

September 17, 2018

The North Mahaska Board of Education met in regular session September 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library New Sharon, Iowa. Those members present: Dirk Wilkin, Arvin DeBoef, Sherrill Strobel, Keith Foster and Margaret Ratcliff. Also present: Angela Livezey, Doug Ray, Kate Hite, Amber Goemaat, RD Keep – The Sun, Chris Sampson, Curt Johnston, Bryon Bellinger, Renee Ferguson, Danette Briggs, Dustin Briggs and Cindy Quang.

Dirk Wilkin called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

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

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

## COMMUNICATIONS

### PUBLIC FORUM

Danette Briggs was at the meeting to address the board regarding her termination hearing.

### WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

There was no written communication.

### PRESENTATION BY NM LEADERSHIP TEAM

Amber Goemaat, Kate Hite and Chris Sampson presented the board information about the NM Teacher Leadership Team.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### UPDATE ON ELEMENTARY HVAC

Mrs. Livezey mentioned that the HVAC unit has been installed in the elementary office by Travis Mechanical. Mrs. Livezey said she cannot turn on the unit until a Mitsubishi technician arrives to inspect the installation. By turning on the unit before an inspection can cause the warranty to be voided.

### REVIEW CORE VALUES & FOLLOW-UP COMMUNICATION FROM THE BOARD WORK SESSION

The board approved the board beliefs and core values that were discussed at the board work session on July 23, 2018. Here is the board's beliefs and values:

Every child is valued and is the central focus of the work of the North Mahaska School District. The board has confidence that a highly competent professional staff will provide engaging opportunities for all students and experiences which will allow students to explore their passions and prepare for a fulfilling and successful life. This commitment is supported by the following beliefs, which will guide our decision making.

- A. Students are at the center of the board decision-making. The responsibility of educating our children is an honor.
- B. Every child has an equal right to a quality education and deserves our best efforts to provide all possible resources to accomplish this.
- C. Each employee is valued and respected and has the potential for serving as a positive role model for students. We value respect at all levels of the district.
- D. The district must provide a diverse, comprehensive education to ensure all students are college and/or career ready.

- E. A quality education means preparing students for well beyond their 13 years in school, we're preparing them for life.
- F. School should be safe, encouraging an environment for student learning.
- G. The school district is a central entity in the community and we work together for the common good of students, families, the district and community.

#### ADJOURN MEETING

Mr. Wilkin adjourn the old board meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Mrs. Livezey, as temporary chairman, called the new meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

#### BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

There was no board election this year. There will be a board election next year in November 2019.

#### SWEARING IN NEW BOARD MEMBERS – NO NEW BOARD MEMBER AT THIS TIME

#### REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

##### ELECTION OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT

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

##### ELECTION OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT

A motion was made by Ratcliff and seconded by Strobel to have the vice president remain as Arvin DeBoef. Motion carried.

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

The board has decided to remain in the same committee as they were last school year.

IASB Delegate and Legislative Network – Dirk Wilkin

County Conference Committee – Margaret Ratcliff

Negotiations Team Member – Sherrill Strobel, Keith Foster

FFA Advisory Committee Member – Keith Foster

SIAC Advisory Committee Member – Dirk Wilkin

District Planning Team Member – Sherrill Strobel

North Mahaska Education Foundation Representative – Arvin DeBoef

Daycare / Preschool Committee – Arvin DeBoef, Margaret Ratcliff

#### NEW BUSINESS

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

Mrs. Livezey talked about the classroom sizes at North Mahaska Community School. She mentioned the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class is bigger than she would like and will monitor if it increases. Strobel asked about the student equality of the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom. Mrs. Vandenberg's student roster is smaller than Mrs. Johannes and Mrs. Nelson. Due to Mrs. Vandenberg's limited classroom space, she cannot have as many students.

#### TITLE I PROGRAM

A motion was made by Ratcliff and seconded by Strobel to approve the Title I program in the amount of \$60,717 for the 2018-2019 school year. Motion carried.

