

September 19, 2016

The North Mahaska Board of Education met in regular session September 19, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the elementary conference room New Sharon, Iowa. Those members present: Dan Gruber, Sherrill Strobel and Arvin DeBoef. Absent: Dirk Wilkin and Keith Foster. Also present: Angela Livezey, Doug Ray, Crystal DeBoef, Lindsay Miller, Rachel Martin, RD Keep, Oliganida Gruber, Mike Vogt – Cunningham Inc., Dale Lienemann – Estes Construction, Matt Augustin, Amber Goemaat, Chris Ver Steegh – FFA Advisory Committee and Cindy Quang.

Dan Gruber called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

COMMUNICATION

PUBLIC FORUM

Ms. Martin, HS Spanish teacher, propose to the board that the school open the Puerto Rico trip to the current sophomore class. Ms. Martin mentioned that many sophomore students were interested in attending the trip in June 2017. Mrs. Livezey stated that many of the sophomore students would have completed Spanish II before the trip. Mrs. Livezey and the board agreed to allow sophomore students that have completed Spanish II to attend the Puerto Rico Trip.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

There were no written communication.

BOARD PRESENTATION – TEACHER LEADERSHIP PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Augustin, Secondary Instructional Coach and Mrs. Goemaat, Elementary Instructional Coaches talked with the board about the “Teacher Leadership Compensation (TLC)” plan. An instructional coach is there to help teachers improve teaching growth. Mr. Augustin and Mrs. Goemaat would randomly visit classrooms to observe teachers. Mr. Augustin and Mrs. Goemaat would work with the teachers on professional development goals.

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE ON LAND LAB

Mr. Ver Steegh, FFA Advisory member talked with the board about the FFA Land Lab. At a previous board meeting the FFA Advisory committee mentioned tiling under the railroad tracks to help with the water flow that is coming off of the railroad tracks and settling at the creek. After much deliberation Mr. Ver Steegh mentioned the FFA Advisory board would like to install a “Denitrification Bioreactor” to help with the water that is setting on the FFA Land Lab.

ESTES CONSTRUCTION – BUILDING PROJECTS UPDATE

Mr. Lienemann, Project Manager for Estes Construction updated the board on the construction project. Mr. Lienemann mentioned that HS Renovation is on schedule and the construction is half way done with Phase I (Science and MRC). Mr. Lienemann also mentioned that the asphalt on the track is finished and the next step is to put down the top layer for the track.

UPDATE ON HVAC OPTIONS FOR REMODELED AREAS

Mr. Vogt from Cunningham, Inc. talked with the board about possibly air conditioning the elementary and high school building. The total cost to have both building air conditioned would be approximately \$4.5 million.

ADJORNED MEETING

Vice President Dan Gruber adjourned the old meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Ms. Quang, temporary chairman, called the meeting to order. All board members remain the same for the 2016-2017 school year.

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD

ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT

A motion was made by Gruber to nominate Dirk Wilkin as board president. Motion was seconded by DeBoef and let the nomination cease. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT

A motion was made by Strobel to nominate Arvin DeBoef as vice president. Motion was seconded by Gruber and let the nomination cease. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Dirk Wilkin will be the IASB delegate and Legislative Network representative.

Dan Gruber will serve the County Conference Board.

Keith Foster (2nd year) and Sherrill Strobel (1st year) will serve on the Negotiation Team.

Dirk Wilkin will serve on the Advisory Board (SIAC) and Keith Foster will serve on the FFA Advisory Board.

Sherrill Strobel will serve on the District Planning Team.

Arvin DeBoef will serve on the North Mahaska Education Foundation.

Arvin DeBoef (2nd year) and Dan Gruber (1st year) will serve on the Preschool/Daycare Board.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ALTERNATE 6 – AIR CONDITIONING FOR REMODEL AREAS

Mrs. Livezey mentioned installing a mini split air conditioning unit in the HS MRC. This area will be a cooling zone for high school students.

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Gruber to install a mini split air conditioning unit in the High School MRC. Motion carried.

Mrs. Livezey also mentioned that current High School office air conditioning unit will be relocated to the elementary cafeteria as a cooling zone for elementary students.

