

March 19, 2018

The North Mahaska Board of Education met in regular session March 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the elementary conference room New Sharon, Iowa. Those members present: Dirk Wilkin, Arvin DeBoef, Sherrill Strobel, Keith Foster and Margaret Ratcliff. Also present: Angela Livezey, Doug Ray, RD Keep – The Sun, Chris VerSteegh, Miranda Johnson, Amber Goemaat, Tina Layman, Jenell Steel and Heather Shaw – North Mahaska Athletic Booster 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 with the two changes added to the agenda. The changes include resignation for Tara Carrico as a student council sponsor and Sarah Licht as an elementary special education teacher. 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 or public forum.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER

Tina Layman, Jenell Steel and Heather Shaw, North Mahaska Athletic Booster representatives, spoke with the board about their newly established organization. North Mahaska Athletic Booster (NMAB) became their own entity and established themselves as a non-profit 501(c)(3) entity in May 2017. NMAB's mission statement is to support and promote North Mahaska student athletic and club. Layman talked about the organization accomplishments. The organization goals are to continue to support North Mahaska Community School District, Open communication with the school and public, Establish a webpage, Engage in new members and Continue to grow as an organization.

OLD BUSINESS

LAND LAB UPDATE – CHRIS VERSTEEGH FFA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chris VerSteegh, FFA Advisory Committee Member, was at the board meeting to talk with the board about the FFA land lab update. The FFA Advisory committee has decided to forgo the "Denitrification Bioreactor" that was agreed upon with the board in January 2017. After further study by the United States Department of Agriculture the land was not suitable for a "Denitrification Bioreactor". Mr. VerSteegh presented the board another idea of turning a portion of the FFA Land Lab into a "Wetland." The estimated cost to turn the area into a wetland is \$25,620. No decision has been made. Mr. VerSteegh is looking into getting labor and materials donated to the school for this project.

NEW BUSINESS

HEALTH INSURANCE UPDATE

Mrs. Livezey mentioned the district received the health insurance package. The 3.95% increase that was verbally stated to the school district last month does not include the Affordable Care Act Fee (ACA). The ACA fee will be \$27.15 per month per employee. The ACA fee plus the 3.95% increase insurance rate will increase the total insurance increase to 7.25%.

APPROVAL OF SUPPORT STAFF WAGE AND BENEFITS

A motion was made by Ratcliff and seconded by Foster to approve the total 2.76% increase in wage and benefit to support staff for the 2018-2019 school year. Strobel abstained from voting. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION – TAMI GOEMAAT-PARAEDUCATOR, TARA CARRICO- STUDENT COUNCIL, SARAH LICHT – ELEMENTARY SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by DeBoef to accept the resignation for Tami Goemaat as a paraeducator effect immediately. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ratcliff and seconded by Foster to accept the resignation for Tara Carrico as a student council sponsor pending a suitable replacement. Motion carried.

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Foster to accept the resignation for Sarah Licht as an elementary special education teacher. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS / LETTER OF ASSIGNMENT – ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE COUNSELOR – NICOLE DEBOEF AND PARAEDUCATOR - PAIGE HOFFER

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Ratcliff to approve a contract for Nicole DeBoef as an elementary guidance counselor for the 2018-2019 school year. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by Strobel to approve a letter of assignment for Paige Hoffer as a paraeducator. Motion carried.

AUDIT REPORT

Ms. Quang presented the board the audit report for the 2016-2017 school year.

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by DeBoef to approve the audit report for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion carried.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

Mrs. Livezey and Ms. Quang gave the board a budget overview of the 2018-2019 school year. Due to the decrease in student enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year North Mahaska will be on the budget guarantee. The budget guarantee is a 1 year cushion for school district with declining enrollment. The Iowa Code 207.14 ensures that districts with declining enrollment can receive 101% of the previous year's budget. This gives districts time to adjust and reduce expenses. The budget guarantee is funded all from taxpayers.