#### SPECIAL EDUCATION BALANCE

Tabled until the next board meeting.

#### CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTABILITY AND SUPPORT APPLICATION (CASA)

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Foster to approve the consolidated accountability and support application (CASA). Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF FFA TRIP

A motion was made by Ratcliff and seconded by Foster to approve the NW Missouri Ag Day on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by Ratcliff to approve the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN on October 23-27<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Foster to approve the Denver Stock show in Denver, CO on January 11-18. Ayes: Wilkin, DeBoef, Ratcliff and Foster. Nay: Strobel. Motion carried.

#### TERMINATION OF CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE

Termination hearing has been tabled for Danette Briggs.

#### APPROVAL OF LETTER OF ASSIGNMENT

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Foster to approve a letter of assignment for Misty Gott as a paraeducator. Motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Ratcliff and seconded by Strobel to approve a letter of assignment for Sarah Licht as a cook. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by Strobel to approve a letter of assignment for Craig Montgomery as a custodian. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SPONSOR – TERRY MALONE

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Foster to approve Terry Malone as a 10<sup>th</sup> grade sponsor. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SPONSOR – SETH STREEBIN

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by DeBoef to approve Seth Streebin as an 8<sup>th</sup> grade sponsor. Motion carried.

#### APPROVE SHARING OF TEACHER WITH TRI-COUNTY CSD FOR ELL SERVICES

Mrs. Livezey mentioned we would share Rachel Martin's ELL services with Tri-County CSD. North Mahaska will bill Tri-County CSD for one period out of the week.

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by Strobel to approve the Rachel Martin's sharing agreement with Tri-County Community School District for English Language Learner (ELL) services. Motion carried.

#### APPROVE CONTRACT WITH IOWA VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Ratcliff to approve the Iowa Valley Community College agreement for educational services. Motion carried.

#### OPEN AND APPROVE BIDS FOR SALE OF TWO PIANO

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Ratcliff for the sale of the Charles Walter Upright Piano to Kate Hite. Motion carried.

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Foster for the sale of the Wurtlizer Upright Piano to Brenda Spoelstra. Motion carried.

#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

##### MRS. LIVEZEY – LITERACY SCREENING DATA & PBIS

Mrs. Livezey presented the board the literacy screening data. Mrs. Livezey was happy to announce that the North Mahaska K-3 literacy score was the highest of all the schools in the AEA. Mrs. Livezey also talked about the PBIS posters that were ordered to place around the elementary building.

##### MR. RAY – MENTAL HEALTH GRANT SCREENING, ADVISOR/ADVISEE PROGRAM

Mr. Ray mentioned the high school plans to do a mental health screening for students. A mental health screening is optional and parents have been notified about this mental health screening.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

##### ISAB CONVENTION – NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2018

If board members are interested, they were to notify Mrs. Livezey or Ms. Quang.

#### TAX INCREMENT FINANCING / URBAN RENEWAL PLAN UPDATE

Mrs. Livezey talked the board about the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) – Urban Renewal Plan the Mahaska Board of Supervisor has imposed on the North Mahaska Community School District. With the Prairie Wind Urban Renewal agreement, the county will TIF the increased assessed value of the North Mahaska property valuation. Mrs. Livezey and Ms. Quang plan to attend another Mahaska supervisor meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### PRELIMINARY ENROLLMENT

Mrs. Livezey does not have the preliminary enrollment numbers.

#### GATES

Mrs. Livezey spoke with the board about the security gate. Mrs. Livezey mentioned the gates are very heavy and the gate on the south side fell off during a storm. Will be looking into options to get the gate back up.

#### BOARD COMMENTS / THANK YOU NOTES

There were no board comments.

ADJOURN

Mr. Wilkin adjourned the board meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Cindy Quang  
Board Secretary

Dirk Wilkin  
Board President