

March 21, 2016

The North Mahaska Board of Education met in regular session March 21, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the elementary conference room New Sharon, Iowa. Those members present: Dan Gruber, Keith Foster, Arvin DeBoef and Sherrill Strobel. Absent: Dirk Wilkin. Also present: Angela Livezey, Doug Ray, Lindsay Miller, Renee Ferguson, Kevin Kelderman, R.D. Keep, Crystal DeBoef and Cindy Quang.

Dirk Wilkin called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 DeBoef to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Kelderman discussed with the board about the baseball press box and equipment shed. Mr. Kelderman voiced his input on getting a new baseball press box and equipment shed. He mentioned putting many hours into fixing the baseball equipment shed.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

There was no written communication.

OLD BUSINESS

APPROVE FACILITIES ASSESSMENT PROJECT CONTRACT WITH ESTES CONSTRUCTION

Mrs. Livezey mentioned that she had Ahlers Laws Firm and EMC Insurance review the Estes Construction contract. Mrs. Livezey mentioned Estes Construction will oversee the construction project and the district will pay Estes Construction approximately 5-8% of the construction cost.

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Foster to postpone the Estes Construction contract until the April 4, 2016 meeting to get some questions clarified by Estes Construction. Motion carried.

APPROVE ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH PIPER JAFFRAY FOR BOND ISSUANCE

Mrs. Livezey summarized the engagement letter from Piper Jaffray to the North Mahaska Board of Education. Piper Jaffray is acting as a placement agent between the school district and the bond issuance. Piper Jaffray is not acting as a financial advisor for the district. The engagement letter is giving Matt Gillespie from Piper Jaffray permission to find bond issuance on behalf of the school district.

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Strobel to approve the engagement letter with Piper Jaffray for a bond issuance. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF SHARING AGREEMENT FOR HUMAN RESOURCE POSITION

Mrs. Livezey talked about sharing a Human Resource (HR) position with Montezuma Community School District. An advantage to sharing HR position with Montezuma CSD is both district will receive additional operational sharing revenue from the state. North Mahaska would receive approximately \$33,065 in operational sharing.

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Foster to share a Human Resource position with Montezuma Community School District for 1 day out of the week for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF RESIGNATION

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Foster to accept the resignation of Jess Jones as a Junior High Volleyball Coach. Motion carried

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by DeBoef to accept the resignation of Jackie Smith as an Assistant Football Coach. Motion carried.

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Foster to accept the resignation of L.E. Moore as a 10th grade co-sponsor effective at the end of the school year. Motion carried.

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Strobel to accept the resignation of Lindsay Miller as a Speech Sponsor effective at the end of the school year. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF STAFF

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Foster to approve Chris Sampson as a 7-12 Business Teacher. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Foster to approve Daryl Bragger as a volunteer track coach pending coaching certification. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by DeBoef to approve Andy Thomas as a volunteer track coach pending coaching certification. Motion carried.

RATIFICATION OF DISTRIBUTION OF 1 YEAR SETTLEMENT

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by DeBoef to approve the Teacher's ratification of distribution settlement for 1 year. Motion carried.

APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FROM THE NMEA

Mrs. Livezey talked with the board about a memorandum of understanding affected by the implementation of the Teacher Leadership System (TLS).

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Foster to approve the memorandum of understanding. Motion carried.

APPROVE NONCERTIFIED AND ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES FOR 2016-2017

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by DeBoef to approve a 3.8% increase for noncertified and administrative staff. Motion carried.

APPROVE MENTOR/MODEL TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Foster to approve Renee Ferguson, Brant Bollman and Kate Hite as a Mentor Teacher; and Shayla Schilling, Jamie Nelson, Lindsay Miller and Lisa Watts as a Model Teacher. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION – BUDGET OVERVIEW

Mrs. Livezey went over the recommended budget information for the 2016-2017 school year. Mrs. Livezey mentioned that the state has not reached a settlement on the supplemental state aid (SSA). Mrs. Livezey also discussed the difficulties of setting the school budget when the state has not approve the SSA.

Mrs. Livezey also went over some key financial indicator that North Mahaska is doing financially well.

CONSIDERATION OF LIBRARY SELECTION POLICY

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Foster to approve the library selection policy. Motion carried.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

MRS. LIVEZEY'S – ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Livezey shared information with the board about North Mahaska working with the Department of Education on a state initiative called the SDI project. The SDI project is a project were schools will be implementing tools and learning in an effort to impact the outcomes of SDI for students with Individualized Education Plan (IEPs).

MR. RAY'S – SECONDARY

Mr. Ray spoke with the board about summer maintenance. He would like to hire an individual to take care of the school outdoor grounds through-out the summer. He also talked about the ditch problem by the highway. Mr. Ray is trying to contact someone from the state to get the draining problem fixed.

Mr. Ray talked about seven NM high school teachers in different subject areas attending the Multi-Trier System of Support meetings.

Mr. Ray talked about the Career Academy classes. He stated the North Mahaska Welding Academy is doing great. There are currently twelve students in the 1st year of the Welding Academy and four students in the 2nd year of the Welding Academy. Students from Montezuma Community School District has shown interest in attending the North Mahaska Welding Academy. Mr. Ray also talked about the Career Academy classes offered in Oskaloosa. There are three students in the 1st year occupational health courses and six students in the 2nd year occupational health courses.

Mr. Ray is currently working on the Student and Coaches handbook.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

MASS COMMUNICATION

Mrs. Livezey talked about adding an efficient mass communication system for parents. Bright Arrow is a company that would be able to send quick emails or text message to parents notifying them of a weather delay.

DIAMOND ASSET – COMPUTER PURCHASE FINAL REPORT

Mrs. Livezey presented the board a graded quality report on the old 1:1 computer lease. Diamond Asset was a third party company that purchased all the old 1:1 computers. Diamond Assets graded the quality of the computers and paid the school district accordingly. The school district received \$60,467 from the old

1:1 computer. The revenue received will help pay some of the first payment of the new 1:1 computer lease.

CLAY TARGET SHOOTER CLUB

Mrs. Livezey discussed with the board about the clay target shooting club that is ran through the school activity fund.

SET DATE FOR WORK SESSION FOR SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD EVALUATION

Mrs. Livezey mentioned she would have the superintendent's evaluated forms to the board at the April board meeting. She would like to have the board work session to evaluate her at the May board meeting. Mrs. Livezey would like to have a board evaluation at the June board meeting.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Livezey discussed with the board about have a third session kindergarten classes. Mrs. Livezey stated that North Mahaska has received many open enrollment forms for kindergarten. Currently there are 55 kindergarten signed up for this fall.

WEBSITE UPDATE

Mrs. Livezey presented the board a demo look of the new North Mahaska Community School District website.

BOARD REPORTS FOR APRIL – SPECIAL EDUCATION STAFF, AG ADVISORY

Mrs. Livezey mentioned the North Mahaska special education presentation and Ag Advisory Report will be held on the April board meeting.

BOARD COMMENT

Mrs. Strobel asked about an update on the Parent Coalition group. Mrs. Livezey has mentioned she has not heard anything more from this group.

Mrs. Strobel asked about high school students testing out of English and Math courses.

ADJOURNED

Mr. Wilkin adjourned the board meeting at 9.58 p.m.

Cindy Quang
Board Secretary

Dirk Wilkin
Board President