

March 24, 2025

North Mahaska Board of Education met in regular session on March 24th at 6:00 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High Library in New Sharon, Iowa. Those members present: Polly Ehret, Michelle Sampson, Tim Veiseth, Lynette Van Donselaar, Josh McCollam, Amber Goemaat, Todd Vanderwilt, Kraig Koehler, Brett Morris, Riley Doonan, Renee Ferguson, Kevin Kelderman Lindsay Thoreson, Erica Groom, Jackson Drost, Cindy Drost, Bradley Warren, Amanda Drost, Ron Terpstra, Cindy DeGoey, Sherrill Strobel, Kevin Franje, Chris VerSteegh, Jayne Ferguson, Clay Burch, Keith Foster, Rick Tjarks, Tonya DeJong, Lesa Bixler, Gabe Wagner, Aimee Wagner, Riley Wagner, Shaun DeJong, Wes VanWeelden, Jacque Griffin, Jean Knockel, Amy Griffin, Phil Griffin, Amber Baldock, Shannon Baldock, Ava Pickard, Logan Baldock, Dane VanMersbergen, Hunter Brisel, Sherrie Moore, L.E. Moore, Anita Townsley, Emory Stewart, Kylie Van Weelden, Courtney Sanders, Jennifer Villella, Brooke Villella, Olivia Ridgeway, Brooke Baldock, Joel DeJong, Ken LaRue, Jocelyn Pinkerton, Jill Moore, Kristin Plate, Sherwin Plate, Linda Renaud, Vivian Robinson, Jerry VandeVoort, Remy VanderVoort, Chris Long, Natalie Plate, Heather Shaw, Issalena Van Weelden, Nick Drost, Ashley Warren, Amanda Ridgeway, Abby Drost-virtually, Jess Jones-virtually, Mia Shilling-virtually, Carrie Kral-virtually, Terri Burch-virtually, Lacey McGriff-virtually, Stefanie Timm-virtually, Amanda Garcia-virtually, Seth VanZante-virtually

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

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

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

COMMUNICATION

Receive Visitors/Public Forum

The following members of the public spoke regarding the agenda item for probationary teacher termination recommendation:

Jackson Drost
Bradley Warren
Amanda Drost
Ron Terpstra
Jayne Ferguson
Keith Foster
Tonya DeJong
Shawn DeJong
Wes VanWeelden
Jacque Griffin
Phil Griffin
Amber Baldock

Shannon Baldock

Sherri Moore - presented written communication to the Superintendent and Board in regards to probationary termination recommendation.

Kylie Van Weelden

Jennifer Villela

Olivia Ridgeway

Jill Moore

Christine Plate

Sherwin Plate

Chris Long

Natalie Plate

Emery Stewart

Sherrill Strobel - TV needs to be on to see pictures of previous years - spoke about termination as well

Written Communication - Letters from LE and Sherrie Moore and Anita Townsley in regards to probationary termination recommendation.

NM Athletic Booster Update - none

OLD BUSINESS - none

New Business

A motion was made by Vanderwilt and seconded by Koehler to approve Board Policies Policy 409.01 to 414.09- second reading - Motion carried

A motion was made by Morris and seconded by Ehret to approve Joint Representative and Conflict Waiver. Motion Carried

A motion was made by Koehler and seconded by Vanderwilt to approve the North Mahaska/GPAEA 25-26 Service Agreement. Motion Carried

A motion was made by Morris and seconded by Ehret to approve the Frontline Education Renewal. Motion Carried

Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(i) - to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, discharge, or performance is being considered to prevent needless and irreparable harm to the individual's reputation, and that individual requested a closed session.
Aye- yes

Michelle Sampson asked for a vote to move into closed session at 7:03 pm Ehret motioned and Morris seconded to move to closed session.

Aye: Vanderwilt, Ehret, Koehler, Morris, Sampson
Nay: None

President Michelle Sampson declared the board returned to open session at 9:26 PM. Morris motioned and Vanderwilt seconded.

A motion was made by Koehler and seconded by Morris to table until the next board meeting to determine if all parties can come to an agreement on terms of a performance improvement plan and extended probationary period for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion Carried

Aye: Vanderwilt, Ehret, Koehler , Sampson
Nay: None

Presentation of the FY26 Budget

Initial Exchange of Proposals for Negotiations

A motion was made by Vanderwilt and seconded by Ehret to approve purchase of NSCCP playground Resurfacing. Motion Carried

A motion was made by Vanderwilt and seconded by Morris to approve Snow Make up Days. Motion Carried

A motion was made by Morris and seconded by Koehler to approve PPEL. Motion Carried

A motion was made by Morris and seconded by Ehret to approve Renewal for Iowa Local Government Risk Pool LGRP Agreement. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Koehler and seconded by Ehret to pass board resolution on the budget guarantee. Motion carried.

Aye: Vanderwilt, Ehret, Koehler , Sampson
Nay: None

A motion was made by Vanderwilt and seconded by Koehler to approve State FFA Overnight Trip. Motion carried.- pending proper chaperone

A motion was made by Koehler and seconded by Morris to approve Senior Class Trip (April 27 - April 30. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Vanderwilt and seconded by Ehret to approve Setting Property Tax Public Hearing #2 for April 21, 2025 at 5:45 pm Motion carried.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

ELEMENTARY

Parent Teacher Conference Update

Student Assemblies Update
ISASP - first year online
Kindergarten Round Up
New-Preschool Round Up

SECONDARY

MAP Testing/Results
College and Career Transition Counselor Update
End of Quarter 3 March 19th - have two weeks to complete retakes

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- a. Project Update -
- b. Athletic/Activities Update- SICL voted to move to Bound after summer sports
- c. Legislative Updates- several bills not passed yet-SSA, management, SRO
- d. Board Work Session rescheduled for April 21st
- e. Technology Sharing - working out details with Pella CSD
- f. Survey Information
- g. Health Insurance Update

Board Comments- none
Thank you Notes- none

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Vanderwilt and seconded by Koehler to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 p.m. Motion carried.

Michelle Sampson
Board President

Lynette Van Donselaar
Board Secretary