

February 17, 2020

The North Mahaska Board of Education met in regular session on February 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the elementary conference room New Sharon, Iowa. Those members present: Dirk Wilkin, Keith Foster, Margaret Ratcliff and Michelle Sampson. Absent: Arvin DeBoef. Also present: Angela Livezey, Sally Obernolte with Neumann Monson, Brandon Schulte with Design Construction Integration (DCI), RD Keep with the Sun, Sherrill Strobel, Sarah Licht, Amber Goemaat, Lindsay Thoreson and Cindy Quang.

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

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by Ratcliff to approve the agenda with addition to approve a teaching contract for Abbi Groenendyk from a .5 teacher to a .75 teacher. Motion carried.

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

#### COMMUNICATION

There was no written communication or public forum.

#### NEUMANN MONSON CONSTRUCTION – PROJECT UPDATE

Ms. Obernolte mentioned that the construction is at the end of the design phase.

#### DESIGN CONSTRUCTION INTEGRATION GROUP – PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Schulte was at the meeting to talk with the board about the construction process. He mentions that the construction was in the refinement stage. Mr. Schulte mentioned that the bulk of the design work has been the HVAC and the electrical work for the construction project. For the HVAC system for the school, Mrs. Livezey has decided on a unit ventilator. It was a quieter option for the classroom environment. Mr. Schulte also talked about the fitness center that is located just north of the building. He mentioned 5 options that can be done with the building 1- move the building in one piece to a different location on the school property, 2 – move the building piece by piece to a different location on the school property, 3 – build a new building on the school property to be used for storage, 4 – rebuild the building to half the size or 5 – tear down the building completely. No decision has been made.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### FOOD SERVICE

Mrs. Livezey mentioned that she is going through the process to start the request for proposal (RFP) for contracted food service. The district is exploring to outsource the food service program. The decision to select the contracted food service program will be late April to early May.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### APPROVAL OF STAFF

##### ABBI GROENENDYK - .5 ELEMENTARY TEACHER TO .75 ELEMENTARY TEACHER

A motion was made by Ratcliff and seconded by Foster to change Abbi Groenendyk from a .5 elementary teacher to a .75 elementary teacher for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried.

##### RESIGNATION OF STAFF

#### AIRIANNE VONK

A motion was made by Ratcliff and seconded by Sampson to accept Airianne Vonk's resignation as an elementary teacher. Motion carried.

#### JADE DEHOEDT

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by Sampson to accept Jade DeHoedt's resignation as an elementary special education teacher at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried.

#### STATE REPORT CARD DATA

Mrs. Livezey mentioned the elementary received a "Commendable" rating and the jr./sr. high received an "Acceptable" rating on the state report card. The state has 6 rating scores – Exceptional, High Performing, Commendable, Acceptable, Need Improvement and Priority/Comprehensive.

#### SET DATE FOR CALENDAR & BUDGET HEARING – APRIL 7

A motion was made by Ratcliff and seconded by Foster to set the 2020-2021 school calendar and 2020-2021 budget public hearing for April 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the elementary conference room. Motion carried.

#### APPROVE AHLERS AND COONEY AS BOND COUNSEL

A motion was made by Ratcliff and seconded by Sampson to approve Ahlers and Cooney as the Bond Counsel for the general obligation bond. Motion carried.

#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

##### MRS. LIVEZEY – FAST TESTING – WINTER SCREENING

Mrs. Livezey mentioned that 83% of students are meeting the benchmark on the FAST data testing after the winter screening. Mrs. Livezey's goal is 80% of students meeting the benchmark. She was happy with this result and will assist students that are not meeting the goal.

##### MRS. GOEMAAT – MAP TESTING, COLLEGE PREP PARENT NIGHT

Mrs. Goemaat mentioned MAP testing for the jr./sr. high was February 10<sup>th</sup> through February 12<sup>th</sup>. She has some students that need to finish the MAP testing.

Mrs. Goemaat talked briefly about the college prep parents' night. The college prep night was February 13<sup>th</sup> but was cancel due to inclement weather. The date has been rescheduled to February 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

##### INTERNAL TRANSFER

Mrs. Livezey is planning to move Maddie Mitchell from an elementary SPED teacher to a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. Mrs. Livezey also plans to move Abbi Groenendyk from a .75 teacher to a full time SPED teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. Mrs. Livezey will evaluate an additional SPED teacher for 2020-2021 depending on the SPED roster count in the fall.

#### NEGOTIATIONS

Mrs. Livezey met with the North Mahaska Education Association (NMEA) on February 17<sup>th</sup>. The NMEA proposed a 5-year contract for master agreement language and a 3-year contract for wages and benefits. The NMEA would like to add for the first year \$800 to the base for a 3.21% overall package, the second

year \$600 to the base for a 2.36% overall package and the third year \$400 to the base for a 1.89% overall package, for the school year 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 respectively.

Mrs. Livezey proposed no increase and a vertical movement for the 2020-20201 school year. The reason for no increase was because the state has not set the State Supplement Aid (SSA) percentage.

#### GAP PROGRAM

Mrs. Livezey has not made an official decision yet, but the GAP Program during the summer could be reduced by the number of days. The GAP program is usually a week-long program for the students starting kindergarten in the fall. Since the construction project will begin after Memorial Day the GAP program could be operating less than a week this summer.

#### BOARD COMMENT/THANK YOU NOTES

Mrs. Ratcliff would like to thank the Mahaska Health Partnership for taking the time to talk with the cooks and discuss the alternate food service programs.

Mr. Wilkin would like to know more about the work release program for high school students. He was questioning why students have multiple study halls during the day. Mrs. Goemaat said that scheduling can be hard to do when teachers teach certain classes during the day.

#### ADJOURN

Mr. Wilkin adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Cindy Quang  
Board Secretary

Dirk Wilkin  
Board President