

iNovember 18, 2024

North Mahaska Board of Education met in regular session on November 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High Library in New Sharon, Iowa. Those members present: Brett Morris, Todd Vanderwilt, Kraig Koehler, Polly Ehret(remote) Michelle Sampson, Tim Veiseth, Ranae Molkenthin, Cari McClellan, Paul Kessler, Amber Goemaat, Josh McCollam, Riley Doonan, Sherill Strobel, Erica Groom and Lynette Van Donselaar

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

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

A motion was made by Koehler and seconded by Morris to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM

Sherill Strobel cannot locate the Megaphone

COMMUNICATION

Receive Visitors/ Public Forum -What to expect during the public forum section of the meeting limit of 2 minutes

Written Communication - none

NM Athletic Booster Update - none

College and Career Transition Coach Update - Cari McClellan - Ranae Molkenthin - 50 in the state - IHCC houses 7 of them - Juniors/Seniors, supportive role to student counselor to assist students- scholarships, job applications etc.- follows students after graduation into first year - shared with Oskey CSD - enough interest that it could be more than one day

Galapagos Island Science Trip Info - Paul Kessler - HS Science - 2026-2027 school year - possibly spring/summer \$5279/per student \$324/month - several students are interested in the trip- liability insurance through the organization - school can support but it would not be school sponsored. Ecuador - boat to Galapagos Island - all meals provided/airfare - Freshman through Seniors - paid directly to company - some scholarship opportunities- fundraising - need approval next month for financing

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

A motion was made by Morris and seconded by Koehler to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:36 PM. Motion carried.

ANNUAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Board Secretary called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM.

ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT

Board secretary called for nominations for board president. A motion was made by Koehler and seconded by Morris to nominate Michelle Sampson as board president. No other nominations were received. Michelle Sampson was elected president by unanimous vote. Motion carried 5-0.

ELECTION OF BOARD VICE PRESIDENT

Board president called for nominations for vice president. A motion was made by Morris and seconded by Vanderwilt to nominate Kraig Koehler as board vice president. No other nominations were received. Kraig Koehler was elected vice president by unanimous vote. Motion carried 5-0.

ELECTION OF BOARD SECRETARY

Motion was made by Vanderwilt and seconded by Morris to appoint Lynette Van Donselaar as Board Secretary for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF BOARD TREASURER

A motion was made by Morris and properly seconded by Vanderwilt to appoint Lynette Van Donselaar as Treasurer for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried.

ESTABLISH DATE AND TIME AND PLACE OF BOARD MEETINGS

A motion was made by Vanderwilt and properly seconded by Morris to set the date, time and place of regular school board meetings.

Date: 3rd Monday of the Month

Time: 6pm

Place: MRC

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

IASB DELEGATE AND LEGISLATIVE NETWORK - Sampson

COUNTY CONFERENCE COMMITTEE - Morris

NEGOTIATIONS TEAM MEMBER - Ehret and Sampson

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER - Koehler and Ehret - alternating

NORTH MAHASKA EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPRESENTATIVE - Vanderwilt

DAY CARE / PRESCHOOL COMMITTEE - Vanderwilt

FFA ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Morris

NM BOOSTER- Koehler and Ehret - alternating

A motion was made by Koehler and seconded by Morris to approve the committees. Motion carried.

Tabled SBRC application to December meeting

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved by Morris and properly seconded by Vanderwilt to approve the following board policies 103, 103 R1 104, 104 E1, 104 E2, 104 E3, 104 R1 605.3, 605.3 E1, 605.3 E2, 605.3 E3, 605.3 E4, 605.3 E5 and 605.3 R1 - Motion Carried

It was moved by Todd Vanderwilt and properly seconded by Brett Morris to approve the School Resource Office(SRO) [28E Agreement](#) - 50/50 share with city, part of Operational Sharing- generate \$15000- \$81000 is total package for police officer to come on board - half going to North Mahaska. Operational Sharing will help with cost. - all day while school is in session- summer time on the street since school is not in session. Will still attend summer activities. - school part of interview process- City will have final say since they hold the contract. If an emergency in town may need to be called away during the school day - make sure expectations are spelled out in job description - full gear handcuffs etc. Could be positive but negative as well depending on the person hired. - board input in interview process - Motion Carried

Tabled SBRC application to December meeting

It was moved by Todd Vanderwilt and properly seconded by Brett Morris to approve [Depository Resolution](#) - Motion Carried

It was moved by Koehler and properly seconded by Brett Morris to Approve Attendance Administrative Assistant Position - Motion Carried - 9 month contract

It was moved by Morris and properly seconded by Koehler to Approve District Goals - Motion Carried

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

ELEMENTARY -

Book Blast a success \$19310 - all goes to books- two new books to go home for each student. Classroom gets 5 additional books for their library. 60% of kids participated.
Science testing - did extremely well - scores very high
2025 Best Elementary Schools in Iowa - 51st in state of Iowa (out of 951)

SECONDARY -

Comparison of grades- percentages are dropping - adding WIN time has helped as well as Friday School, grading practice changes
Quarter 1 Grade/Map Check, Reflection, and Goal Setting
Kindness Week/Week of Giving
Riley Doonan asked how WIN is determined- at the discretionary of teachers

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Discuss Highlights from Board Work Session

Koehler - culture is woven into everything - not a separate goal

Sampson - Culture is woven into everything we do - bullet points

Morris - Culture needs to be a goal - biggest part of work ties back to culture- Culture is the most important thing-Culture is a billboard item- direct goal as well as a result

Vanderwilt - culture is the result of what we do - we need to use culture to measure

Superintendent Goals and Recap -

School Improvement Advisory Committee

Student Information System (SIS) Update - State is looking into a Statewide SIS - so until that is decided we will hold off until February/March

District Survey Information - Panorama - playbook strategies around your results

\$12000/\$36000/three years

Nutrition Update - working with Lunchtime Solutions - may need to increase meal prices at December meeting

Project Update

Iowa School Performance Profile

Certified Enrollment

Open Enrollment Summary

Select a date for Closed Session- 12.09.24 or 12.10.24 - 6 pm - litigation only

IASB Annual Convention

BOARD COMMENTS/THANK YOU NOTES

Vanderwilt asked when it would be a good time to install playground equipment that was donated by NMEF

ADJOURN A motion was made by Koehler and seconded by Morris to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm. Motion carried.

Lynette Van Donselaar Board Secretary

Michelle Sampson President