust donation.

OLD BUSINESS

ESTES CONSTRUCTION – BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Matt Chumbley from Estes Construction gave the board an overview on the construction project. All construction will be finished for the Open House on May 15.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS REQUEST TO OPERATE AS OWN ENTITY

Steve Ehret, Jenell Steel and Tina Layman from the Athletic Booster was present to discuss with the board about removing the Athletic Booster out of the activity account and becoming their own entity. The reason the Athletic Booster would like to remove the club from the school is because the school are

restricted to state guidelines that prevent the Athletic Booster to do certain things. The Athletic Booster has filed all the paperwork to become a non-profit 501c(3).

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Gruber to have the athletic booster removed from the school and become their own entity. Ayes – Gruber, DeBoef and Wilkin; Nays – Foster and Strobel. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RECOGNITION OF BOARD MEMBER'S SERVICES

Mrs. Livezey thank the board for their services.

RESIGNATION

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Foster to accept Kevin Kelderman resignation as the Hawkeye effective at the end of the school year. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Gruber to accept Brett Hutchinson resignation as an Ag Teacher effective at the end of the school year. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by DeBoef to accept Jack Newport resignation as a bus driver effective at the end of the school year. Motion carried.

APPROVE COACH FOR HEAD WRESTLING

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Foster to approve Ryan Groom as the Head of Wrestling for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion carried.

APPROVE ASSISTANT VARSITY FOOTBALL COACH

A motion was made by Gruber and seconded by Foster to approve Seth Streebin as an Assistant Football coach for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion carried.

APPROVE INSTRUCTIONAL COACHES – MATT AUGUSTIN, AMBER GOEMAAT

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Gruber to approve Matt Augustin and Amber Goemaat as the Instructional Coaches for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion carried.

APPROVE LIGHTING BID FOR LED LIGHTING

Mrs. Livezey presented the board LED lighting bids packages for the elementary, high school and outdoor lighting. She received bids from Sitler's LED Supplies and Ultra Green. Sitler's LED Supplies total out of pocket cost is \$39,101.70 and Ultra Green total out of pocket cost is \$53,094.46.

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by DeBoef to approve Sitler's LED Supplies for the LED lighting project for the elementary, high school and outdoor lighting. Pending the warranty is 10 years, outdoor lighting packages included certain areas and the price remains the low bid at approximately \$39,101.70. Motion carried.

APPROVE PAY SCALE FOR STUDENT CUSTODIAL HELP

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Foster to approve the student custodial help pay as follows: 1st year - \$7.25/hour, 2nd year - \$8.00/hour, 3rd year - \$8.50/hour and 4th year - \$9.00/hour. Motion carried.

POLICY REVIEW – 900 SERIES

Policy review was table for the next board meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

DROP OUT RATE

Mrs. Livezey stated the North Mahaska Community School District had 4 students drop out in the 2015-2016 school year. North Mahaska has a 2.21% drop out rate.

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST MEETING DATES

The board will have the regular board meetings on June 19th, July 24th and August 21st.

GRADUATION CEREMONY – MAY 21 @ 2:00 P.M.

Mrs. Livezey reminded the board of the graduation ceremony and board members can meet in the high school office at 1:30 p.m.

JR/SR HIGH OPEN HOUSE – MAY 15TH 5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

Mrs. Livezey mentioned to the board information on the Open House for the newly renovated areas.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

MRS. LIVEZEY – ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Livezey mentioned that Jamie Nelson – NM 2nd grade teacher was a speaker at the National Conference.

Mrs. Livezey talked about the Summer Literacy Program will be continued for this summer as well as the GAP Program for the kindergarteners.

Mrs. Livezey mentioned a little about the hands on FOSS Science Kits she receives from the Great Prairie AEA. She plans to continue the FOSS Science Kits for the 2017-2018 school year. The FOSS Science Kits are costly, but the students love using this tool for learning.

Mrs. Livezey was happy to announce how well our NM Math Bee Students did at the Math Bee Competition. Out of 221 sixth grade students Brock Walkup scored in the top 10. And out of 49 teams the NM Math Bee team consisting of PJ Stout, Lane Harman, Cole Garman and Brock Walkup placed 5th.

MR. RAY – SECONDARY

Mr. Ray talked about the Iowa Assessment will be sent out at the end of this week. He also mentioned MAP testing will be May 12th.

He is also in the process of interviewing Ag teacher candidates.

Mr. Ray has Richard Kennedy from Iowa Works coming in to do some professional development next school year. Will work with staff and students on school culture and other topics.

BOARD COMMENTS/THANK YOU NOTES

Mrs. Strobel talked with the board about the North door being propped open during school hours.

Mr. Wilkin spoke with the board about the big senior class graduating this year. The huge accomplishment the senior students received in scholarship money.

Mr. Wilkin also mentioned that the Laser Art class made tee markers and tee signage for Prairie Knolls Golf Course. He was proud on how well they looked.

ADJOURNED

Mr. Wilkin adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Cindy Quang
Board Secretary

Dirk Wilkin
Board President