

August 13, 2018

The North Mahaska Board of Education met in regular session August 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library New Sharon, Iowa. Those members present: Dirk Wilkin, Arvin DeBoef, Sherrill Strobel and Margaret Ratcliff. Absent: Keith Foster. Also present: Angela Livezey, Doug Ray, RD Keep – The Sun, Amber Goemaat and Cindy Quang.

Dirk Wilkin called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Revision to the agenda to add the approval of the Indian Hills Community College Educational Service Agreement.

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Strobel to approve the agenda with the additional revision. Motion carried.

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

COMMUNICATION

There was no written communication and public forum.

OLD BUSINESS

ELEMENTARY HVAC UPDATE

Travis Mechanical has been to the school doing the prep work for the ceiling units in the elementary office. The air conditioning unit has not arrived to the school. Estimated to arrive by the end of the month. With all the prep work almost done, hooking the air conditioner should be quick.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE THE INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Strobel to approve the 2018-2019 Indian Hills Community College Educational Service Agreement. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF LETTER OF ASSIGNMENT

There was no approval of letter of assignment

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATION

Mrs. Livezey has an open enrollment request out for Michael Houser to be homeschooled at Clayton Ridge Community School after the March 1st deadline.

A motion was made by Ratcliff and seconded by Strobel to approve the open enrollment out request for Michael Houser to be homeschooled at Clayton Ridge Community School. Motion carried.

2017-2018 CASH BUDGET REPORT

Ms. Quang presented the board a financial overview of the 2017-2018 cash balance for all funds except Hot Lunch and Activity.

CHANGE OF 2018-2019 SCHOOL START DATE – AUGUST 23, 2018

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Ratcliff to amend the school start date to August 23, 2018. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

Mrs. Livezey talked about the new legislation Iowa Code 280.30 for schools to work with local agencies to create an Emergency Operations Plan. New legislation must be in place by June 30, 2019. Mrs. Livezey felt she has a strong team she working with that consist of local law enforcement, county law enforcement, emergency management and Clay Grandia.

DISCUSSION OF DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN

Mrs. Livezey presented the board a rough draft of the strategic plan she has for the district over the next 5 years (2018-2022). She has 5 goals in the strategic plan: 1) Prepare students to be college and/or career ready through high academic achievement 2) Culture, Climate & Safety: North Mahaska Schools will provide a safe and supportive learning environment for students and staff that nurtures a positive school climate 3) Fiscal Responsibility and Stability 4) Facilities and 5) Build Community and Educational Partnership

DISCUSSION OF FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT

Mrs. Livezey asked the board for direction for the next facilities improvement project. The board had a discussion about a tornado safe room, updated camera system, air conditioning for climate control and key entry door security system (key FOB system).

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

MR. RAY – SECONDARY

Mr. Ray talked with the board about the coach's handbook, student lead conferences and staff professional development. High School teachers have been reading "Leaders of their own Learning" over the summer.

MRS. LIVEZEY – ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Livezey praised the NM PACT for putting up a little library at Prairie Knolls for students to pick up free books and drop off books for others to read.

Mrs. Livezey also gave the board an estimated class size in the elementary classrooms.

Mrs. Livezey also talked about the Title-I Reading Intervention. For back to school night there will be a Title I meeting. Mrs. Thoreson is the elementary Title I teacher assigned to help focus on preschool students to 3rd grade for literacy.

SUPERINTEDENT'S REPORT

CLASSROOM WALKTHROUGHS & OPTIMAL LEARNING ENVIROMENT RUBRIC

Mrs. Livezey presented the board the instructional staff walk-through form.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS OF IOWA CONFERENCE LEARNING

Mrs. Livezey talked about what she learned at the School Administrators of Iowa conference.

AT THE BOARD TABLE – THE RIGHT DRIVER

Mrs. Livezey went over exercises with the board from the Iowa School Board Association (IASB) website. The topic was about the right driver.

BOARD COMMENT

No board comments

Mr. Wilkin adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Cindy Quang
Board Secretary

Dirk Wilkin
Board President