

August 28, 2023

The North Mahaska Board of Education met on August 28, 2023 at 4:00pm in the Jr./Sr. High Library in New Sharon, Iowa for a development workshop with a representative from IASB prior to the regular meeting. The session was called to order at 4:02pm by Michelle Sampson. The board utilized the workshop to focus on beginning to set board goals, including Academic Excellence, Resource Management, and Community Engagement. The board will continue to refine and update these goals.

North Mahaska Board of Education met in regular session on August 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High Library in New Sharon, Iowa. Those members present: Brett McGriff via Zoom, Keith Foster via phone, Michelle Sampson, Kraig Koehler, and Todd Vanderwilt. Also present: Polly Ehret, Josh McCollam, Kelli Steil, Crystal Vanderlinden, Phil Griffin, Amber Goemaat, Tim Veiseth, and Sarah McGriff.

Michelle Sampson asked for a motion to call the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A motion was made by Vanderwilt and seconded by Koehler. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Koehler and seconded by Foster to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

A motion was made by McGriff and seconded by Foster to approve the minutes from the July meeting. Motion carried.

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

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

None.

NM BOOSTER CLUB

Kelli Steil introduced herself as NM Booster president and presented the items they would like to assist the school with this year.

OLD BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF FIRST STATE BANK BANNER

A motion was made by Vanderwilt and seconded by McGriff to approve the hanging of the First State Bank Banner. Motion carried.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Reviewed and tabled until more quotes are obtained.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW AND UPDATE 100 SERIES OF BOARD POLICIES - SECOND READING

A motion was made by Vanderwilt and seconded by Foster to approve the second reading of the 100 series board policies. Motion carried.

UPDATE 200 SERIES OF BOARD POLICIES-FIRST READING

Brett McGriff pointed out that 200.01, 201, 202.03 incorrectly stated that the election date is in September. This will be updated to November.

The board asked that input be received regarding the wording for board policy 213.01-R(1).

A motion was made by Koehler and seconded by Vanderwilt to approve the first reading of the 200 series board policies with the aforementioned changes. Motion carried.

APPROVE ALL AMERICAN PEST CONTROL CONTRACT

A motion was made by Vanderwilt and seconded by Foster to approve the All American Pest Control Contract. Motion carried.

APPROVE HS GYM SOUND SYSTEM

A motion was made by Vanderwilt and seconded by Koehler to approve the HS Gym Sound System. Motion carried.

APPROVE IMAGINE LEARNING (FORMERLY EDGENUITY)

A motion was made by Koehler and seconded by McGriff to approve Imagine Learning(formerly Edgenuity) contract. Motion carried.

APPROVE ELEMENTARY DESKS AND CHAIRS FOR 4TH GRADE CLASSROOM

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by Vanderwilt to approve the Elementary desks and chairs for the 4th Grade classroom. Motion carried.

APPROVE SOFTBALL FENCE

A motion was made by Koehler and seconded by Foster to approve the Softball fence. Motion carried.

APPROVAL SOFTBALL/BASEBALL PERIMETER FENCE

A motion was made by Koehler and seconded by McGriff to approve the Softball/Baseball Perimeter Fence. Motion carried.

APPROVAL BASEBALL FENCE AND BACKSTOP

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by Koehler to approve the Baseball Fence and Backstop. Motion carried.

APPROVAL SOFTBALL FIELD PROJECT

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by McGriff to approve the Softball Field Project. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BASEBALL FIELD PROJECT

A motion was made by Koehler and seconded by Foster to approve the Baseball Field Project. Motion carried.

APPROVAL DEHUMIDIFIERS FOR EACH CLASSROOM

A motion was made by Vanderwilt and seconded by McGriff to approve the dehumidifiers for each classroom up. Motion carried.

APPROVAL CLASSROOM KEY REPLACEMENT

A motion was made by Foster and seconded by Koehler to approve the classroom key replacement. Motion carried.

APPROVE CLASSROOM ACCESS POINTS

A motion was made by Vanderwilt and seconded by Koehler to approve the classroom access points. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT GOALS

Mr. Veiseth shared his goals with the board but noted that they would be updated for next month based on the discussion that occurred during the board work session prior to the meeting. This item is tabled.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Goemaat updated the board that the school year is starting well.

Mr. McCollam updated the board that the open house went well and the cellphone policy was accepted well by parents and students and that locks have been installed on lockers. He also shared that he has felt very welcomed and it has been a smooth transition.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

TRANSITION PROCESS UPDATE

Mr. Veiseth shared an update on his transition to superintendent.

IASB ANNUAL CONFERENCE - NOV 15,16 & 17

Mr. Veiseth asked that board members let him know if they would like to attend the conference.

DISCUSS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Veiseth shared minutes from the meeting and recommendations that were made by SAIC.

KITCHEN AIR CONDITIONING UNIT

There is no air conditioning unit in the kitchen and a quote is being obtained for this.

NM HIGHLIGHT VIDEO

Mr. Veiseth is getting people set up for interviews for the new highlight video with MCG.

SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE

The summer food program received corrective actions for not having enough milk on hand. The corrective actions were all submitted by OPAA.

BOARD ELECTION REMINDER

Election will take place on November 7, 2023, and election papers can be taken out from the HS office or printed from the Secretary of State's website. They must be submitted by September 21, 2023 by 5pm.

COMMENTS

Mr. Vanderwilt asked when the new bus drivers would be ready for hire. Mr. Veiseth is hopeful they will be ready by mid-September.

THANK YOU

Mr. Veiseth expressed his thanks to the custodians for their incredible work over the summer preparing the facilities.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Vanderwilt and seconded by Koehler to adjourn the meeting at 7:14p.m. Motion carried.

Sarah McGriff
Board Secretary

Keith Foster
President