

April 18, 2017

The North Mahaska Board of Education met in regular session April 18, 2017 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 (7:50 p.m.). Also present: Angela Livezey, Doug Ray, RD Keep – The Sun, Oliganida Gruber, Matt Chumbley – Estes Construction, Renee Ferguson, Amber Goemaat 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 Gruber and seconded by Foster to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION

There was no written communication or public forum.

TLC UPDATE – MATT & AMBER

Amber Goemaat, Elementary Instructional Coach, was there to present an update on Teacher Leadership Compensation (TLC).

OLD BUSINESS

ESTES CONSTRUCTION – BUILDING PROJECTS UPDATE

Matt Chumbley from Estes Construction was there to give the board an update on the building projects.

NEW BUSINESS

RESIGNATIONS – JUDY HARKEMA

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Foster to accept the resignation of Judy Harkema as a para educator effect at the end of the school year. Motion carried.

APPROVE VOLUNTEER COACH GOLF – ERIC STOUT

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by Gruber to approve Eric Stout as a volunteer golf coach. Motion carried.

APPROVE MENTOR TEACHERS

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Foster to approve Renee Ferguson and Brant Bollman as mentor teachers for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion carried.

APPROVE MODEL TEACHERS

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Foster to approve Shayla Schilling, Lisa Watts, Jamie Nelson and Lindsay Miller as model teachers for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion carried.

APPROVE THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2017

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by DeBoef to approve the graduating Class of 2017 pending all graduating requirements are met. Motion carried.

POLICY REVIEW – 700, 800, 900

The board reviewed the 700 and 800 series policies at the board meeting. Will table the 900 series until next board meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

OPEN HOUSE – MAY 15

The board discussed the Open House for the High School Renovation will be held on May 15, 2017 from 5 – 7 p.m.

INSURANCE UPDATE

Mrs. Livezey was not able to give the board the property insurance premium cost for the 2017-2018 school year. Mrs. Livezey anticipates the premiums lowering due to a significant drop in the schools mod rate for worker’s compensation from 2.0 to 1.16. Mrs. Livezey will inform the board of the property insurance premium with EMC Insurance once she receives it.

BACKGROUND CHECK

Mrs. Livezey talked with the board about the background checks that are required by law for any new staff at North Mahaska Schools. Mrs. Livezey also mentioned, as good practice, background checks for volunteers are also completed

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SIAC)

Mrs. Livezey asked the board for any feedback to discuss with the SIAC committee.

MID AMERICAN ENERGY ASSESSMENT

Mrs. Livezey mentioned that Mid-American Energy was at North Mahaska schools on April 18 to do an energy assessment. Mrs. Livezey mentioned overall energy assessment went great. Mid-American Energy mentioned changing all the lighting for the school to LED will help save cost in the long run.

TEACHER APPRECIATION

Mrs. Livezey discuss with the board about Teacher Appreciation Week is May 1st to May 5th. Mrs. Livezey said the Parent and Community Together (PACT) organization will be willing to help host the teacher appreciation this year.

BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATE – MTG WITH NEW SHARON CHILD CARE & PRESCHOOL

Mrs. Livezey said there will be a meeting on May 11th with the New Sharon Child Care and Preschool board to review the 28E Agreement.

UPDATE ON HOT LUNCH ALTERNATE MEAL OFFERING

Mrs. Livezey updated the board on the hot lunch alternate meal. She mentioned that there has been an increase in meal served at the school, due to offering student alternate meals.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

MRS. LIVEZEY– ELEMENTARY- GRAND FRIENDS’ DAY, PACT – CARNIVAL

Mrs. Livezey mentioned that Grand Friends’ Day will be May 12, 2017. PACT organization will help run the book fair that Friday for Grand Friends’ Day.

Mrs. Livezey also mentioned that the PACT organization will be organizing a school carnival for the elementary students on May 19th during school hours.

MR. RAY – SECONDARY – IOWA ASSESSMENT, TRACK MEET, FFA BANQUET, STUDENT SUCCESS

Mr. Ray talked with the board about the first track meet held on the new renovated track. Mr. Ray heard a lot of good compliant on how the track meet was and everyone that was there to help make this track meet great.

Mr. Ray had Donna Keesling from Indian Hills here to talk with the 9th through 11th graders on the classes that are offered at the community college.

Mr. Ray mentioned that he has a meeting with Oskaloosa CSD and Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont CSD to go over a common calendar.

Mr. Ray said MAP testing will be the last week in April and the Senior Class Trip to Chicago will be gone the first week in May.

BOARD COMMENTS / THANK YOU NOTES

Mrs. Strobel appreciate the updated pictures on the website and the information on the high school testing out program.

Mr. Wilkin asked about the Welding Academy and the cost to run this program. Mr. Wilkin also asked about the Powerschool grading and how the information is not updating.

ADOURNED

Mr. Wilkin adjourned the meeting at 9:48 p.m.

Cindy Quang
Board Secretary

Dirk Wilkin
Board President