

October 17, 2022

The North Mahaska Board of Education met prior to the regular board meeting on October 17, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. for a work session led by Lou Gvist of IASB with a goal to set the board and administrators up for success regarding board policy, communication, and situation regulation. Those board members present: Michelle Sampson, Brett Morris, Keith Foster, and Todd Vanderwilt. Also present: Angela Livezey, Tim Veiseth, Amber Goemaat, Ryan Groom, Renee Ferguson, Carrie Kral, and Sarah McGriff.

North Mahaska Board of Education met in regular session on October 17, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High Library in New Sharon, Iowa. Those members present: Keith Foster, Brett Morris, Michelle Sampson, and Todd Vanderwilt. Also present: Angela Livezey, Tim Veiseth, Amber Goemaat, Ryan Groom, Renee Ferguson, Carrie Kral, and Sarah McGriff.

Keith Foster called the regular meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

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

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

#### COMMUNICATIONS

##### PUBLIC FORUM

No one was present for the public forum.

##### WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

There was no written communication.

##### CONSTRUCTION

Mrs. Livezey shared an email update from Trent Kain that they are still working on units.

##### OLD BUSINESS

##### ROOF UPDATE

Scott Palmberg presented an update on the roof restoration for the elementary gym roof, including the bid documents set to release on 10/18/2022 with board approval. He presented 20, 30, and 35 year warranty options. Mr. Vanderwilt asked if the district could still put an overlayment on the roof in the future. Mr. Palmberg noted that the only issue that would arise is if the crimping was not done properly on the R-Mer Span 35 year warranty roof option. He shared a timeline of work with bids being received on November 10, work to commence in June of 2023, and substantial completion scheduled for August 14, 2023. Mr. Morris asked if we

could ask for a base bid for 35 years, and two alternates for 30 and 20 years. Mr. Palmberg confirmed that option was viable and that he would suggest doing so.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### APPROVE BID DOCUMENTS FOR ELEMENTARY GYM ROOF RESTORATION

A motion was made by Vanderwilt and seconded by Morris to approve the bid documents for the elementary gym roof restoration. Motion carried.

##### APPROVE GIRLS WRESTLING PROGRAM

Mr. Groom and Mrs. Goemaat gave details regarding the proposed girls' wrestling program. Mr. Groom explained the need for an additional coach who would serve as assistant varsity coach overseeing the varsity and junior high girls. Girls would only be wrestling girls in this program. Girls are allowed to wrestle boys in practice if they choose and if it is best for their advancement in their skill set, but it is not required. There are currently 14 girls who have expressed interest in the team. Mr. Groom presented a proposed schedule for the season with 10 dates. Mrs. Goemaat spoke to SICL schools regarding their plans for a program as well and she shared that information with the board.

A motion was made by Morris and seconded by Sampson to approve the girls wrestling program. Motion carried.

#### LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The board discussed legislative priorities and selected mental health, teacher recruitment and licensure, school funding, and Supplemental State Aid as the priorities they would like to be focused on by IASB this year.

##### APPROVE EARLY GRADUATION REQUESTS

Mrs. Goemaat presented two early graduation requests for students on track to graduate at the semester. The board reviewed their applications. A motion was made by Sampson and seconded by Morris to approve the two early graduation requests. Motion carried.

##### BOARD POLICY REVIEW 2ND READING

A motion was made by Morris and seconded by Vanderwilt to approve the second reading of board policies 105, the 800 series, and the 900 series. Motion carried.

#### FOOD SERVICE DISCUSSION

The board discussed the food program and the options for moving forward. Due to cost, comparison of other options, and the improvements seen this year, a motion was made by Morris and seconded by Vanderwilt to continue to with OPAA for food service and not go to bid this year. Motion carried.

#### APPROVE AUDIT SERVICE AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Morris and seconded by Vanderwilt to approve the audit service agreement. Motion carried.

#### REVIEW CERTIFIED ENROLLMENT

Mrs. Livezey shared certified enrollment data with the board. The district is down 7.94 students for total students served resulting in a total of 590.98 students served. 16 students moved out of the district and the number of open enrolled out students increased by 6.6 students. The number of open enrolled in students increased by 8 students to 157.

#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

##### MAP TESTING

Mrs. Goemaat shared MAP testing data. The results are better year over year compared to last winter. Most areas for both math and reading are within the 80% of students meeting the 41st percentile. The district will create extra credit coursework through Edgenuity to help boost these scores. If students choose not to complete the extra coursework, it will not affect their GPA or their eligibility status.

##### HOMECOMING

Mrs. Goemaat shared that homecoming went well and there were no issues.

##### STUDENT ASSEMBLY

Mrs. Goemaat shared that there will be a student assembly centered around seeing the value in yourself and others in November. There will be a session for 7-8th grade students and another for 9-12th grade students.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

##### TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Mrs. Livezey shared that there is an additional driver testing for certification and will begin driving in November for the open PM bus route. This will fill all available route positions, but substitute drivers are still needed.

##### LEGISLATIVE INSERVICE -JANUARY 26, 2023 -BROOKLYN, IA

Mrs. Livezey shared the invitation for the legislative inservice on January 26 in Brooklyn and asked board members to let her know by November if they will be able to attend.

##### IASB CONFERENCE - NOVEMBER

Mrs. Livezey asked any board members who are interested in attending the conference to let her know.

## FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS - HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY

Mrs. Livezey is still waiting on documents from Garden and Associates.

## COMMENTS

Mr. Vanderwilt expressed his appreciation of the continued improvement of the transportation program.

Mr. Foster asked for an update regarding a student injury at the homecoming game and if it was a facility issue. Mrs. Goemaat updated that it wasn't a facility issue.

## THANK YOU

Mrs. Livezey thanked the board for their support during the passing of her father.

## ADJOURN

A motion was made by Vanderwilt and seconded by Morris to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m.  
Motion carried.

Sarah McGriff  
Board Secretary

Keith Foster  
Vice President