

November 19, 2018

The North Mahaska Board of Education met in regular session November 19, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the elementary conference room New Sharon, Iowa. Those members presents: Dirk Wilkin, Arvin DeBoef, Sherrill Strobel, Keith Foster and Margaret Ratcliff. Also present: Angela Livezey, Doug Ray, Macy Moore, Janine Moore, Mark Moore, Marcy Grandia, Tina Layman, Amber Goemaat, RD Keep – The Sun, Chris Sampson, Ally Livezey and Cindy Quang.

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

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

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

#### COMMUNICATIONS

There was no written communication or public forum.

#### UPDATE FROM NORTH MAHASKA ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

Tina Layman, representatives from the North Mahaska Athletic Boosters (NMAB), gave the board an overview of the progress in this organization. Mrs. Layman talked about the Strength and Conditioning Program that was partially funded by NMAB. Mrs. Layman believes this strength and conditioning program is a wonderful program for our NM athletes. The NMAB goal is to support and enhance the program through extending hours, organizing volunteers and shared program communication.

#### BOARD REPORT – MULTI-TIERED SYSTEM OF SUPPORTS NEEDS ASSESSMENT (SAMI)

Amber Goemaat and Chris Sampson, Elementary and HS Instructional Support coaches respectively, presented information to the board on the Multi-Tiered System of Supports Needs Assessment.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### EARLY CHILDHOOD RETAINING WALL

Mrs. Livezey updated the board on the childhood retaining wall. Mrs. Livezey corresponded with Kate Payne with Invision Architect because the bid quotes received varied so much. Ms. Payne recommended contacting a civil engineer to evaluate and draw up the plans. No decision was made and Mrs. Livezey plans to contact a civil engineer for assistance.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### APPROVAL OF SBRC APPLICATION

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Foster to approve the SBRC Funding application for 2019-2020 for the Maximum Modified Supplement Amount for Open Enrolled Out in the amount up to \$34,652.80. Motion carried.

##### APPROVAL OF UPDATED SPECIAL EDUCATION BALANCE

Ms. Quang stated due to the Medicaid revenue adjustment by the Iowa Department of Education the special education negative balance has changed from the prior board meeting.

A motion was made by Ratcliff and seconded by DeBoef to approve the updated modified allowable growth and supplemental aid for the negative special education balance up to \$26,852.64. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF STAFF - CARLY EHRET, PARAEDUCATOR; JERRY REMPE, EXTENDED CONTRACT TO MAY 31, 2018**

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by Strobel to approve a letter of assignment to Carly Ehret as a paraeducator. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ratcliff and seconded by DeBoef to approve an extended teaching contract for Jerry Rempe as a high school science teacher until the end of the 2018-2019 school year. Motion carried.

**APPROVE RESIGNATION – KELSEY MCMAHAN**

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Foster to accept the resignation for Kelsey McMahan as a paraeducator effective December 2018. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT TRIP FOR STATE DANCE**

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Ratcliff to approve the over-night state dance trip on November 29<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

**MRS. LIVEZEY – PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES, SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Mrs. Livezey talked about how well parent-teacher conferences went. Mrs. Livezey mentioned the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade had student lead conferences. Ally Livezey, a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student at NM, presented the board what she talked about at her own student lead conference. Ally talked about her science fair project and goals that she is working on improving.

Mrs. Livezey talked about the increase in special need students at the elementary building. She mentioned if more students have Individualized Education Program (IEP) she might look into hiring another special education teacher.

**MR. RAY – STUDENT LED CONFERENCES, APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Mr. Ray mentioned the student lead conference went very well. The attendance for parents attending parent teacher's conference increased. At the student lead conference, the advisee (NM HS teacher), student and parents met to talk about the artifacts that the student collected in their personal folder. Macy Moore, a sophomore student at NM, along with her parents Janine and Mark Moore gave the board a mock demonstration of what her student lead conference looked like at the high school. Macy talked about her goals, what she was proud of and what she would like to work on.

Mr. Ray talked about the apprenticeship program he presented with Mr. Groom and Caleb Rook from Kelderman Manufacturing.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEY**

Tabled until the next board meeting.

**FOOTBALL ADVISORY MEETING**

Mrs. Livezey plans to have a football advisory meeting with selected groups within the North Mahaska community. This advisory meeting will be facilitated by Anne Morgan with the Great Prairie AEA. The advisory group will be working on a plan for the 2019 football season.

#### COMMUNICATION IMPROVEMENT

Mrs. Livezey has been working with our website designer at Fierce Creative to improve and increase communication for anyone viewing the school website.

#### INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT LEVY

Mrs. Livezey and Ms. Quang have been working on the renewal for the board approved instructional support levy. The current instructional support levy will sunset in the fiscal year 2020 and must be board approved every 5 years. The instructional support levy has helped the school maintain present educational programs. The public hearing will be published in the Sun.

#### BOARD COMMENTS / THANK YOU NOTES

Mrs. Strobel asked for a gate report. Mr. Ray mentioned that Mr. Groom and Mr. Strobel has something they are working on the fix the problem.

Mrs. Strobel mentioned using the East Market Groceries, locally to purchase Family Consumer Science supplies.

Mr. DeBoef mentioned how impressed he was with the student lead conferences.

Mrs. Ratcliff asked about NM Creations program and items available for purchase.

#### ADJOURNED

Mr. Wilkin adjourned the board meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Cindy Quang  
Board Secretary

Dirk Wilkin  
Board President