

April 18, 2016

The North Mahaska Board of Education met in regular session April 18, 2016 at 6:30 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, R.D. Keep, Bonnie Dawley, Kelli Jordan, Sarah Licht, Airianne Vonk, Terri Mateer, Pete Perez – Estes Construction, Brad Leeper – Invision Architect, Andrew Morf, Lynn Barbier, and Kirby Moss – Acumen Insurance and Cindy Quang.

Mr. Wilkin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

#### COMMUNICATIONS

There was no written communication or public forum.

#### BOARD LEARNING – SPECIAL EDUCATION STAFF PRESENTATION

The North Mahaska special education teachers consisting of Bonnie Dawley, Kelli Jordan, Sarah Licht, Airianne Vonk and Terri Mateer met with the board to present the special education program at North Mahaska Community School.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF LIBRARY SELECTION POLICY

A motion was DeBoef and seconded by Foster to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the library selection policy. Motion carried.

#### PUBLIC HEARING 2015-16 BUDGET ADMENDMENT

##### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

#### APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR 2015-16 BUDGET

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Strobel to approve the 2015-2016 budget amendment as published in the New Sharon Sun on April 7, 2016. Motion carried.

#### INVISION ARCITECHTS – DESIGN PRESENTATION

Brad Leeper from Invision Architect presented the board the initial design for the designated area chosen for remodel.

#### RESIGNATION

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Gruber to accept Jennifer Barnes as a para educator effective immediately. Motion carried.

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Foster to accept Jess Sanders as a para educator effective at the end of the school year. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF STAFF**

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by DeBoef to approve Rachel Martin as the 10<sup>th</sup> grade co-sponsor and the Speech coach for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion carried.

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Foster to approve a letter of assignment for Tara Grier as a para educator. Ayes – Wilkin, Gruber, DeBoef and Foster. Nays – Strobel. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF 2016 GRADUATING CLASS**

A motion was made by Gruber and seconded by Strobel to approve the graduating class of 2016 pending all graduation requirements are met. Motion carried.

**APPROVE AHLERS’ LAW FIRM AS BOND COUNSEL**

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Gruber to approve Ahlers’ Law Firm as Bond Counsel. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE**

Board Member Sherrill Strobel moved that the form of Tax Exemption Certificate be placed on file and approved. Board Member Arvin DeBoef seconded the motion. The roll was called and the vote was,

AYES: Dirk Wilkin, Dan Gruber, Sherrill Strobel, Arvin DeBoef  
and Keith Foster.

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_.

The President declared the Motion adopted.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TERMS OF ISSUANCE AND PROVIDING FOR AND SECURING THE PAYMENT OF SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE SALES, SERVICES, AND USE TAX REVENUE BONDS \$3,580,000 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE SALES, SERVICES AND USE TAX BOND, SERIES 2016**

Board Member Arvin DeBoef introduced the following Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE TERMS OF ISSUANCE AND SECURING THE PAYMENT OF \$3,580,000 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE SALES, SERVICES AND USE TAX REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2016, OF THE NORTH MAHASKA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, STATE OF IOWA, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTERS 423E AND 423F OF THE CODE OF IOWA, AND PROVIDING FOR A METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS,” and moved its adoption. Board Member Sherrill Strobel seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called and the vote was:

AYES: Dirk Wilkin, Dan Gruber, Sherrill Strobel, Arvin DeBoef  
and Keith Foster.

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_.

The President declared the Resolution adopted.

#### APPROVE 5<sup>TH</sup>/6<sup>TH</sup> TRIP TO OMAHA – MAY 19

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by Strobel to approve the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Omaha Zoo Trip on May 19, 2016. Motion carried.

#### PARTIALLY SELF-FUNDED INSURANCE

Andrew Morf, Lynn Barbier and Kirby Moss from Acumen presented to the board information on partially self-funded health insurance. The advantage of partially self-funded insurance can help the school district save of health insurance cost.

A motion was made by Gruber and seconded by DeBoef to switch to partially self-funded health insurance. Motion carried.

#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

##### MRS. LIVEZEY'S REPORT – ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Livezey and Lindsay Miller have been to meetings regarding Multi-Tier System of Support (MTSS).

Mrs. Livezey mentioned the elementary is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of FAST Assessment. Mrs. Livezey will bring the results to the board in May.

##### MR. RAY'S REPORT – SECONDARY

Mr. Ray asked the board if two board members would be interested in selecting the Rex and Louis Morris Scholarship. Dirk Wilkin and Sherrill Strobel will help select the Rex and Louis Morris Scholarship.

Mr. Ray asked the board if two board members would be interested in selecting the Lowry Scholarship. Dan Gruber and Sherrill Strobel will help select the Lowry Scholarship.

Mr. Ray mentioned the Iowa Assessment were mailed out today. North Mahaska should be getting the results soon.

Mr. Ray finished with the coaches handbook.

Mr. Ray mentioned the Senior Awards will be on May 16, 2016 at 9 a.m.

Mr. Ray stated he was pleased that the North Mahaska staff willing to help with the Junior High track meet. The track meet was organized and went well.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REFLECTION ON LEADERSHIP STANDARDS

Mrs. Livezey provided the board a reflection and examples on how she met the six leadership standards. These standard help with her evaluation in May.

#### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY MEETING

Mrs. Livezey mentioned the School Improvement Advisory will be meeting May 12, 2016 at 6 p.m.

#### TEACHER/STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK – MAY 2 to 6

The board discussed plans for Teacher/Staff Appreciation week.

#### BOARD APPRECIATION – MAY

Mrs. Livezey mentioned that board appreciation month is May.

#### BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATE – MTG WITH NEW SHARON CHILD CARE AND PRESCHOOL

Mrs. Livezey, Mrs. Strobel and Mr. DeBoef had a meeting with the New Sharon Child Care and Preschool board member and Director. At the meeting they reviewed the 28E Agreement. A topic that was discussed was to possibly increase the rental fee for the child care and preschool. Currently the rental fee is \$5,000.

#### BOARD COMMENT

Mr. Foster mentioned that he we to the new Pella Community School Open House. He mentioned the theme he noticed was furniture were moveable. He thought maybe that can be an idea we think about for our remodel projects.

Mrs. Strobel asked if the Washington D.C. trip was still happening. Mr. Ray mentioned that not very many students signed up for the trip. North Mahaska students will not be going on the Washington DC trip.

Mrs. Strobel asked about student testing out. Mrs. Livezey mentioned that Shawna will plan to present at a board meeting about students testing out.

#### ADJOURN

Mr. Wilkin adjourned the meeting at 10:40 p.m.

Cindy Quang  
Board Secretary

Dirk Wilkin  
Board President