

December 17, 2018

The North Mahaska Board of Education met in regular session December 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the elementary conference room New Sharon, Those members present: Dirk Wilkin, Arvin DeBoef, Sherrill Strobel, Keith Foster and Margaret Ratcliff. Also present: Angela Livezey, Doug Ray, Amber Goemaat, Julie Knoot, Renee Ferguson, RD Keep – The Sun, Chris Sampson, Ryan Groom and Cindy Quang.

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

A motion was made by DeBoef 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.

COMMUNICATION

There was no written communication or public forum.

OLD BUSINESS

EARLY CHILDHOOD RETAINING WALL

Mrs. Livezey has been in contact with Invision Architect to help find a civil engineer that can help with the early childhood retaining wall. Invision Architect has mentioned two areas that need to be fixed: 1) The district needs to regrade the upper field to keep as much water as possible away from the retaining wall 2) Rebuild the wall with appropriate drainage behind the retaining wall.

NEW BUSINESS

ANNUAL NURSE'S REPORT

Mrs. Knoot, the NM school nurse, presented the board an overview of her daily and monthly duties. Mrs. Knoot is also involved in the North Mahaska wellness committee. This year the wellness committee plans to have a health and safety fair for our students.

APPROVAL OF STAFF – KIM ROBBINS, PARAEDUCATOR

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

APPROVE RESIGNATION – TONY SATARIANO

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Foster to accept the resignation of Tony Satariano as a part-time custodian. Motion carried.

BOARD POLICY REVIEW – SECTION 300

The board reviewed the 300 series board policy. This is the first reading of the 300 board policy.

OPEN ENROLLMENT REQUEST

Mrs. Livezey has recommended that the board accept Alybeth Daniel open enrollment request from Montezuma CSD to attend North Mahaska CSD for the 2018-2019 school year.

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Ratcliff to approve the open enrollment request for Alybeth Daniel to attend North Mahaska Community School District. Motion carried.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

MRS. LIVEZEY – WALKTHROUGH DATA, PRESCHOOL DESK AUDIT

Mrs. Livezey talked about the walkthrough data she collects when she observes teachers in the classroom. Mrs. Livezey goal is to do walkthroughs in each elementary teacher's classroom once a month.

Mrs. Livezey mentioned she has completed and submitted the preschool desk audit.

MR. RAY – COURSE PLANNING, CO-LINE VISIT, KELDERMAN ONSITE

Mr. Ray talked about the jr./sr. high school course changes for next school year. Mr. Ray, Chris Sampson – Instructional Coach, Angela Radcliffe – jr./sr. high Guidance Counselor and the high school teachers have been working diligently to plan and prepare for the new curriculum changes. The curriculum changes will be better aligned with the teacher's power standards.

Mr. Ray spoke about a Co-Line representative visiting North Mahaska Welding Academy. Co-Line would like to work together with North Mahaska Schools.

Mr. Ray mentioned that the North Mahaska Welding Academy students visited Kelderman Manufacturing on November 29th. Mr. Ray has been working with Kelderman Manufacturing for career opportunities for our students after graduation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEY

Mrs. Livezey presented the board an overview of the school improvement survey. The survey was taken by teachers, students, parents and board members.

FOOTBALL ADVISORY MEETING

Mrs. Livezey had a football advisory meeting that was facilitated by Anne Morgan, School Improvement Facilitator with the Great Prairie AEA. There was 20 selected committee member. The committee members talked about the characteristics of an effective coach and the characteristics of an effective football program.

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT LEVY – PUBLIC HEARING JANUARY 21 @ 6:00 P.M.

The board will hold the public hearing for the instructional support levy on January 21, 2018 at 6:00 P.M

GOOGLE DRIVE

Mrs. Livezey presented the board the idea of having the board packet on google drive. The board packet on google drive will give the board easy links to the materials and will help save on paper copies.

LEGISLATIVE RETREAT – JANUARY 31ST @ 6:00 P.M. – BROOKLYN

Any board members interested in attending the legislative meeting in Brooklyn, IA. Please let Mrs. Livezey or Ms. Quang know.

ESSA DESIGNATION

Mrs. Livezey talked about the Every Student Succeed Act (ESSA). The Iowa Department of Education has identified every school district in the state of Iowa as: Comprehensive, Targeted or No Designation. North Mahaska Community School has been identified as a "No Designation" school district. Mrs. Livezey is happy that North Mahaska is not designated as a school in need of assistance.

BOARD COMMENTS / THANK YOU LETTER

Mrs. Ratcliff mentioned due to the recent special audits of two Iowa school district, Mrs. Ratcliff asked about the financial internal control for North Mahaska School District. Mrs. Livezey mentioned there are proper internal controls in place. All purchases must be approved by the building principal, reports are given to the board to review and an annual audit is done every year.

Mr. Foster asked about the south gates and when it will be repaired. Mr. Groom mentioned he plans to get the gates fixed. Mr. Foster also asked about the NM Custom Creation and the t-shirt making business. Mr. Groom mentioned he has been working late nights to get items produced.

Mrs. Strobel talked about Sunday school activities conflicting with family time.

Mrs. Strobel said the staff contact on the school webpage should be updated.

Mr. Wilkin asked about how North Mahaska is doing with substitutes in the district. Mrs. Livezey mentioned due to the shortage in substitute teaching, North Mahaska is skimming by.

ADJOURNED

Mr. Wilkin adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Cindy Quang
Board Secretary

Dirk Wilkin
Board President