

May 18, 2020

The North Mahaska Board of Education met in regular session on May 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. using electronic meeting – Zoom. The electronic board meeting is open to the public and the community can join the electronic meeting by emailing the superintendent. Those members present: Dirk Wilkin, Arvin DeBoef, Margaret Ratcliff, Keith Foster and Michelle Sampson. Also present: Angela Livezey, Amber Goemaat, Sally Obernolte with Neumann Monson Architects, Brandon Schulte and Ben Gannon with Design Construction Integration (DCI), Renee Ferguson, Lisa Watts, Lindsay Thoreson, Greg Frost with Oopa! Food Service Management, Sherrill Strobel 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 with the adjustment to add the summer food service letter of agreement. Motion carried.

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

#### COMMUNICATIONS

There was no written communication or public forum.

#### DESIGN CONSTRUCTION INTEGRATION GROUP – UPDATE

Ben Gannon with DCI Group gave an overview to the board on the construction progress. Mr. Gannon mentioned all contracts have been sent to the school form Bi-State Contracting, Inc, S&S Plumbing Heating, & A/C, LLC, Terracon and Cornerstone. Mr. Gannon is still waiting for Van Maanen Electric, Inc contract to be signed. The construction start date will be June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. The Asbestos removal will begin this week and will take 3 days to remove the asbestos.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### FOOD SERVICE

Mrs. Livezey mentioned the district received two requests for proposal (RFP) for food service management company. Mrs. Livezey gave the reason why the district will be looking into going to contracted food service it is because of the purchasing power and the high cost in food expenses. In the RFP, the district asks to have the school employ Nancy Dunnick as a North Mahaska staff. The other cooks will be hired by Oopa! Food Service Management company.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### RESIGNATIONS

##### MATT AUGUSTIN – BUSINESS TEACHER

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by Ratcliff to accept the resignation of Matt Augustin as a Business Teacher. Motion carried.

##### ABBI GROENENDYK – ELEMENTARY SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Sampson to accept the resignation of Abbi Groenendyk as an Elementary Special Education Teacher. Motion carried.

##### MALLORY KLINKER – PARAEDUCATOR

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by Sampson to accept the resignation of Mallory Klinker as a paraeducator. Motion carried.

#### KIPP SCHULER – JR. HIGH BOYS’ TRACK

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Foster to accept the resignation of Kipp Schuler as a Jr. High Boys Track. Motion carried.

#### KRYSTY HUFFMAN – MATH LEAD TEACHER

A motion was made by Sampson and seconded by DeBoef to accept the resignation of Krysty Huffman as a Math Lead Teacher. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF STAFF

##### JR. HIGH BOYS’ TRACK – TREY BENNETT

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by DeBoef to approve a coaching contract to Trey Bennett for the Jr. High Boys’ Track Coach for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried.

##### JR. HIGH FOOTBALL – TREY BENNETT

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Sampson to approve a coaching contract to Trey Bennett for the Jr. High Football Coach for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried.

##### JR. HIGH GIRLS’ TRACK – MEGAN POTHOVEN

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by Ratcliff to approve a letter of agreement to Megan Pothoven for the Jr. High Girl’s Track Coach for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried.

#### 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CLASSROOM TEACHER

No recommendations at this time. The board will table until the next board meeting.

#### ELEMENTARY SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER – AMY GRIFFIN

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Sampson to approve a teaching contract to Amy Griffin for the Elementary Special Education Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried.

#### CONTRACTED FOOD SERVICE PROPOSAL

A motion was made by Ratcliff and seconded by Foster to approve the contracted food service. Motion carried.

Mr. DeBoef received a call not to go with contracted food service. He mentioned the caller was worried about the overall staff morale. Mr. DeBoef would like to stay local as much as you can, but he understands that the contracted food service company does have the purchasing power.

Mrs. Ratcliff ask if Opaa! Food Service Management will be the leader in making sure all the food service regulation is in-compliance for the school district, especially now that COVID-19 is a huge factor. Greg Frost, a representative of Opaa! Food Service Management mentioned that his company will help the school follow the necessary guidelines that are recommended by the federal, state and local levels.

#### SUMMER FOOD SERVICE LETTER OF ASSIGNMENT

Mrs. Livezey mentioned the summer food service program will be done the same way as the COVID-19 procedure. Parents can pick-up the summer food program lunch for the whole week. Parents will need to sign up a week in advance for the cooks to prepare the meal for the following week. Parents can pick up meals at certain drop off zones.

Mrs. Livezey is looking to pay summer cooks \$20/hour for their time in preparing the meals. The summer food program will start on May 26<sup>th</sup> and end on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

A motion was made by Mr. DeBoef and seconded by Ratcliff to approve the summer cooks pay to \$20/hour for the summer lunch program. Motion carried.

#### FLEXIBILITY ACCOUNT – TRANSFER HSAP FUNDS (SET PUBLIC HEARING JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2020)

A motion was made DeBoef and seconded by Foster to set the public hearing for June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to transfer the Home School Assistant Program (HSAP) funds. Motion carried.

Mrs. Livezey mentioned the transfer of the HSAP funds to the general education funds will be used to purchase technology.

#### LUNCH PRICES FOR 2020-2021

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Foster to approve the student lunch prices to \$2.70, the student breakfast to \$1.80 and the student milk price to \$.40. The adult lunch price will increase to \$3.85, the adult breakfast to \$2.05 and the adult milk price to \$.40. The daycare 1-2 year old lunch price \$1.80 and daycare 1-2 year old breakfast price will be \$1.80. The daycare 3-5 year old lunch prices will be \$2.70 and the daycare 3-5 year old breakfast will be \$1.80. Motion carried.