BUDGET GUARANTEE RESOLUTION

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Foster to approve the Budget Guarantee Resolution.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of North Mahaska Community School District, will levy property tax for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14 Code of Iowa. AYES: Wilkin, Strobel, Foster, DeBoef and Ratcliff. NAY: none. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF RENEWING SHARING AGREEMENTS – HUMAN RESOURCE POSITION WITH MONTEZUMA CSD, TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR AND PLANT OPERATIONS MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR WITH EDDYVILLE-BLAKESBURG-FREMONT CSD

Mrs. Livezey talked with the board about the cost of sharing positions with other school districts. Each eligible sharing position amount to 3-5 additional students. Currently North Mahaska has a total of 15 students for sharing human resource, transportation director and plant operations maintenance director.

North Mahaska Community School District receives an additional \$102,465 supplemental weighting for sharing from the state.

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Foster to approve the operation sharing agreement with Montezuma CSD for human resource position and transportation director and plant operations maintenance director with Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont CSD. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF NEW SHARING AGREEMENT – GUIDANCE COUNSELOR WITH LYNNVILLE-SULLY CSD

A motion was made by Ratcliff and seconded by Strobel to approve the sharing agreement with Lynnville-Sully CSD for guidance counselor. Motion carried.

REVIEW AND POSSIBLE UPDATE OF BOARD POLICY – 505.7 (COMMENCEMENT)

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Strobel to amend the 505.7 board policy to add home school students and foreign exchange student changes. Motion carried.

DRAFT OF SCHOOL CALENDAR – PUBLIC HEARING ON APRIL 9

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by Ratcliff to approve the public hearing for the 2018-19 school calendar on April 9th. Motion carried.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

MRS. LIVEZEY – ELEMENTARY - IOWA ASSESSMENT, PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES, ELEMENTARY MUSIC

IOWA ASSESSEMENT

Mrs. Livezey presented the board an example of the student’s self-reflection on the Iowa Assessment score.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Mrs. Livezey reminded the board that parent-teachers conference will be next week. Monday March 19th, Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd.

ELEMENTARY MUSIC

Mrs. Livezey talked with the board about the Elementary Music program for next year. Mrs. Carrico will be taking over the elementary vocal program for K-6. Mr. Peiffer will be taking over the elementary band program from 4th-6th grade.

MR. RAY – SECONDARY – IOWA ASSESSMENTS, MOCK ACCIDENT, FARM & HOME SHOW AND COACHING BOYS INTO MEN

IOWA ASSESSMENTS

Mr. Ray talked to the board about students’ taking the Iowa Assessment test last week. Once the results are back, the students will send the results home to show their parents one year growth on the Iowa Assessment.

MOCK ACCIDENT

Mr. Ray mentioned on April 9th the school will be doing a Mock car accident at the school. Life Flight, Mahaska County Ambulance and Sheriff Department will be involved in this mock car accident. This mock car accident will promote students to drive smart and safely.

FARM & HOME SHOW

Mr. Ray said the Farm and Home Show will be back at North Mahaska on March 24th.

COACHING BOYS INTO MEN

Mr. Ray talked about the program “Coaching Boys into Men”. This program will help promote gender equality, build responsible respectful, non-violent relationships, digital disrespect, foster partnership in our school and community, locker room talk, talking a stand against bullying and other teachable moment.

SUPERINTEDENT’S REPORT

TEACHERS’ CONTRACT MAKE UP DAY

Mrs. Livezey mentioned that due to one day of inclement weather in February school was closed. Teachers will have an additional day to make up on the contract. Mrs. Livezey said teachers can make up the day by helping at the track meet, coming in early or staying late to the equivalent of 8 hours, come back after Memorial Day or deduct a day’s pay from paycheck.

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Board Member contacted the open enrolled student’s parents to get feedback on North Mahaska Schools. The board discuss some of their conversation they had with the parent.

INDIAN HILLS BOARD APPREICATION DINNER – APRIL 19TH

Board member should let Ms. Quang or Mrs. Livezey know if they are interested in attending the dinner.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Livezey mentioned to the board that Mr. Ehret is looking into a Strength and Conditioning Program ran by William Penn University for North Mahaska. Mrs. Ratcliff would like to see this training program happen.

Mr. Wilkin asked if North Mahaska would be scheduling more home track meets. Mrs. Livezey mentioned the man power that is needed to host a track meet. There could be a possibility in the future to host more events at North Mahaska.

Cindy Quang
Board Secretary

Dirk Wilkin
Board President

