

March 27, 2023

North Mahaska Board of Education met in regular session on March 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High Library in New Sharon, Iowa. Those members present: Keith Foster, Brett McGriff, Michelle Sampson, Brett Morris, and Todd Vanderwilt. Also present: Angela Livezey, Amber Goemaat, Tim Veiseth, Renee Ferguson, Crystal VanderLinden, Stephanie Timm, Lindsey Phillips, Stacie Johannes, Lindsay Thoreson, Sherrill Strobel, Lynette Van Donselaar, and Sarah McGriff.

#### PUBLIC HEARING FOR PUBLISHED AMENDMENT TO FY23 BUDGET

Keith Foster called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. No public comment was made. Public hearing was closed at 6:00 p.m.

#### PUBLIC HEARING FOR PUBLISHED FY24 BUDGET

Keith Foster called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. Sherrill Strobel asked how the district planned for vouchers in the budget. Public hearing was closed at 6:00 p.m.

#### PUBLIC HEARING FOR PUBLISHED 2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Keith Foster called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. No public comment was made. Public hearing was closed at 6:00 p.m.

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

A motion was made by Vanderwilt and seconded by Morris to approve the agenda with the amendment to remove the closed session. Motion carried.

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

#### COMMUNICATIONS

##### PUBLIC FORUM

None.

##### WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

No written communication.

##### NMEA COMMUNICATION TO BOARD

Mrs. Thoreson thanked the board for the settlement for negotiations on behalf of NMEA, and also implored the board to consider moving to the three person school administration with a superintendent and two principals beginning next year.

## OLD BUSINESS

### UPDATE ON HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY & DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Mrs. Livezey shared a proposal from Garden and Associates for sidewalk and drainage improvements. There are still edits to be made and they will continue to work on the layout of the proposal with administration. Mr. Morris asked Mrs. Livezey to also follow up with Jack Smith regarding erosion under the football field. She will follow up with Mr. Smith and Garden and Associates regarding this.

## NEW BUSINESS

### PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET

Ms. McGriff presented the proposed FY24 budget.

### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2020, DATED JUNE 1, 2020, APPROVING AN ESCROW AGENT AGREEMENT, AND LEVYING A TAX FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 FOR THE REDEMPTION OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2020, DATED JUNE 1, 2020

Board Member Sampson introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption. Director McGriff seconded the motion to adopt.

Resolution authorizing the redemption of general obligation school bonds, Series 2020, dated June 1, 2020, Approving an Escrow Agent Agreement, and levying a tax for fiscal year 2024 for the Redemption of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2020, dated June 1, 2020.

The roll was called, and the following Directors voted:

AYES: Keith Foster, Brett Morris, Brett McGriff, Michelle Sampson, Todd Vanderwilt

NAYS: None

The President declared the Resolution adopted.

### PASS BOARD RESOLUTION FOR BUDGET GUARANTEE

Director McGriff introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption. Director Morris seconded the motion to adopt.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of NORTH MAHASKA community school district, will levy property taxes for fiscal year 2023-2024 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa.

The roll was called, and the following Directors voted:

AYES: Keith Foster, Brett Morris, Brett McGriff, Michelle Sampson, Todd Vanderwilt

NAYS: None

#### APPROVE RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH JOHNSON CONTROLS

A motion was made by Morris and seconded by Vanderwilt to approve the renewal of the FY24 agreement with Johnson Controls. Motion carried.

#### APPROVE SETTLEMENT WITH THE NMEA

A motion was made by Vanderwilt and seconded by Morris to approve the FY24 settlement with NMEA. Motion carried.

#### APPROVE AEA PURCHASING AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Sampson and seconded by Morris to approve the purchasing agreement with the AEA for 2023-2024. Motion carried.

#### APPROVE WAGE FOR SUMMER HELP FOR STUDENTS \$11.00 / PER HOUR

A motion was made by Morris and seconded by Vanderwilt to approve summer help wage for students of \$11/hr. Motion carried.

#### APPROVE WAGES FOR CONTRACT / LETTER OF AGREEMENT RENEWAL

A motion was made by McGriff and seconded by Morris to approve wages for 2023-2024 contracts and letters of agreement. Motion carried.

#### APPROVE 2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

A motion was made by Morris and seconded by Sampson to approve the 2023-2024 school calendar. Motion carried.

#### APPROVE MANAGEMENT LEVY RATE

A motion was made by Vanderwilt and seconded by McGriff to approve the FY24 management levy rate of \$1.06. Motion carried.

#### APPROVE BOARD APPROVED PPEL

A motion was made by Sampson and seconded by Morris to approve the FY24 PPEL rate of \$0.33. Motion carried.

#### APPROVE FY24 BUDGET

A motion was made by Vanderwilt and seconded by Morris to approve the FY24 budget. Motion carried.

