

October 15, 2018

The North Mahaska Board of Education met in regular session October 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the elementary conference room New Sharon, Iowa. Those members present: Dirk Wilkin, Sherrill Strobel, Keith Foster and Margaret Ratcliff. Absent: Arvin DeBoef. Also present: Angela Livezey, Doug Ray, Angie Radcliffe, Amber Ferguson, Renee Ferguson and Cindy Quang.

Dirk Wilkin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

There was no written communication or public forum.

BOARD REPORT – JR./SR. HIGH GUIDANCE – ANGIE RADCLIFFE

Mrs. Radcliffe, junior/senior high guidance counselor, introduced herself to the board. Mrs. Radcliffe spoke about the juniors and seniors attending the Pella college fair at Central College. The college fair had sixty different colleges for around the state of Iowa and out of state. Mrs. Radcliffe also spoke about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) night for parents to attend on October 22nd. The FAFSA night will help assist parents in filling out the application and answer any questions parents could have.

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE ON ELEMENTARY HVAC

Mrs. Livezey mentioned the elementary office HVAC has passed inspection by a Mitsubishi technician. The A/C unit has been started and is working just fine.

UPDATE ON EARLY CHILDHOOD PLAYGROUND RETAINING WALL

Mrs. Livezey stressed her concern about the retaining wall at the daycare/preschool playground. The retaining wall is leaning over and could be a potential liability. She has looked into different concrete or masonry companies for bids on having this retaining wall repaired. She mentioned that she would like to have the retaining wall approved by a structural engineer and anchored in the ground before the project starts.

NEW BUSINESS

CERTIFIED ENROLLMENT UPDATE

Mrs. Livezey reported enrollment at 534.96, this number includes open enrollment students for the 2018-2019 school year. Enrollment is up 5.92 from 529.04 in 2017-2018.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW OF FY18

Mrs. Livezey and Ms. Quang presented the board with an overview of the fiscal year 2018 balances for all funds. Mrs. Livezey mentioned that we ended FY18 very well. Mrs. Livezey also presented the board with a 5-year projection model using the Forecast 5 Financial Tool.

APPROVE OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

APPROVAL OF RESIGNATION – LEXI JOHNSTON – PARAEDUCATOR

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Foster to approve the resignation for Lexi Johnston as a paraeducator. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF LETTER OF ASSIGNMENT – JENNY JARVIS – PARAEDUCATOR

A motion was made by Ratcliff and seconded by Strobel to approve a letter of assignment for Jenny Jarvis as a paraeducator. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF JR./SR. HIGH BASKETBALL CHEER COACH

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by Strobel to approve a contract for Rachel Martin as a Jr./Sr. High Basketball Cheer Coach. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF OPENING EARLY RETIREMENT

The board has agreed to not open early retirement for the 2019-2020 school year.

FACILITIES PLANNING

Mrs. Livezey mentioned some facilities planning projects the board needs to plan for: elementary tuck-pointing; repair the daycare/preschool retaining wall; new roof for the jr./sr. high; new bleachers in the elementary gym; tiling work for drainage at the daycare/preschool parking lot and the northwest corner of the high school parking lot; cement repair around the building; technology upgrades and replace steam traps for the high school boiling system.

APPROVAL OF FFA OFFICER RETREAT – JULY 2019

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by Ratcliff to approve the FFA officer retreat in July 2019. Motion carried.

APPROVE SPECIAL EDUCATION NEGATIVE BALANCE

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Ratcliff to approve the modified allowable growth and supplemental aid for the negative special education balance up to \$20,763.95. Motion carried.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

MRS. LIVEZEY – FAST DATA OVERVIEW, WALK-A-TON

Mrs. Livezey presented the board information of the fall FAST data. Mrs. Livezey also spoke about the walk-a-thon fundraiser. She thanked the NM PACT for their help in raising \$21,015.79.

MR. RAY – STEM ACTIVITIES, CAREER READINESS

Mr. Ray mentioned the MAP testing will begin on October 16th to October 19th. Mr. Ray talked about the Regional Summit Future Ready Iowa conference that he attended. He learned that 68% of jobs in Iowa will require additional education and training beyond high school.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
UPDATE ON TAX INCREMENT FINANCING

Mrs. Livezey spoke about the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) – Prairie Wind Urban Renewal that has been approved by the Mahaska County Supervisor. This TIF will be enforced for the next 20 years starting in 2019-2020.

IASB CONVENTION

Mrs. Livezey mentioned the IASB Convention is November 14-16.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Mrs. Livezey mentioned that parent teacher's conference is: October 29th from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; October 31st from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and November 1st from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

TITLE IVA

Mrs. Livezey talked about North Mahaska receiving \$11,548 in Title IVA funding. Mrs. Livezey plans to purchase computers and hire Mrs. Brickley for 10 hours a week to help transition the elementary band program for the 2018-2019 school year.

PASS THE LOVE CONFERENCE

Mrs. Livezey spoke at the Pass the Love Conference about the Mental Health Screening North Mahaska piloted for last school year.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Mrs. Livezey mentioned she would like to have Trevor Ragan as a guest speaker at North Mahaska for professional development for staff, students and community members.

BOARD COMMENTS / THANK YOU NOTES

Mr. Foster asked about an update on the gates. Mr. Ray has been trying to work with Mr. Groom on finding a solution for repairing the gate.

Mrs. Strobel asked about the textbook we purchased for Mr. Rempe's biology class. Mrs. Livezey mentioned his old textbooks were outdated and these new textbooks are just updated.

Mrs. Strobel said she would like the school website to be updated more often.

ADJOURN

Mr. Wilkin adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Cindy Quang
Board Secretary

Dirk Wilkin
Board President