

December 18, 2023

North Mahaska Board of Education met in regular session on December 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High Library in New Sharon, Iowa. Those members present: Michelle Sampson, Kraig Koehler, Todd Vanderwilt, Polly Ehret, Brett Morris. Also present: Renee Ferguson, Amber Goemaat, Josh McCollum, Sheryl Strobel, Josie Moore.

President Sampson called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Brett Morris and seconded by Polly Ehret to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kraig Kohler and seconded by Todd Vanderwilt to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

### COMMUNICATION

Public Forum Sheryl Stobel addressed the board about hearing good things from the community about the elementary and the phone system.

Written Communication  
none

### Garden & Associates

Erin VanRoekel from Garden and Associates was present to share the Handicap Accessibility Project timeline and costs involved. She shared the scope of the project and the phases it would take to do the project. Superintendent shared that he would have more information in the upcoming weeks.

### College & Career Transition

Josie Moore was present to update the board on the college and career transition opportunities for juniors and seniors through Indian Hills. This program is designed to increase the number of postsecondary opportunities.

CLOSED SESSION FOR SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION - It was moved by Polly Ehret and seconded by Brett Morris to go into closed session for superintendent evaluation, per Iowa Code 21.5. Time noted 6:39PM

It was moved by Brett Morris and seconded by Polly Ehret to come out of closed session at 8:02PM

### NEW BUSINESS

It was moved by Polly Ehret and seconded by Todd Vanderwilt to approve the purchase of a laser engraver. Motion carried 5-0

It was moved by Kraig Kohler and seconded by Brett Morris to approve the district At-Risk plan and application authorizing the district administration to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee in the amount of \$139,161 for modified supplemental state aid for the purpose of At-Risk funding. Motion carried 5-0. Roll call taken:

Polly Ehret - yes

Brett Morris -yes

Todd Vanderwilt -yes

Kraig Kohler - yes

Michelle Sampson - yes

It was moved by Todd Vanderwilt and seconded by Brett Morris to table the approval of this policy 213.01 until next month. (January) Motion carried 5-0.

#### BOARD POLICIES - SECOND READING

A motion was made by Brett Morris and seconded by Polly Ehret to approve the second reading of board policies: Motion carried 5-0

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It was moved by Kraig Kohler and second by Polly Ehret to approve the first reading of 300 series board policies. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Todd Vanderwilt and seconded by Kraig Kohler to approve the track resurfacing of option 1. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Brett Morris and second by Polly Ehret to approve the Katherine Lowry Fitness Center registration and informed consent and & release form. Motion carried 5-0,

It was moved by Brett Morris and second by Polly Ehret to approve the purchase of 43 staff computers. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Kraig Kohler and seconded by Brett Morris to approve the hiring of Tim Veiseth as Superintendent. Motion carried 5-0.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT  
ELEMENTARY**

Amber updated the board with the data day results. She also commented that NM Impact will be doing a carnival on January 13, 2024. There will also be a silent auction as well on that date.

**SECONDARY**

Josh updated the board on his recent trip to Ottumwa to the district career plan workshop. The secondary transition prep plan and working with the AEA on students who will attend college after graduation or students who will enter the workforce. Student council has dress up days and fun activities planned for the kids before the Christmas break.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Goals - Mr. Veiseth shared his continuing additions of detail to his goals in relation to board goals.

Transition Process Update - Mr. Veiseth shared with the board an ongoing update on the transition process for his role as interim superintendent.

Legislative Inservice - January 25th in Brooklyn, IA. Deadline for board members to register is January 12.

Needs Assessments- Superintendent Veiseth shared with the board the results of the needs assessment data.

**BOARD COMMENTS/ THANK YOU NOTES**

Brett Morris shared how wonderful the Elementary music program was and thanked Mrs. Carrico for all her hard work for that.

**ADJOURNMENT**

No other business appearing before the board, the meeting was on proper motion adjourned at 9:00PM

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Michelle Sampson  
Board President

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Mary Jo Sheets  
Secretary