

July 23, 2025
North Mahaska

North Mahaska Board of Education met in regular session on July 23, 2025 in the Elementary MRC in New Sharon, Iowa. Those members present: Michelle Sampson, Todd Vanderwilt, Kraig Koehler, Brett Morris. Also present: Tim Veiseth, Amber Goemaat, Sherrill Strobel, Lynette Van Donselaar, RD Keep, Erica Groom, Shea Greiner, Tom German, Carrie Kral, Linda Russell, Lindsey Phillips, Shayla Schilling, Amber Linder, Natalya Linder, Lindsay Bankes-virtual, Alexa Stout-virtual, Jess Jones-virtual, Acacia Morris-virtual

President 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 amended agenda as presented. Motion carried.

It was moved by Morris and properly seconded by Vanderwilt to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried

Volleyball Coach update - all viable candidates have been offered the job and they have declined the offer. The Athletic Director steps in as interim coach until a coach is found. Volleyball position is still posted and as of today there are no candidates. WM Penn coach will be assisting Athletic Director with coaching.

COMMUNICATION

Public Forum

Lindsey Phillips - concerns about Special Education Director being volleyball coach as well and not focusing on special education

Amber Linder - concerns about keeping parents in communication with volleyball decision

Sherrill Strobel - communication concerns - locked door for JH - change the sign or unlock the door - not meeting Monday - communicate it better

Written Communication - none

Voluntary Annexation - Shea Greiner: Director of Economic Development Programs-

Why the annexation? Economic Development- workforce development for the City of New Sharon

The biggest change school district would be in the city limits- no changes to taxes

School District would have full use of the land lab - no changes- nothing will change because of non-profit status, better street maintenance especially in the winter

School District's concerns is it is a rural school that they do not want part of the city- city development of the school's property - using our land for housing development

Media Specialist Report - RD

Gave updates on the past 5 years as Communication Specialist.
SmugMug and Warhawk Megaphone have been very successful.
Will provide a jump drive of all past communications with all logos.

NM Athletic Booster Update

Gave over \$50,000 to school last school year
Fall Fun Night
Open Positions for the board at next meeting

Old Business - none

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved by Vanderwilt and properly seconded by Koehler to approve the Contract for Transfer of State Funding. Motion Carried

It was moved by Koehler and properly seconded by Morris to approve Kirkwood Contract for Student Attending VITAL Program. Motion Carried

It was moved by Morris and properly seconded by Koehler to approve Indian Hills Contract for Student Attending RISE Program. Motion Carried

It was moved by Vanderwilt and properly seconded by Koehler to Approve FFA Leadership Retreat. Motion Carried

It was moved by Vanderwilt and properly seconded by Morris to approve Class Sponsor Pay Structure. Motion Carried

It was moved by Morris and properly seconded by Vanderwilt to Approve Elementary Student/Parent Handbook. Motion carried

It was moved by Koehler and properly seconded by Morris to approve Secondary Student/Parent Handbook. Motion carried.

It was moved by Morris and properly seconded by Koehler to approve the Licensed Employee Handbook. Motion carried.

It was moved by Vanderwilt and properly seconded by Koehler to approve the Support Staff Handbook. Motion carried.

It was moved by Koehler and properly seconded by Morris to approve Policy Primer Vol 33 #2- First Reading. Motion carried.

It was moved by Morris and properly seconded by Vanderwilt to approve Policy Primer Vol 33 #4- First Reading. Motion carried.

It was moved by Koehler and properly seconded by Morris to approve the Contract with Cottingham & Butler. Motion carried.

It was moved by Morris and properly seconded by Vanderwilt to approve the purchase of the Large Format Printer. Motion Carried

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Elementary -

Status on teacher letters - August 4th is the date they will be sent
New process last year with parents requesting teacher went smoothly

Secondary - none

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION

- Project Update
- Identify Legislative Priorities
- Communication Specialist

BOARD COMMENTS/ THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you - Mahaska County EMA - Booster Club- RD Keep
Koehler - Not being able to hire a volleyball coach is a bad reflection on the district
Morris- requesting board update in the Fall on Career Ready
Vanderwilt - making teachers aware of NMEF for financial resources

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business appearing before the board, Vanderwiltt made the motion to adjourn at 7:53pm seconded by Morris.

Michelle Sampson
Board President

Lynette Van Donselaar
Board Secretary