

February 20, 2018

The North Mahaska Board of Education met in regular session February 20, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the elementary conference room New Sharon, Iowa. Those members present: Arvin DeBoef, Sherrill Strobel, Keith Foster and Margaret Ratcliff. Absent: Dirk Wilkin. Also present: Angela Livezey, RD Keep – The Sun, Renee Ferguson and Cindy Quang.

Arvin DeBoef called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

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

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

#### COMMUNICATION

There was no written communication or public forum.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### LAND LAB UPDATE – CHRIS VERSTEEGH, FFA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. VerSteegh was not able to attend the board meeting. The board will table the land lab update to another board meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### HEALTH INSURANCE UPDATE

Mrs. Livezey mentioned the district has not received the final insurance rates for the 2018-19 school year. Iowa School Employee Benefit Association verbally agreed the increase will be 3.95%.

#### APPROVAL OF SUPPORT STAFF WAGE AND BENEFITS

The board tabled the approval of support staff wage and benefit until the district receives the final rates for insurance increase.

#### RESIGNATIONS – MARTA SHAFER, ELEM GUIDANCE COUNSELOR; CASS STUBBS – VARSITY FOOTBALL COACH; CHRIS SAMPSON & SETH STREEBIN – JV VARSITY FOOTBALL COACH; KARLA MICK - PARAEDUCATOR

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Foster to accept the resignation for Marta Shafer as an elementary guidance counselor effective the end of the school year. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Ratcliff to accept the resignation for Cass Stubbs as a Varsity Football Coach and Chris Sampson and Seth Streebin as a co-Junior Varsity Football Coach pending suitable replacement. Motion carried.

A motion as made by Ratcliff and seconded by Foster to accept the resignation for Karla Mick as a para educator. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF BASEBALL / SOFTBALL PROJECT

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by Ratcliff to approve the baseball press box project to Proline Building in the amount of \$16,986.00 and the softball dugout project to John Renaud in the amount of \$8,000 to be paid with community donations and the one cent money. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS / LETTER OF ASSIGNMENT – CLASSROOM TEACHER -5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE – JESS JONES; ELEM SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER – TARA GRIER; 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SPONSOR – JENNA CARRICO; PARAEDUCATOR – ANN STOUT

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Foster to approve a teaching contract to Jess Jones as an elementary teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ratcliff and seconded by Foster to approve a teaching contract to Tara Grier as a special education teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. Motion carried.

A motion as made by Foster and seconded by Strobel to approve a contract to Jenna Carrico as a 10<sup>th</sup> grade sponsor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ratcliff and seconded by Foster to approve a letter of assignment to Ann Stout as a para educator. Motion carried.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The school improvement advisory committee (SIAC) met on February 6, 2018. Topics that were discussed at the meeting were: Ideas for cost savings, Ideas for promoting and growing North Mahaska, Ideas for building and ground improvement and What the committee is most proud of at North Mahaska Schools?.

AUDIT REPORT

The district has not received the final audit report. Will table until the March board meeting.

UPDATE ON HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Mrs. Livezey provided an update on the hot lunch program.

TECHNOLOGY AUDIT

Sally Lindgren, director of technology and innovation at the Great Prairie AEA came to the North Mahaska School District to do a technology update. Mrs. Livezey received an overview report on technology improvement and technology recommendations for the district.

UPDATE BOARD POLICY 405.9

A motion was made by Ratcliff and seconded by Strobel to approve the updated reading of board policy 405.9 – licensed employee probationary status. Motion carried.

2<sup>ND</sup> READING BOARD POLICY 508.2

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Ratcliff to approve the updated version of board policy 508.2 – Open Night. Motion carried.

## SET DATE FOR BUDGET & CALENDAR PUBLIC HEARING

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Foster to set public hearing for the 2018-19 budget and 2018-19 calendar on April 9, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried.

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### MRS. LIVEZEY - ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Livezey mentioned the elementary teachers have been working with the Great Prairie AEA School Improvement Specialist to identify power standards from the Iowa Core in the areas of math and reading.

Mrs. Livezey provided the board data from the Winter FAST assessment.

Mrs. Livezey talked about Reading across America Week is February 26 to March 2. The PACT organization is planning some special activities for elementary NM students. The goal is to get students excited about reading and engaging in books. Mrs. Livezey mention special guest Mary Jane Sullivan, Laura DeCook and Linda Fox will be reading the book "Woolly Dream" in each elementary classroom.

### MR RAY – SECONDARY

Mr. Ray was not able to present at the board meeting.

## SUPERINTEDENT'S REPORT

### LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

Mrs. Livezey, Margaret Ratcliff and Sherrill Strobel described their experience at the Iowa State capital for the "Day on the Hill". They were able to talk with a legislator in the North Mahaska School District and advocated for the school.

### OPEN ENROLLMENT

The board talked about the open enrollment student in and out of the North Mahaska School District. The board plans to connect with parents of the open enrolled students.

### FOOTBALL – UPDATE ON FILLING COACHING POSITION

Mrs. Livezey mentioned she has received some football coaching resumes. She is planning to find a coach that is best fit for North Mahaska.

### INDIAN HILLS BOARD APPRECIATION DINNER – APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>

The board is invited to a board appreciation dinner at Indian Hills on April 19<sup>th</sup>. The board members will need to notify Ms. Quang or Mrs. Livezey if they would like to attend.

### BOARD COMMENT

Mrs. Strobel talked about safety for the school district during a crisis. Mrs. Livezey mentioned the teachers do have a crisis guide if a crisis does come up.

Mrs. Ratcliff asked about the voucher system bill that is in the legislative. Mrs. Livezey mentioned that push for a voucher system is active and in the legislators. Mrs. Livezey recommends contacting our legislators and let them know how the voucher system will affect our school district.

Mr. DeBoef talked about compliments he received from our school website.

Mr. DeBoef adjourned the meeting at 9:58 p.m.

Cindy Quang  
Board Secretary

Arvin DeBoef  
Vice President