APPROVAL OF FFA TRIPS

Mr. Ray mentioned that FFA has overnight stay for the national and state FFA Convention. Mr. Ray said that Mrs. Hutchinson's husband will be attending the trip with her as a chaperone pending that all background check is completed.

A motion was made by Gruber and seconded by Strobel to approve the National FFA Convention trip on October 18-22, 2016, pending that Mr. Hutchinson completed all necessary background check. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Gruber to approve the State FFA Convention trip on April 9-11, 2017, pending that Mr. Hutchinson completed all necessary background check. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF CLASSROOM SPACE AND CLASS SIZE (BOARD POLICY 606.1)

Mrs. Livezey discussed the classroom space and size. Mrs. Livezey mentioned that kindergarten class has three section due to the increase of open enrollment.

TITLE I PROGRAM APPROVAL

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Gruber to approve the Title I program in the amount of \$58,393 for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion carried.

SPECIAL EDUCATION BALANCE

A motion was made by Gruber and seconded by Strobel to approve the modified allowable growth and supplemental aid for the negative special education balance up to \$23,607.58. Motion carried.

CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTABILITY AND SUPPORT APPLICATION (CASA)

Mrs. Livezey presented the board the CASA plans to the board.

RESIGNATION

A motion was made by Gruber and seconded by Strobel to approve the resignation for Matt Augustin as 8th grade sponsor effective immediately. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Gruber to approve Jordan Smith as an 8th grade sponsor effective immediately. Motion carried.

APPROVE AMENDMENT TO ESTES CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CONTRACT

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Gruber to approve Estes Construction contract in the amount of \$160,881. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDET'S REPORT

IASB BOARD CONVENTION – NOV 17, DES MOINES

Mrs. Livezey asked if any of the board members were interested in attending.

SUPERINTENDENT GOAL

Mrs. Livezey talked with the board about the four long term goals that were set by the board. Mrs. Livezey mentioned steps that has happened to achieve those goals. The four goals set by the board are: 1) Increase Student Achievement 2) Cultivate a Positive Learning Experience for Students, Including Extra Curricular Activities 3) Remodel the High School and 4) Develop a User-Friendly Website.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

MRS. LIVEZEY - ELEMENTARY

FAST DATA

Mrs. Livezey will table FAST data until October board meeting. No information has been entered in the FAST data.

Mrs. Livezey talked about Special Education teachers attending the Wilson training this summer. Jaci Jarms from the Great Prairie AEA will be coaching the teachers.

Mrs. Livezey mentioned that the 4th – 12th grade will piloting a program called “Right to Learn” from ISFIS.

MR. RAY – SECONDARY

SENIOR CLASS TRIP

A motion was made by Gruber and seconded by Strobel to approve the Senior Class Trip to Chicago on April 28 – May 1, 2017. Motion carried.

Mr. Ray mentioned that it is homecoming week. The grand marshal will be Gary and Sherrill Strobel.

Mr. Ray said that Mr. Stubbs, HS guidance counselor will be starting MAP testing on October 10-13, 2016.

Mr. Ray talked about the Academy classes that is provided to North Mahaska students. The North Mahaska Welding Academy is going great. There are currently 34 students total in the North Mahaska Welding Academy, this includes Oskaloosa Community School District students. Out of the 34 students on the Welding Academy 21 students are North Mahaska students and 13 are Oskaloosa students. Ashely Turner, IHCC instructor is teaching 1st year students in the North Mahaska Welding Academy for 1st – 4th period. Mr. Ray also said student are attending the Oskaloosa Academy - 3 students are in the Computer Network program and 10 students are in the Health Science program.

BOARD COMMENT

Strobel mentioned that the 2nd grade Facebook page is updated regularly and parents and grandparents appreciated that.

Strobel talked about the cross country team running in high traffic areas. Mr. Ray will advise the cross country team to wear safety vest.

DeBoef was impressed with the construction progress during school.

Mrs. Livezey mentioned having a special board meeting to approve the furniture in the newly constructed areas.

Mrs. Livezey also would like to have a board work session sometime in November with Harry Heiligenthal, IASB Leadership Development Instructor, on board roles and work goals.

Mr. DeBoef adjourned the meeting at 9:52 p.m.

Cindy Quang
Board Secretary

Dirk Wilkin
Board President