#### REGISTRATION PRICES FOR 2020-2021

The registration price will remain the same for the 2020-2021 school year: Textbook fee (K-12) \$45.00/student; 1:1 Laptop fee (7-12) \$25.00/student; Vocal Supply fee (7-12) \$5.00/student; Class Dues (7-12) \$5.00/student; Music Text fee (K-6) \$5.00/student; FFA Membership \$20.00/student and Band Supply Fee (5-12) \$5.00/student.

#### ITS CONTRACTS

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Foster to approve Infrastructure Technology Solution (ITS) contract for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried.

#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

##### MRS. LIVEZEY – UPDATING ON ON-LINE LEARNING, GAP, KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP, PRE-REGISTRATION FOR PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Livezey mentioned that online learning has dropped off in the first part of May. A reason why online learning has declined is because parents were tired of being home school teachers along with working a full-time job.

Mrs. Livezey mentioned kindergarten round-up registration and preschool registration is available on the school website. The kindergarten teachers did a little welcome video for next year's students. Mrs. Livezey will plan to do a face to face meeting for kindergarten parents in August to answer any questions.

Mrs. Livezey spoke with Pat McReynolds from the Mahaska-Wapello Empowerment to talk about the GAP Program. Pat McReynolds will allow the GAP program funds to be carried into next fall.

#### MRS. GOEMAAT – GRADUATION

Mrs. Goemaat talked about graduation will be on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the football stadium. Mrs. Goemaat mentioned other events will be happening that same day. The morning of June 13<sup>th</sup> the NMEF

will be handing the Jace Race t-shirts and the ACT testing will be held the same morning as well. Mrs. Goemaat will be planning to have social distance guidelines for the graduation ceremony.

Mrs. Goemaat will have student computer check-in this week so students will be returning their computers to the school. Mrs. Goemaat mentioned computer updates will be done over the summer so they will be ready for the fall.

Mrs. Goemaat talked about the Senior Awards Night that was done virtually. Mrs. Goemaat mentioned the class of 2020 was awarded over \$200,000.

Mr. Wilkin mentioned the NM grading scale is affecting some student's GPA base on the courses they sign up for. High School students shy away from taking a college course because they are afraid it would affect their GPA. For the students trying to challenge themselves taking college courses seems to be affected more by their GPA. Student's trying to get scholarship money are affected by their GPA. Mrs. Goemaat will be looking into developing a new grading scale to help students that are challenging themselves.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT WM PENN CONTRACT

Mrs. Livezey and Mrs. Goemaat plan to meet with Mr. Ehret this week to discuss the William Penn Strength and Conditioning contract. Mrs. Livezey mentioned holding off on signing the contract because there are so many unknowns right now. Mrs. Livezey mentioned that school might not be starting in the fall. Mrs. Livezey mentioned there could be a possibility of having an in-house strength and conditioning coach on staff.

#### STORAGE CONTAINER

Mrs. Livezey is looking to get a storage container to house the woodshop equipment and wood from the shop. The storage container will be placed over by the greenhouse and bus garage area. The woodshop room will be housing the weight room equipment until the construction project is finished.

#### ANNUAL MEETING WITH NEW SHARON CHILD CARE AND PRESCHOOL – MAY 20 @ 5:00

Mrs. Livezey will be holding a Zoom meeting with 2 NM board members (DeBoef and Sampson) to go over the 28E Agreement with the New Sharon Childcare and Preschool board and discuss the rental wavier that was asked at the April board meeting.

#### BOARD COMMENT / THANK YOU NOTES

Mr. Foster asked about the tractor equipment that the school owns. Mrs. Livezey mentioned the tractor that the school owns is very old and the custodian would like to purchase a new tractor equipment. Mrs. Livezey is having Kiah Bucklin, NM custodian, research quotes for a purchase of a new tractor equipment for the school. Mrs. Livezey will be looking at the budget to see if we can purchase the tractor outright or make monthly payments with interest.

Mrs. Livezey also talked about Ken Broadway (custodian) having a tractor that he used at the school. Mrs. Livezey mentioned Mr. Broadway had estimated about \$1,200 of time on his equipment to use on the school grounds. Ken used his tractor to till grass seed and full dirt in the drop off areas around the school

Mrs. Livezey would recommend that the district pays Ken Broadway for his equipment use on the school ground in the amount of \$1,200. The board made a consensus in paying Mr. Broadway for the use of his equipment but would recommend that he follows procedures before bring in his equipment.

Mr. DeBoef mentioned that Mrs. Goemaat did a great job for the Senior Award/ Scholarship Zoom meeting. Mr. DeBoef also mentioned the North Mahaska Education Foundation received a \$2,000 donation from US Bank to be used towards the purchase of playground equipment in the kindergarten wing.

Mrs. Sampson would like to say thank you to the food service department on the meal preparation for the meal pick up.

Mr. Wilkin asked about the 1:1 computer lease payment and when it was finished. Mr. Wilkin thought the district could possibly do some creative selling for the old 1:1 computer if and when the lease is up. Ms. Quang mentioned the Apple lease agreement has been paid off. However, Mrs. Livezey would like to use the 1:1 apple computer another year before deciding to enter into another computer purchase agreement.

ADJOURNED

Dirk Wilkin adjourned the board at 7:33 p.m.

Cindy Quang  
Board Secretary

Dirk Wilkin  
Board President