

February 22, 2019

The North Mahaska Board of Education met in regular session February 22, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the elementary conference room New Sharon, Iowa. Those members present: Dirk Wilkin, Arvin DeBoef, Sherrill Strobel, Keith Foster and Margaret Ratcliff. Also present: Angela Livezey, Doug Ray, Renee Ferguson, Amber Goemaat, Kipp Schuler, RD Keep – The Sun and Cindy Quang.

Dirk Wilkin called the meeting to order at 4:00 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

Mr. Keep, a representative from The Sun, apologize for the communication on supplemental state aid (SSA) statement published in The Sun on February 21, 2019. Mr. Keep plans do a retraction in the next publication to state that the SSA of 2.3% would mean a “negative” new money for North Mahaska.

There was no written communication.

## OLD BUSINESS

### INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT LEVY

Mrs. Livezey mentioned the continued instructional support levy was board approved for another 5 years. The instructional support levy will continue on until the fiscal year 2025. According to the by-law for the instructional support levy, petitioner has 28 days after the resolution was adopted to petition this levy. There was no petition brought to the board secretary.

## NEW BUSINESS

### DEFINE LOCAL COMMUNITY FOR PURPOSE OF NM CUSTOM CREATIONS BUSINESS

A motion was made by Arvin and seconded by Strobel to define local as our school district boundaries. Motion carried.

### APPROVE RESIGNATIONS – WENDY SMITH- ASSISTANT VOLLEYBALL AND TARA GRIER – CO-ASSISTANT SOFTBALL

A motion was made by Strobel and seconded by Foster to accept the resignation from Wendy Smith as an Assistant Volleyball Coach. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by Ratcliff to accept the resignation for Tara Grier as a Co-Assistant Softball Coach for the 2018-2019 school year. Motion carried.

### MAHASKA COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (MCCF) GRANT

Mrs. Livezey talked with the board about the MCCF grant that she requested for half of the elementary bleacher expense. The current elementary bleacher is difficult to maneuver and the bleacher repair parts are obsolete. The new elementary bleachers will have increase safety features like handrails, isles and a handicap accessible area.

### SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Mrs. Livezey was excited to announce that the New Sharon area qualifies for the summer food program for the next 5 years base on the Department Education census data. Any child 18 years old and under can eat at the summer food program. The child does not need to be a student at the North Mahaska Community School. Mrs. Livezey is working with the head cook to get this program up and running for this summer. Base on the census data from the Department of Education the location for the summer food program must be located south of Market Street.

### APPROVAL OF REVISED 2018-19 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mrs. Livezey presented the board with possible changes for make-up days for the 2018-19 school year. As of right now, North Mahaska has approximately 8 days to make up. Mrs. Livezey would like to extend one day at the end of the school year, starting March 1<sup>st</sup> School will begin at 8:00 a.m. and starting March 27<sup>th</sup> there will not be any early Wednesday outs.

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by DeBoef to approve the revised 2018-19 school calendar. Motion carried.

### SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY20 BUDGET AND 2019-2020 CALENDAR

The board has set the public hearing for the FY20 budget and the 2019-2020 calendar for April 8, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the elementary conference room.

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### MRS. LIVEZEY – WALKTHROUGH DATA, OBSERVATIONS, FAST DATA

Mrs. Livezey presented the board her walk through data for the month of February.

Mrs. Livezey talked about formal observations are completed on teachers' with intensive evaluation year (every three years). New teachers to the North Mahaska school district along with new teachers in their 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year will have focused observation each year in addition to walk-throughs.

Mrs. Livezey presented the winter fast data to the board. The fast data results were not what Mrs. Livezey expected. The scores were not as high as she liked. The low scores for the fast data can be correlated to 15 fewer days to test this winter along with the no school days due to inclement weather.

#### MR. RAY – WALKTHROUGH DATA, SCIENCE CANDIDATES, FOOTBALL CANDIDATES, MAP DATA

Mr. Ray talked about his walk through data.

Mr. Ray mentioned that he is in the interview process for the jr./sr. high science and head football candidates.

Mr. Ray said that the majority of students have taken the MAP test. Mr. Ray is using the MAP test scores to test out of second semester test. Students must show a year's growth and have a "B" average at the time of semester test.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT  
HEALTH INSURANCE UPDATE

Mrs. Livezey mentioned that she received verbally that the health insurance did not increase for the 2019-2020 school year.

CRISIS PLANNING UPDATE

Mrs. Livezey was happy to announce that the Mahaska County Law Enforcement can view the North Mahaska school district's security camera at any time from the law center. Mrs. Livezey also mentioned that all staff will be doing crisis training on March 6<sup>th</sup> with the Mahaska County Law Enforcement.

FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Livezey is in the process of establishing a facilities planning committee for future construction projects. Mrs. Livezey also mentioned that the first facilities meeting will be some time at the end of March. Pete Perez with Estes Construction and Matt Gillaspie with Piper Jaffray will be in attendance.

FINANCIAL LITERACY MANDATE – CHANGE

Mrs. Livezey said the legislative is looking to move this financial literacy mandate back to 2023.

INDIAN HILLS BOARD APPRECIATION DINNER – APRIL 11

Mrs. Livezey said if any board members that would like to attend the IHCC board appreciation dinner to let Ms. Quang know.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Foster asked about the NM Custom Creation business. Mrs. Livezey and Mr. Ray said that Mr. Groom, the industrial tech teacher and Mr. Augustin, the business teacher will be collaborating together to teach students how to run a business.

Mr. Wilkin asked about the pep bus guidelines for student activities. Mrs. Livezey said that she has always followed past practice. However, would be working on establishing standard guidelines.

Mr. Wilkin adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Cindy Quang  
Board Secretary

Dirk Wilkin  
Board President