

December 16, 2024

North Mahaska Board of Education met in regular session on December 16, 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, Michelle Sampson, Tim Veiseth, Renee Ferguson Kessler, Amber Goemaat, Josh McCollam, Carrie Kral, Paul Kessler, Lynette Van Donselaar, Jac Munson, Lindsey Phillips, and Jesse Jones

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

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

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Jess Jones- split season concerns

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

Student Trip: Galapagos Update - Paul Kessler update - HS Science - 2026-2027 school year Female chaperone-Spanish teacher is interested - cancellation policy handed out- payment plan update - does not have to be automatic payment plan

JM Media Update - Jac Munson - what is important for the community to see is the focus- all day on Friday and today- get parts recorded - January 31st is deadline for production to be complete-make North Mahaska a desirable place to be- \$3500 month to do more for North Mahaska now reduced to \$1500/month or contract agreement

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved by Morris and properly seconded by Vanderwilt to approve the first reading of the following board policies 403.01-408.03 with tabling of 403.01 until next month's meeting - Motion Carried

It was moved by Vanderwilt and properly seconded by Koehler to approve the SBRC application - Motion Carried

A motion was made by Morris and seconded by Ehret to approve the 2025 registration and informed consent & release form for Katherine Lowry Fitness Center - Motion Carried

It was moved by Koehler and properly seconded by Morris to approve modified supplemental amount- Motion Carried

It was moved by Morris and properly seconded by Ehret to approve waiver of accounting for interest in trust - Motion Carried

It was moved by Ehret and properly seconded by Morris to approve student trip to the Galapagos Islands in spring or summer of 26-27 pending female chaperone - Motion Carried

It was moved by Morris and properly seconded by Vanderwilt to table split season for 25-26 winter activities until more research can be done - Motion Carried

It was moved by Vanderwilt and properly seconded by Ehret to approve closed session after January 20th board meeting for evaluation of Superintendent - Motion Carried

It was moved by Koehler and properly seconded by Vanderwilt to table lunch price increase until more research is completed - Motion Carried

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

ELEMENTARY -

RTI Work - Building Readers, Mathematicians and Writers
Fast Screening opens January 6th

SECONDARY -

FAFSA Night- December 18th
Student Council - Holly Jolly Week - Haunted Hallway Blank Children's Hospital Donation
FFA - Ignite the Spirit - Prepare and hand out meals to 30 families in the Community

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Looking at adding a Life Skills Room- for level 3 students

Share NM Board Goals - 5 Year Plan - Academic Excellence, Community Engagement and Resource Management

Share Communication Plan - will be on District website once complete

District Survey Information - added another company/price

Project Update - weather is a factor - Musco has beta testing going on at the moment

Project of a Graduate (POG) - Timeline

BOARD COMMENTS/THANK YOU NOTES

Custodial Staff - Tara Carrico/Music Program

Book Blast feedback was amazing

recommendations on communication

Possible contracting out snow removal

ADJOURN A motion was made by Ehret and seconded by Morris to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 pm. Motion carried.

Lynette Van Donselaar Board Secretary

Michelle Sampson President