#### APPROVE SHARING AGREEMENT WITH EBF - PLANT OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

A motion was made by Morris and seconded by Sampson to approve the FY24 sharing agreement with Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont for Plant Operation and Maintenance. Motion carried.

#### APPROVE SHARING AGREEMENT WITH LS - GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

A motion was made by Sampson and seconded by McGriff to approve the FY24 sharing agreement with Lynnvile Sully for Guidance Counselor. Motion carried.

#### APPROVE SHARING AGREEMENT WITH MONTEZUMA - HUMAN RELATIONS POSITION

A motion was made by Sampson and seconded by Vanderwilt to approve the FY24 sharing agreement with Montezuma for Human Relations. Motion carried.

#### APPROVE SHARING AGREEMENT WITH GPAEA - SOCIAL WORKER

A motion was made by Morris and seconded by McGriff to approve the FY24 sharing agreement with Great Prairie AEA for Social Worker. Motion carried.

#### APPROVE SHARING AGREEMENT FOR TRANSPORTATION WITH EBF

A motion was made by Morris and seconded by McGriff to approve the FY24 sharing agreement with Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont for Transportation. Motion carried.

#### APPROVE TEACHER LEADERSHIP PLAN

A motion was made by Sampson and seconded by McGriff to approve the FY24 TLC plan. Motion carried.

#### SECOND READING OF BOARD POLICIES

A motion was made by Morris and seconded by Sampson to approve the second reading of the following board policies: 216.02, 607.01, 701.05, 701.05(R)1, 705.01, 705.01(R), 804.07(R)2, 401.02, 401.10, 402.04, 402.01, Narcan Administration Procedures, 808. Motion carried.

#### FIRST READING OF FOOD SERVICE DONATIONS PROCEDURE

A motion was made by Morris and seconded by McGriff to approve the first reading of the food service donations procedure. Motion carried.

#### APPROVE DANCE TEAM FUNDRAISER

A motion was made by Morris and seconded by Sampson to approve the dance team to fundraise for a 2025 dance trip to Florida. Motion carried.

#### APPROVE SKID LOADER PURCHASE LIMIT

A motion was made by Vanderwilt and seconded by Sampson to approve the purchase of a skid loader at a purchase limit of \$25,000 or under. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF NEW ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

A motion was made by Morris and seconded by McGriff to approve an administrative structure of Superintendent, Elementary Principal, and High School Principal for 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF PROCESS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE HIRE

A motion was made by Vanderwilt to approve hiring a search firm as the process for administrative hire of a superintendent. Motion died.

A motion was made by Sampson and seconded by Morris to approve the process for administrative hire as posting the superintendent position on Teach Iowa for a 1 year interim position and conducting a review of performance in December 2023 before a permanent hire decision is made. The internal candidate will be interviewed by the board if an application is submitted on Teach Iowa and if they are deemed a high quality candidate based on qualifications. Motion carried.

#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

##### MAP SCREENING DATA

Mrs. Goemaat shared MAP winter screening data.

##### FAST DATA COMPARED TO GPAEA DATA

Mrs. Livezey shared winter FAST data compared to GPAEA averages. North Mahaska is above the average in every area.

#### NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Mrs. Goemaat shared a request from the National Honor Society sponsors to remove the district NHS from the National sector for NHS.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

##### GRADUATION DROPOUT RATES

Mrs. Livezey shared dropout rates for the class of 2022 and 2021.

#### BOARD WORK SESSION -APRIL 17 FROM 4:15-6:15PM

Mrs. Livezey shared that the board work session will be regarding new research from the Lighthouse Study surrounding the eight traits of effective school boards. IASB will lead this work session.

#### TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Mrs. Livezey shared a transportation update. The district still has a PM route opening.

#### SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Mrs. Livezey shared that the district is working on sharing an SRO with Oskaloosa CSD and the Oskaloosa Police Department. Mahaska County Supervisors did not approve the Sheriff's budget for an SRO.

#### FIRE MARSHAL'S INSPECTION REPORT

Mrs. Livezey shared the fire marshal's report for 2023.

#### SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD APPRECIATION DINNER - INDIAN HILLS

Indian Hills is holding a Superintendent/Board Appreciation Dinner and Mrs. Livezey shared an invite with the board.

#### COMMENTS

Brett Morris shared his appreciation for the look of the school and the vinyl work. He asked if the state championship signs outside could be updated. He also shared his appreciation for the staff who support students through tough situations.

#### THANK YOU

Miranda Johnson, FFA Advisory, and FFA students for the Farmer's Breakfast and Farm & Home Show

Tara Carrico and Jenna Hibler for their work on the musical

#### ADJOURN

A motion was made by Morris and seconded by Vanderwilt to adjourn the meeting at 8:19p.m.  
Motion carried.

Sarah McGriff  
Board Secretary

Keith Foster  
President