

October 16, 2017

The North Mahaska Board of Education met in regular session October 16, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the elementary conference room New Sharon, Iowa. Those members present: Dirk Wilkin, Sherrill Strobel, Margaret Ratcliff and Keith Foster. Absent: Arvin DeBoef. Also present: Angela Livezey, Doug Ray, RD Keep – The Sun, Jordan Smith, Kipp Schuler, Lindsay Thoreson, Renee Ferguson and Cindy Quang.

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

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

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

COMMUNICATION

There was no written communication or public forum.

BOARD REPORT – SCIENCE – KIPP SCHULER & JORDAN SMITH

Kipp Schuler and Jordan Smith, HS science teachers, presented the board an overview of the high school science curriculum and the functionality of the new science classrooms. Both teachers are very happy with the new classroom space and they have noticed students are more engaged in science.

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE ON CLOSING OF GATES

Mrs. Livezey mentioned there has been no complaints on closing the gates.

NEW BUSINESS

CERTIFIED ENROLLMENT UPDATE

Mrs. Livezey reported enrollment at 468.34 this year. Enrollment is down 41.20 from 509.54 in 2016-2017.

CONSIDERATION OF EARLY RETIREMENT

A motion was made by Ratcliff and seconded by Strobel to offer the early retirement plan to the certified staff. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Foster to approve the appointment of the School Improvement Advisory Committee. One year of service remaining: Mike Gipple, Curt Lamberson, Carrie Houser. Two years of service remaining: Janine Moore, Barb VanderBeek, Mark Moore, Amber Goemaat. Three years of service remaining: Matt Augustin, Sherry Wolver, Jim Williams. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF LETTER OF ASSIGNMENT – KELSEY MCMAHAN

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Foster to approve Kelsey McMahan as a paraeducator - for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VOLUNTEER COACH FOR GIRLS' JV/VARSITY BASKETBALL – SARA PETRAZELKA

A motion was made by Foster and seconded Ratcliff to approve Sara Pertrazelka as a volunteer girls' basketball coach. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DRIVERS' EDUCATION CONTRACT

Mrs. Livezey recommended Street Smart for the driver's education program. The cost is \$380 per student and payments will be made directly to Street Smart.

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by Ratcliff to use Street Smart for the driver's education program. Motion carried.

APPROVE CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT CONTRACT WITH IOWA VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE & IOWA CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A motion was made by Ratcliff and seconded by Strobel to approve the concurrent enrollment courses for both Iowa Valley Community College and Iowa Central Community College. Motion carried.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

MRS LIVEZEY – ELEMENTARY: FAST DATA OVERVIEW, WALK-A-THON

Mrs. Livezey gave the board an overview of the FAST data. In the fall testing, 74% of students grades K-6 are meeting benchmark. Mrs. Livezey goal is 80%. The students will be tested again in the winter and spring.

Mrs. Livezey was very happy with the Walk-A-Thon fundraiser. The students raised \$18,425.50. The money will be used towards field trips, playground equipment and classroom resources. Mrs. Livezey thanked the PACT organization for helping with the Walk-A-Thon.

MR. RAY – SECONDARY: MAP DATA OVERVIEW, HOMECOMING

Mr. Ray gave the board an overview of the MAP testing for grades 7-11. Base on the MAP testing 74% if students met benchmark.

Mr. Ray talked about the Mentor/Mentee program, where the 10th-12th grade students helps the 9th-7th grade students. Currently there are 10 mentors and 13 students being mentees.

Mr. Ray is working with Rich Kennedy from Iowa Works Development to help work with students and staff in the areas of attitude, attendance and culture.

Mr. Ray mentioned some of the activities coming up:

- Homecoming is October 16th – 20th. The theme this year is "On the Road to Victory".
- FFA Convention is October 24th-28th in Indianapolis, IN. 14 total students will be attending this event.
- School Musical is November 10th & 11th – "Bye Bye Birdie"
- ACT Workshop is October 18th for Shawna Goemaat, Cass Stubbs and Matt Augustin. This workshop will focus on how we can better prepare our students for the ACT test.
- Fall Legal Lab Training is October 19th. Mr. Ray will be attending this training.

Mr. Ray's Goals for 2017-18:

- 1) Keep building the mentor/mentee program to help students grow academically and support them in other areas they might need.
- 2) Use MAP data to help students grow one full year on the Iowa Assessment in grades 7-12.

- 3) To increase opportunities for students to learn more about career pathways.
- 4) Identify ways to increase ACT scores above the states and AEA average.
- 5) Continue to work on bullying and educate staff and students what bullying is and how to handle it. "Don't stand by stand up".
- 6) Building a positive school culture were all employees work collectively to share in the responsibility.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

IASB CONVENTION – NOVEMBER 16, 2017

Mrs. Livezey asked if any board members were interested in attending.

STAGE LIGHTING

Mrs. Livezey is working on upgrading the stage lighting in the auditorium. Some of the lighting are not working and there are dark spots on stage. The cost is estimated to be \$5,000 and will be paid with PPEL funding.

SUPERINTENDENT'S GOALS FOR 2017-18

- 1) Increase the percentage of students who are making a year's growth on Iowa Assessment at jr./sr. high (math and reading)
- 2) Increase the percentage of students who are making a year's growth on Iowa Assessment at elementary (math and reading)
- 3) Increase percentage of students meeting benchmark on FAST

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE

Parent-Teacher Conference will be Monday October 30 from 3:30 pm to 8 pm; Wednesday November 1 from 2 pm to 4 pm and Thursday November 2 from 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL FIELD DUGOUT & PRESS BOX PROJECT

The NM Athletic Department is working on raising \$25,000 to build a new concrete block softball dugout and a new baseball press box with storage.

BOARD COMMENT/THANK YOU NOTES

Strobel requested to have a detail revenue and expense report for activity and nutrition.

Foster and Strobel both had positive feedback on closing the gates.

ADJOURN

Mr. Wilkin adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.