

September 18, 2017

The North Mahaska Board of Education met in regular session September 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the elementary conference room New Sharon, Iowa. Those members present: Dirk Wilkin, Arvin DeBoef, Sherrill Strobel, Dan Gruber and Keith Foster. Also present: Angela Livezey, Doug Ray, Oliganida Gruber, RD Keep – The Sun, Amber Goemaat, Margaret Ratcliff and Cindy Quang.

At 6:00 p.m. the board ate pizza and recognized Dan Gruber for 9 years of services to the North Mahaska Board of Education. The board also reviewed the 200.2, 200.3 and 204 board policies.

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

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Gruber to approve the board agenda. Motion carried

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Livezey mentioned parents were contacted when the buses arrived late to school due to vehicle accident that happened on highway 63. All students on the bus were safe and the parents appreciated the phone call from the school.

OLD BUSINESS

WELLNESS POLICY 2ND READING

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by Strobel to approve the seconded reading of the Wellness Policy with the applicable changes made to the policy. Motion carried.

ADJOURNED MEETING

Mr. Wilkin adjourned the old board meeting at 6:41 p.m.

Mrs. Livezey, as temporary chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m. until a new board president is elected.

BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

Ms. Quang read the official votes from the Mahaska County Auditor's office. In District #4 Arvin DeBoef received 9 votes and there were no-write in votes. In District #5 Margaret Ratliff received 10 votes and there were no-write in votes.

SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Quang gave the oath of office to the elected board members: Arvin DeBoef and Margaret Ratcliff.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT

A motion was made by DeBoef to nominate Dirk Wilkin as board president and let the nomination cease. Motion seconded by Foster. Motion carried.

Dirk Wilkin took the chair.

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

A motion was made by Strobel to nominate Arvin DeBoef as vice president and let the nomination cease. Motion seconded by Foster. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Dirk Wilkin will be the IASB delegate and Legislative Network representative.

Margaret Ratcliff will serve the County Conference Board.

Sherrill Strobel (2nd year) and Keith Foster (1st year) will serve on the Negotiation Team.

Dirk Wilkin will serve on the Advisory Board (SIAC) and Keith Foster will serve on the FFA Advisory Board.

Sherrill Strobel will serve on the District Planning Team.

Arvin DeBoef will serve on the North Mahaska Education Foundation.

Margaret Ratcliff (1st year) and Arvin DeBoef (2nd year) will serve on the Preschool/Daycare Board.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW OF CLASSROOM SPACE AND CLASS SIZE (BOARD POLICY 606.1)

Mrs. Livezey talked with the board about the classroom sizes.

TITLE I PROGRAM APPROVAL

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by DeBoef to approve the Title I program in the amount of \$61,305 for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion carried.

SPECIAL EDUCATION BALANCE

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Foster to approve the modified allowable growth and supplemental aid for the negative special education balance up to \$119,980.38. Motion carried.

CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTABILITY AND SUPPORT APPLICATION (CASA)

A motion was made by Radcliff and seconded by Strobel to approve the CASA plan as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FFA TRIPS

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Foster to approve the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN on October 24th-28th. Motion carried.

RESIGNATIONS – KIM ROBBINS- JR/SR HIGH PARAEDUCATOR

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Strobel to accept the resignation for Kim Robbins as a Jr/Sr. high paraeducator effective immediately. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF LETTER OF ASSIGNMENT – COURTNEY SCHOCK –JR/SR HIGH PARAEDUCATOR, KATIE ANDREWS – TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANT, JACQUE GRIFFIN – ELI ASSESSMENT ADMINISTRATION

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by DeBoef to approve a letter of assignment for Courtney Schock as a Jr./Sr. high paraeducator. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by DeBoef to approve a letter of assignment for Katie Andrew as a transportation paraeducator assistant. Motion carried.

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Foster to approve a letter of assignment for Jacque Griffin as an Early Literacy Intervention (ELI) Assessment paraeducator Administrator Motion carried.

APPROVE OF MODEL TEACHER – TERRY MALONE

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by Ratcliff to approve Terry Malone as a model teacher for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion carried.

DRIVER'S EDUCATION PROGRAM

Mrs. Livezey presented the board with five driver's education options to the North Mahaska board of Education. The previous driver's education teacher moved out of the New Sharon area. The school is required by the state to offer a driver's education program to students in North Mahaska school district.

BOARD POLICY 307 COMMUNICATION/ORGANIZATIONAL FLOW CHART

Mrs. Livezey discussed board policy 307 that deals with the communication channels. An organizational flow chart was created to help parents, students and community members understand who to contact for matters regarding to: Activities, Athletics, Transportation, Academics, Discipline and Student Services.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

MRS LIVEZEY – LITERACY SCREENING & PBIS

Mrs. Livezey mentioned that the literacy screening is done three times a school year. The progress for literacy screening goal is for all elementary students to meet the 80% benchmark in the school year.

Mrs. Livezey mentioned the three goals for PBIS is: Be Safe, Be Responsible and Be Respectful.

MR RAY – MENTAL HEALTH GRANT SCREENING

Mr. Ray talked about the mental health screening that is offered to the Jr./Sr. high school students. A letter was sent to parents to inform them of the screening and a wavier was sent to parents if they do not want their child (ern) to participate.

Mr. Ray said the 1st week of October is MAP testing week.

Mr. Ray mentioned that he attended a bullying conference on September 15th that talked about the different types of bullying (hazing, verbal and social media).

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

IASB CONVENTION – NOVEMBER 16, 2017

Mrs. Livezey mentioned the IASB Convention is held in Des Moines, IA on November 16th. She asked board members to notify her if any board members are interested in attending.

C4K – LEADERSHIP TEAM

Mrs. Livezey talked with the board about a leadership team called “Collaborating for Kids” (C4K) that she has the honor to be a part of. She was asked by the Great Prairie AEA and the Iowa Department of Education to be on the state-wide leadership committee.

EXTEERIOR LIGHTING – UPDATE

Mrs. Livezey mentioned that she is working with Sitler’s Supplies and Max Molzahn from Mid-American Energy to find a recommended lighting top for the exterior lighting posts.

GATES

Mrs. Livezey discussed with the board about closing the north and south gates after 11 p.m. each night. Gates will reopen at 5:45 a.m. on weekdays. On weekends the gates will close at 11 p.m. on Friday and reopen again on Monday 5:45 a.m. The closing of the gates will help with the disorderly conduct and damaged property on school grounds. All North Mahaska board members are in favor of closing the gates.

BOARD COMMENTS / THANK YOU NOTES

Foster mentioned that he heard other students were interested in attending North Mahaska Schools.

Strobel advocated for the custodial staff. The board appreciate the custodial staff and all their hard work to North Mahaska.

Mrs. Livezey wanted to thank Blattner Energy Company (company installing wind turbine in Mahaska County) for the generous donation in the amount of \$7,500 for school benches, school supplies and iPad.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Wilkin adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Cindy Quang
Board Secretary

Dirk Wilkin
Board President