

June 21, 2021

The North Mahaska Board of Education met in regular session on June 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library in New Sharon, Iowa. Those members present: Dirk Wilkin, Arvin DeBoef, Michelle Sampson, Margaret Ratcliff, and Keith Foster. Also present: Angela Livezey, Amber Goemaat, Ben Gannon, Jeff Walston, Lindsay Thoreson, and Sarah McGriff.

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 with the addition of written communication from RD Keep and approval of the ITS contract. Motion carried.

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

#### PUBLIC FORUM

There was no one present for the public forum.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

RD Keep submitted an annual report to the board regarding his communications role this year.

#### DESIGN CONSTRUCTION INTEGRATION GROUP – BEN GANNON

Ben Gannon gave an update on the construction project.

The fitness area is currently on hold until the renovations in the attached hallway are completed at which point the area will be cleaned up and sealed off. Block is being laid in the locker rooms this week. There is no final date yet for when the lockers will arrive.

Unit ventilators are being installed throughout the school. The units are all set in the high school and piping to the units is being completed. All openings for the units have been cut in the elementary and those will be placed in the next couple of weeks. Rooftop units are scheduled to be set next week once the crane is here.

In Area C, walls are being framed in the next week. There is consideration to replace a few windows in the space, but that would be done later on; most likely during Christmas break. There were a few flooring options for the kindergarten room presented, but Mr. Gannon still needs to follow up with the flooring company regarding concerns of durability and finish of the floor. Mrs. Livezey will then follow up with the kindergarten teachers for feedback regarding the flooring options.

#### PRESENTATION OF BUS BIDS - JEFF WALSTON

Jeff Walston presented two diesel bus bids and one gasoline bus bid that the district received to replace a bus in the fleet. He explained that the need for a new bus comes via recommendation from the bus inspector. The inspector informed the district that the costs incurred to keep the current bus in the fleet will end up being higher than the cost of purchasing a new bus. Mr. Walston noted that the diesel quote

from Hoglund comes with the benefit of the service center being closer, the bus being the same type that the district is currently running, and the bus from Hoglund is available immediately while the bus from Blue Bird will not be available until October or November. While Blue Bird is the lower bid, the benefits from Hoglund's bid outweigh the price difference.

#### OLD BUSINESS

No old business at this time.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### APPROVE BUS BID

A motion was made by Ratcliff and seconded by DeBoef to approve the bus bid from Hoglund. Motion carried.

##### APPROVE COMPUTER BUY BACK QUOTE

A motion was made by Ratcliff and seconded by Foster to approve the computer buy back quote from Diamond Assets. Motion carried.

##### APPOINT OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Sampson to appoint The Oskaloosa Herald as the official newspaper for the district. Motion carried.

##### APPROVE BANK DEPOSITORY LIMITS

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Foster to approve the bank depository limits at \$2 million for First State Bank and \$15 million for ISJIT. Motion carried.

##### APPROVE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

A motion was made by Ratcliff and seconded by Sampson to approve Ahlers and Cooney as the district attorney. Motion carried.

##### 2ND READING OF BOARD POLICY 604.10

A motion was made by Ratcliff and seconded by Foster to approve the second reading of board policy 604.10 with the proposed changes from the May 17, 2021 board meeting. Motion carried.

##### REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 505.6

Mrs. Goemaat informed the board that a student has applied for early graduation, but would like to continue being a part of FFA. According to the current policy, the only activities an early graduate can participate in prom and commencement. This situation brought this policy into question, because the National FFA organization allows members to participate up to the age of 21. Mrs. Goemaat informed the board that legally this policy is up to local discretion. Mrs. Goemaat's recommendation was to allow the student to participate in meetings and events, but that the student would not be allowed to compete as a high school student or represent the school at convention because they would be considered an alum. The

board expressed concern that if an exception is made for one student in one program it would make things complicated and possibly unfair for other students. They decided to enforce the policy as is.

#### APPROVE 28E AGREEMENT W/ NEW SHARON CHILD CARE & PRESCHOOL

A motion was made by Ratcliff and seconded by DeBoef to approve the FY22 28E agreement with the New Sharon Child Care and Preschool. Motion carried.

#### APPROVE POWERSCHOOL CONTRACT

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Sampson to approve the FY22 Powerschool Contract with Grant Wood AEA. Motion carried.

#### APPROVE OVERNIGHT TRIP FOR FFA OFFICER RETREAT

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by DeBoef to approve the overnight trip for the FFA officer retreat. Motion carried.

#### APPROVE FY22 CONTRACT WITH ITS

A motion was made by Ratcliff and seconded by Sampson to approve the FY22 contract with ITS. Motion carried.

#### REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY - 1ST READING 503.6

The board performed a first reading reviewing policy 503.6. Mr. Wilkin asked if this changes the procedure of removing all students from the classroom when a student is a disturbance in a classroom. Mrs. Livezey assured that it does not, but that it does present the guidelines for those situations when seclusion and restraint are necessary.

#### REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY - 1ST READING 503.6R1, 503.6E1, 503.6E2, 503.6E3

The board performed a first reading reviewing policies 503.6R1, 503.6E1, 503.6E2, 503.6E3.

A motion was made by Ratcliff and seconded by DeBoef to approve the first reading of the policies listed under 503.6. Motion carried.

#### CONSIDER OPEN ENROLLMENT REQUEST

A motion was made by Ratcliff and seconded by Foster to deny the open enrollment request in line with the current board policy. Motion carried.

#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

No principal's report in June and July.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

##### REPLACEMENT OF COURT YARD WINDOWS

Mrs. Livezey explained that the district obtained two quotes to replace the windows in the courtyard. The class of 2020 has offered to pay for a portion of the windows with the funds they had remaining from not

being able to have a senior class trip. The new windows will be safer and be insulated glass versus the original single pane windows that are currently in the courtyard.

#### CONCESSION STANDS

Mrs. Livezey gave an update that the decision has been made to have one concession stand for softball and baseball games this year to prevent waste and also due to the fact that it has been difficult to get help to staff both concession stands.

#### REGISTRATION INFORMATION - ON-LINE FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Mrs. Livezey explained that registration packets for the 2021-2022 school year will be online and available after July 1, 2021.

#### ADJOURN

Mr. Wilkin adjourned the regular meeting at 7:50pm

#### APPROVE CLOSED SESSION FOR SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL EVALUATION - IOWA CODE SECTION 21.5 (1) (I)

Mr. Wilkin took a vote to enter closed session at 7:50pm

AYE: Keith Foster, Arvin DeBoef, Michelle Sampson, Margaret Ratcliff, Dirk Wilkin

NAY: None

#### ADJOURN

A motion was made by DeBoef and seconded by Foster to adjourn the closed session at 9:10pm.

#### RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Mr. Wilkin took a vote to return to the open session meeting at 9:10pm.

AYE: Keith Foster, Arvin DeBoef, Michelle Sampson, Margaret Ratcliff, Dirk Wilkin

NAY: None

#### APPROVE SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT RENEWAL

A motion was made by Ratcliff and seconded by DeBoef to approve a three year superintendent contract for Mrs. Livezey. Motion carried.

#### COMMENTS

Mr. DeBoef recognized Mrs. Livezey and the administration's proactive approach to hiring teachers as soon as possible.

#### THANK YOU

Kevin Kelderman and the senior class for their donation to replace the courtyard windows.

RD Keep for his contribution to the district through his work on the Megaphone.

#### ADJOURN

A motion was made by Ratcliff and seconded by DeBoef to adjourn the meeting at 9:18p.m. Motion carried.

Sarah McGriff  
Board Secretary

Dirk Wilkin  
Board President