

January 21, 2019

The North Mahaska Board of Education met in regular session January 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the elementary conference room New Sharon, Iowa. Those members present: Dirk Wilkin, Arvin DeBoef, Sherrill Strobel and Margaret Ratcliff. Absent: Keith Foster. Also present: Angela Livezey, Doug Ray, Amber Goemaat, Elaine Sampson, Tina Layman, Shawn DeJong, Ryan Groom and Cindy Quang.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT LEVY

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

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

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

COMMUNICATION

There was no written or public forum.

BOARD UPDATE

NM ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

Tina Layman, a representative from the North Mahaska Athletic Boosters (NMAB), gave the board an update on the North Mahaska Strength and Conditioning Program. She mentioned there are twelve volunteers that will help monitor this program. All volunteers have been through proper training and have passed the background check. The district hired William Penn University to help the students set up each individual goals. The NMAB volunteers are there to help assist the students to achieve their individual program goals.

NM MUSIC BOOSTER

Elaine Sampson, a representative from the North Mahaska Music Booster, gave the board an overview of the NM Music Booster. She mentioned having a meeting with the band and vocal teacher along with Mrs. Livezey. They all discussed the future of where the elementary and high school music program is going and how to meet the needs of our students.

RYAN GROOM – UPDATE ON CUSTOM CREATIONS

Mr. Groom, North Mahaska Industrial Tech Teacher, spoke with the board about his NM Custom Creations business. The NM Custom creations business can make T-shirts, laser etching, vinyl work and plasma cutting. All these services are taught in his “Emerging Technology” class. He has partnered with the FFA in the T-shirt business and will be working with the “Business” class to help with bookkeeping.

OLD BUSINESS

EARLY CHILDHOOD RETAINING WALL

Mrs. Livezey has no updates for the retaining wall. She hopes to have a fix for this retaining wall by this spring.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE BOARD RESOLUTION FOR INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT LEVY

The President of the Board called up for consideration the Resolution to Consider Continued Participation in the Instructional Support Program which requires that a public hearing be held on this proposal.

Director Arvin DeBoef introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption.
Director Margaret Ratcliff seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called and the vote was:

AYES: Margaret Ratcliff, Sherrill Strobel, Arvin DeBoef and Dirk Wilkin

NAYS: None

The President declared the resolution adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION

TO CONSIDER CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has approved a five (5) year finance plan, which anticipates the level of funding that will be possible to continue the current level of services and to fund the ongoing programs of the School District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors wishes to consider continued participation in the Instructional Support Program as provided in Iowa Code sections 257.18 through 257.27; and

WHEREAS, the authorization of the Instructional Support Program will expire on June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, this resolution sets forth the proposal of the Board of Directors, including the method that will be used to fund the program; and

WHEREAS, notice of the time and place of a public hearing must be published:

NOW, THEREFORE, it is resolved:

1. The Board of Directors wishes to consider continued participation in the Instructional Support Program as provided in Iowa Code sections 257.18 through 257.27, for a period of five (5), commencing the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.
2. The additional funding for the Instructional Support Program for a budget year shall be determined annually, and shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the total regular program district cost for the budget year and money received under Iowa Code section 257.14 as a budget adjustment for the budget year.
3. Money received by the District for the Instructional Support Program may be used for any general fund purpose to maintain current educational programs.
4. The Instructional Support Program shall be funded by instructional support state aid and a combination instructional support property tax levied annually upon the taxable property within the School District commencing with the levy of property taxes for collection in the fiscal year ending June

30, 2021, and instructional support income surtax imposed annually, the percent of income surtax to be determined by the Board for each budget year to be imposed upon the state individual income tax of each individual income taxpayer resident in the School District on December 31, 2020, and each thereafter.

5. The Secretary is authorized and directed to give notice of a public hearing to be held in the Elementary conference room, North Mahaska Community School District, New Sharon, Iowa on January 21st, 2019, 6 o'clock P.M.

6. Following the public hearing the Board intends to take action on the question whether to consider continued participation in the Instructional Support Program.

PASS AND APPROVED this 21st day of January, 2019.

