

January 16, 2023

North Mahaska Board of Education met in regular session on January 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High Library in New Sharon, Iowa. Those members present: Keith Foster, Brett Morris, Brett McGriff, Michelle Sampson, and Todd Vanderwilt. Also present: Angela Livezey, Amber Goemaat, Tim Veiseth (via Zoom), Shayla Schilling (via Zoom), Renee Ferguson, Stacie Johannes, Sherrill Strobel, RD Keep, and Sarah McGriff.

Keith Foster called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Sampson and seconded by Vanderwilt to approve the agenda with the addition of adding RD Keep to written communications. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sampson and seconded by McGriff to approve the consent agenda including a typo correction to the December minutes that there is an open kindergarten teacher position next year, not preschool. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC FORUM

No one was present for the public forum.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

The district communications report was presented by RD Keep.

PRESENTATION

Stacie Johannes, Tim Veiseth, and Shayla Schilling presented on behalf of the scheduling committee regarding a proposed junior high schedule change to increase learning options.

OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE EARLY RETIREMENT REQUESTS

A motion was made by Vanderwilt and seconded by Morris to approve the early retirement requests for Roger Gay and Crystal DeBoef. Motion carried.

REVIEW AND UPDATE BOARD POLICY 505.05

A proposal was made by Mrs. Goemaat for graduation requirement updates to board policy 505.05. The board performed a first reading of the board policy with the following changes being taken into consideration: remove the computer applications requirement, shift health to its own

requirement, adjust the science requirement to 5 credits, and increase the number of electives required to 19 to accommodate the lost credit from computer applications. A motion was made by Morris and seconded by Sampson to approve the first reading of board policy 505.05.

REVIEW BOARD POLICY 904.02

The board reviewed board policy 904.02. No changes were made.

APPROVE HIRING NEW STAFF FOR INCREASING LEARNING OPTIONS FOR JR. HIGH STUDENTS

A motion was made by Morris and seconded by McGriff to approve hiring new staff in the Jr. High for increasing learning opportunities. Motion carried.

BOARD GOALS

The board reviewed their goals. All have been met well ahead of schedule and they will update goals in the next few months.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

WINTER FAST SCREENING

Winter screening has begun and results will be shared at the February board meeting.

PRESCHOOL DESK AUDIT

The preschool desk audit has been completed and approved by the Iowa DE.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

JANUARY 3, 2023 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Mrs. Livezey shared an update on the January 3 professional development day. Staff traveled to Lynnville-Sully CSD to collaborate with grade level peers. Feedback was positive from staff.

VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT & FUNDING

Mrs. Livezey shared that the vulnerability assessments have been completed by Mahaska County Emergency Management and Mahaska County Law Enforcement. Areas of safety enhancements and improvements have been identified. The district is working on the next steps of obtaining quotes for the identified areas of improvements. Each building (elementary and jr./sr. high) will receive \$50,000 for a total of \$100,000 for safety improvements.

FLOORING UPDATE

The flooring in the preschool and nurses office will be replaced at the company's expense as it is not adhering. They will be replacing the flooring on January 20.

AUDIT REPORT

The board was given a hard copy of the FY22 audit report. The school's auditor will review the audit with the board at the February meeting.

BOARD WORK SESSION

A board work session will be planned sometime in April or May based on board members' availability to continue to improve the productivity of the board. The board was agreeable to a work session in April. Mrs. Livezey will work with IASB to develop a session.

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Mrs. Livezey shared that the district still has a PM route opening available. Additionally, the district is running short of sub drivers.

NM ATHLETIC BOOSTERS - FEBRUARY UPDATE

Mike Mitchell, NM Athletic Booster President is planning to attend the February board meeting to update the board on the booster's work and their fundraising efforts. The board is reviewing the fundraiser and will prepare questions prior to the February meeting.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Mrs. Livezey provided an update that she is continuing the work to obtain a school resource officer to add value to our safe school environment. She and Sheriff VanReinerham presented to the Mahaska County Board of Supervisors at their January meeting to request their consideration of a school resource officer.

COMMENTS

Mr. Vanderwilt asked that Mrs. Livezey follow up with the attorney on the temporary naming fundraiser proposed by Athletic Boosters and what liability this may pose for the district.

Mr. Vanderwilt shared that during the education foundation meeting, they discussed branding of the district and continuing to push that forward through the foundation.

Mrs. Sampson received positive feedback regarding the artwork displayed during sporting events.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the North Mahaska Education Foundation on their donation to the district for the cafeteria furniture.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Morris and seconded by Sampson to adjourn the meeting at 7:31p.m. Motion carried.

Sarah McGriff
Board Secretary

Keith Foster
President