

January 15, 2018

The North Mahaska Board of Education met in regular session January 15, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the elementary conference room New Sharon, Iowa. Those members present: Dirk Wilkin, Sherrill Strobel, Arvin DeBoef and Margaret Ratcliff. Absent: Keith Foster. Also present: Angela Livezey, Doug Ray, R.D. Keep – The Sun, Amber Goemaat, Julie Knoot and Cindy Quang.

The Board Work Session has been cancelled due to inclement weather. Patti Schroeder and Shawn Snyder with the Iowa School Board Association (IASB) was not able to attend the board meeting. The board work session will be postponed to another date.

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

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

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

COMMUNICATION

There was no written communication and public forum.

NEW BUSINESS

SCHOOL NURSE'S ANNUAL REPORT

Mrs. Knoot presented the board an overview of her daily and monthly duties as the North Mahaska Community School nurse.

MANAGEMENT LEVY CONSIDERATION FOR FY19

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Strobel to approve to keep the Management Levy the same as last year at \$.94. Motion carried.

APPROVE PPEL LEVY FOR FY19

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Strobel to approve the PPEL Levy for \$.33. Motion carried.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FFA TRIP – BEEF EXPO

The FFA group has decided not to attend the National Western Stock Show in Denver, CO. Instead would like to attend the Iowa Beef Expo in Des Moines on February 10th and 11th.

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Ratcliff to approve the FFA's overnight trip to the Beef Expo. Motion carried.

APPROVE EARLY RETIREMENT REQUESTS

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by DeBoef to approve the early retirement request for Kraig Van Hulzen, Jan Padgett and Carolyn Brickley effective at the end of June 30, 2018. Motion carried.

RESIGNATIONS: TARA GRIER – PARAEDUCATOR, RICH PITKIN – HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHER

A motion was made by Ratcliff and seconded by DeBoef to accept the resignation for Tara Grier as a paraeducator effective immediately and the resignation for Rich Pitkin as a high school English teacher effective at the end of January 31, 2018. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT: JENNA CARRICO – HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHER, TAMI GOEMAAT – PARAEDUCATOR

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by DeBoef to approve a teaching contract for Jenna Carrico as a high school teacher and a letter of assignment for Tami Goemaat as a paraeducator. Motion carried.

2ND READING POLICY REVIEW – 100 & 200 SERIES

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Strobel to approve the seconded reading of the 100 and 200 series policy. Motion carried.

REVIEW BOARD POLICY 508.2

Reviewed the board policy 508.2 – Open Night. Board would like to adjust policy to include Sunday.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

MRS. LIVEZEY – PBIS, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Mrs. Livezey mentioned she is working with the School Improvement Specialist from the AEA to analyze data and plan professional development.

Mrs. Livezey also talked about paraeducator training that was facilitated by Julie Thomas, behavior intervention specialist with the AEA. Julie helped paraeducators with strategies for dealing with difficult students.

MR. RAY – DRIVER'S EDUCATION, MENTAL HEALTH SCREENER, PRINCIPAL WALK THROUGH

Mr. Ray talked about the Driver's Education schedule. Driver's Education classes will be every Monday and Wednesday starting March 12th and ending April 18th.

Mr. Ray mentioned the second round of Mental Health Screening started January 9th.

Mr. Ray is in the process of doing walk-throughs in the high school. Key items Mr. Ray looks for in walk-throughs are student engagement, safety in the classroom and the use of computer technology.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

DAY ON THE HILL

Mrs. Livezey asked if any board members were interested in attending the Day on the Hill on January 30th. Board members interested would be advocating at the state capital on behalf of the school district.

SCHOOL REPORT CARD

Mrs. Livezey said the Iowa Department of Education report card graded the North Mahaska Elementary and High School as Acceptable.

EARLY RETIREMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Mrs. Livezey talked with the board about the idea of extending the early retirement packages to support staff. Currently early retirement policy is for teaching staff only. The board agreed that the early

retirement is a good financial strategy, but currently will not extend early retirement package to support staff. The board could possible consider this in the future.

APPLICATION STATUS – DRIVERS’ ED, SBRC, DESK AUDIT

Mrs. Livezey said the Drivers’ Ed, SBRC and Desk Audit reports has been completed.

DRIVERS’ EDUCATION – SCHEDULE

The board received a schedule for the driver’s education classes.

TECHNOLOGY AUDIT UPDATE

Has not received the technology audit from the AEA. Will table to the next board meeting.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – JANUARY 25, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M. IN BROOKLYN

Mrs. Livezey reminded the board members about the legislative dinner.

BOARD COMMENT / THANK YOU NOTES

Mrs. Ratcliff mentioned she would be attending the Eggs & Issues on January 22 in Oskaloosa. Plans to talk with Senator Ken Rozenboom and Representative Guy Vander Linden.

Mr. DeBoef was impressed with the 5th and 6th grade project on kindness. All 5th and 6th grade student sent words of kindness letter to the board members and NM staff.

Mrs. Strobel asked about the weight room entry lock system. Mr. Ray mentioned the custodians are planning to change the code to the weight room entry door ever so often. Strobel also asked about the alarm system for the boys locker room door. Mr. Ray mentioned students has not been accessing this door because an alarm will be activated.

ADJOURN

Mr. Wilkin adjourned the meeting at 9:37 p.m.

Cindy Quang
Board Secretary

Dirk Wilkin
Board President