Dirk Wilkin President

ATTEST:

Cindy Quang
Secretary

APPROVAL OF STAFF – DEANNE BOKHOVEN – PART TIME CUSTODIAN, FULL-TIME CUSTODIAN, SHAYLA TOWNSEND – SPECIAL EDUCATION PARAEDUCATOR

A motion was made by Ratcliff and seconded by DeBoef to approve a letter of assignment to DeAnne Bokhoven for the part-time custodian. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by DeBoef to approve a letter of assignment to Ken Broadway for the full-time custodian. Motion carried.

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Ratcliff to approve a letter of assignment to Shayla Townsend for the special education paraeducator. Motion carried.

APPROVE RESIGNATIONS – PHIL MORRIS, DEB WHITIS (RETIRING AT THE END OF THE YEAR)

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Ratcliff to accept the resignation for Phil Morris as a custodian. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ratcliff and seconded by Strobel to accept the resignation for Deb Whitis as a paraeducator effective at the end of the school year. Motion carried.

SECOND READING OF BOARD POLICY REVIEW – SECTION 300

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by DeBoef to approve the seconded reading of the board policy section 300's. Motion carried.

LAND LAB PROFIT

Mrs. Livezey presented the board the FFA Land Lab report. For the 2017-18 school year, FFA Land Lab profits were \$11,068.12. The profit will be split between the FFA and General Fund in the amount of \$5,534.06.

A motion was made by Ratcliff and seconded by DeBoef to approve the Land Lab Report and the transfer of \$5,534.06 from the Activity Fund to the General Fund. Motion carried.

APPROVE AT-RISK/DROP OUT PREVENTION FUNDING REQUEST

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Ratcliff to approve the At-Risk/Dropout Prevention allowable growth in the amount of \$117,982 for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

MRS. LIVEZEY – WALK TROUGH DATA, MENTAL HEALTH GRANT

Mrs. Livezey mentioned the walkthrough has been going well, this month she is a little behind due to her illness, but she will work to complete all the elementary teachers this month.

Mrs. Livezey talked about the Mental Health Grant that North Mahaska received. With the grant money, the school district was able to have two licensed social workers from the AEA employee once a week. Jenna Vink will be working with the elementary students and Kathy Utterback will be working with the high school students.

MR. RAY – DRIVER'S EDUCATION UPDATE

Mr. Ray said that driver's education classes will be from June 3rd to June 14th. The school has hired Street Smart to instruct the class and coordinate driving time with students. The cost will be \$380.00 per student.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

TLC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Mrs. Livezey informed the board that Amber Goemaat, elementary instructional coach, will be attending the Teacher Leadership and Compensation (TLC) Conference in Dallas, Texas with other instructional coaches in the Great Prairie AEA area. The cost will all be paid with the TLC funding received from the state.

ELEMENTARY BLEACHERS

Mrs. Livezey let the board know she will be looking at replacing the elementary bleachers. The elementary bleacher is hard to slide in and out. Also, the custodians are having a hard time finding parts to repair these bleachers. Mrs. Livezey is looking into getting electric bleachers.

COMMUNICATION TO THE PUBLIC – REGARDING FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Mrs. Livezey mentioned she will have an article in the next newsletter talking about the financial accountability for the school district.

NEW GRADUATION REQUIREMENT – FINANCIAL LITERACY

Mrs. Livezey talked about the new graduation financial literacy requirement that will be in effect for the next school year.

LEGISLATIVE RETREAT – JANUARY 31ST @ 6:00 PM – BROOKLYN

The board will be attending a legislative meeting on January 31st in Brooklyn, Iowa.

FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING DATE

The February regular board meeting date has been moved to February 21st The original date of February 18th is resident's Day and there will be no school.

LEGISLATIVE DAY ON THE HILL

Mrs. Livezey asked if any of the board members wanted to attend the Legislative Day on the Hill on February 5th.

TREVOR RAGAN – FEBRUARY 6, 2019

Mrs. Livezey mentioned Trevor Ragan will be a guest speaker on February 6th at 6:30 p.m. He will be doing a workshop for teachers, students and community members on "Train Ugly." Anyone in the community is welcome to attend.

2019-2020 CALENDAR UPDATE

Mrs. Livezey is still working on the calendar for the 2019-2020 school year.

BOARD COMMENTS / THANK YOU NOTES

There were no board comments.

ADJOURN

Mr. Wilkin adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Cindy Quang
Board Secretary

Dirk Wilkin
Board President