

November 20, 2017

The North Mahaska Board of Education met in regular session November 20, 2017 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, Kevin Kelderman, Tina Layman, Steve Ehret, Renee Ferguson, Lindsay Thoreson, McKenna Worrall, Macy Moore, Miranda Johnson, Chris Sampson, Kipp Schuler, Brant Bollman and Cindy Quang.

The North Mahaska Board took pictures in front of the high school front entrance at 6:15 p.m.

Mr. 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 DeBoef and seconded by Ratcliff to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs. Thoreson and Mrs. Ferguson introduced themselves as the representative of the North Mahaska Education Association (NMEA). NMEA is a group consisting of North Mahaska teachers. At least one NMEA representatives would attend board meeting to relay feedback to the North Mahaska teachers.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

There were not written communication

BOARD REPORT – AG PROGRAMMING / NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION – MIRANDA JOHNSON & STUDENTS

McKenna Worrall, senior at North Mahaska and the FFA Chapter president, was at the board meeting to speak with the board about her experience at the FFA National Convention on October 24th-26th in Indianapolis, IN. There was 14 FFA students that attend this convention. At the FFA Convention students listened to a guest speaker Laila Ali a female boxer and attended FFA leadership workshops (meeting different FFA students all over the United States). Some other experience and memories the students gained was a Caterpillar tour, a Rascal Flatts concert, a Rodeo and a haunted house.

Macy Moore, freshman at North Mahaska, was there to present to the board about the possibility of attending the National Western Stock Show in Denver, CO on January 12th-18th. This stock show is well known for different types and breed of animals around the world. Mrs. Johnson handed the board some activities and events the students can attend to help gain their knowledge. The board has tabled there decision until the next board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

BUILDING PROJECT – 6 MONTH AFTER COMPLETION WALK THROUGH

Mrs. Livezey, Mr. Ray and Kiah Bucklin (custodian) met with Dale Lienemann from Estes Construction for a walk through today. Mrs. Livezey noted some areas that need to be worked on or finalized before the final warranty walk through in June 2018.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF 8 MAN FOOTBALL

Mrs. Livezey presented the board the idea of going to an 8 man football team. This discussion was brought to the board after the state reclassified the athletic classes' dues to the decline in Iowa school enrollment. A public forum was held on November 13 at 6:30 pm in the high school auditorium. Individual that were in attendance to the public forum consisted of parents, coaches and administration. The discussion at the board meeting had these objectives at the heart of the decision 1) Provide a positive school experience for young people 2) Provide a safe environment 3) Simulate game situations in practice 4) Maintain Warhawk pride inside & outside school and 5) Students at the center of the decision.

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Foster to go to an eight man football team. AYES: Strobel and Foster. NAYS: Ratcliff, DeBoef and Wilkin. Motion denied.

BOARD GOALS

Mrs. Livezey went over the board district long term goals. 1) Increase Student Achievement 2) Cultivate a Positive Learning Experience for Students, Including Extra Curricular Activities 3) Remodel the High School and 4) Develop a User Friendly Website.

APPROVAL OF SBRC FUNDING APPLICATION

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Ratcliff to approve the SBRC Funding application for 2018-2019 for the Maximum Modified Supplement Amount for Open Enrolled Out in the amount up to \$39,546. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AT-RISK / DROP OUT PREVENTION FUNDING APPLICATION

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by DeBoef to approve the At-Risk / Dropout Prevention allowable growth in the amount of \$121,560 for the 2018-2019 school year. Motion carried.

APPROVE WRESTLING CHEER COACH – MIRANDA JOHNSON

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Foster to approve Miranda Johnson as the wrestling cheer coach for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion carried.

APPROVE STUDENT CUSTODIAL HELP – ISAAC KNOCKEL

A motion was made by Ratcliff and seconded by DeBoef to approve Isaac Knockel as the student custodial help. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VOLUNTEER COACHES – WAYNE VAN WEELDEN (ARCHERY) & ADAM EISCHEN (WRESTLING)

A motion was made by Ratcliff and seconded by DeBoef to approve Wayne Van Weelden as a volunteer archery coach and Adam Eischen as a volunteer wrestling coach. Motion carried.

APPROVE RESIGNATION – RANDY MOFFIT – DRIVERS' EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Foster to accept the resignation from Randy Moffit as the drivers' education instructor. Motion carried.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

MRS. LIVEZEY – PBIS, PARA EDUCATOR TRAINING, SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING

Mrs. Livezey mentioned to the board as part of the Positive Behavior Incentive System (PBIS) that she is looking at turning Computer Lab B at the elementary into a calming room.

Mrs. Livezey also mentioned that she meets with the para educator at least once a month to go over required training and problem solving with challenging students. She plans to have a half day professional development day in January for the para educators.

MR RAY – MAP DATA OVERVIEW, HOMEWORK FOLLOW-UP

Mr. Ray presented the board an overview of the MAP testing data in the parent/student point of view and teachers/administration point of view.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

IASB CONVENTION

Mrs. Livezey and Ms. Quang attended the IASB Convention on November 16th. The keynote speakers Steve Pemberton and Michael Fullan were both great.

STAGE LIGHTING UPDATE

New stage lighting was purchased in the auditorium from C N J Lighting in the amount of \$4,776 to be purchased with PPEL funds. There are six can lights facing the stage and the lighting that are above the stage have been replaced with LED lighting.

FINANCIAL PROJECTION UPDATE

Mrs. Livezey mentioned that she and Ms. Quang has been attending many financial workshops with IASB and ISFIS. With the decline in certified resident enrollment of 41.2 students, cuts will need to be made in the future. Mrs. Livezey plans to revisit the financial topic at the January board meeting.

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING DATE – DECEMBER 11, 2017

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The Breakfast program has increased tremendously in 2017-2018 school year. The increase is due to the additional breakfast options students can choose from. North Mahaska has served 92, 309, 505 students in August, September and October respectively. Last school year North Mahaska would serve an average of 15-20 breakfast meal per month.

BOARD COMMENT

Ratcliff mentioned that the decision on 8 man football was tough, but she listened to the voice of the community. DeBoef also appreciated the community reaching out to him about 8 man football as well.

Foster mentioned the Western Stock Show would be a good thing for students to attend.

Strobel asked about school activities on Sundays. Would like to enforce no school activities to happen on Sundays.

Wilkin talked about his experience when he attended the Montezuma school board meeting on November 15th.

ADJOURN

Mr. Wilkin adjourned the board meeting at 10:24 p.m.

Cindy Quang
Board Secretary

Dirk Wilkin
Board President