

November 17, 2025

North Mahaska Board of Education met in regular session on November 17, 2025 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, Amanda Ross, Heather Shaw, Trenton DeBruin, Emmerson Jedlicka, Staci Johannes, Amber Goemaat, Josh McCollam, Katie Empie, Lindsay Bankes, Tara Grier, Lindsay Thoreson, Erica Groom, Lawrence Rouw, Donna Rouw, Shea Greiner, Tom German, Ashlyn Kirk, Kevin Rook, Jamie Tyrrel, Dane Van Mersbergen, Tyson Ferguson, Logan Baldock, Gaylord DeJong, Kevin Franjie, Arlen Eggerling, Lynette Van Donselaar

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

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

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

COMMUNICATION

Public Forum

- a. Receive Visitors/ Public Forum - limit of 2 minutes
 - i. What to expect during the public forum section of the meeting
- b. Written Communication - None
- c. Elementary Literacy Team Update - Stacie Johannes, Amanda Ross, Katie Empie, Tara Grier and Lindsay Thoreson
- d. Student Council Update- Trenton and Emmerson - leadership training, Honor Council Award, Kids Carnival, Haunted Hallway, Veterans' Day Assembly, Fall Ball, Staff Appreciation Breakfast- Holly Jolly Week
- e. NM Athletic Booster Update - none

OLD BUSINESS

None

Thank you to Kraig Koehler for serving on the board.

ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

A motion was made by Koehler and seconded by Vanderwilt to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:32 PM Morris seconded. Motion carried.

ANNUAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Board Secretary called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

BOARD ELECTION RESULTS- CANVASS OF VOTES

Todd Vanderwill elected for District 4

Heather Shaw elected for District 5

SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Todd Vanderwilt - District 4

Heather Shaw - District 5

ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT

The board secretary called for nominations for board president. A motion was made by Vanderwilt and seconded by Ehret 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

The board president called for nominations for vice president. A motion was made by Morris and seconded by Ehret to nominate Todd Vanderwilt as board vice president. No other nominations were received. Todd Vanderwilt 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. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF BOARD TREASURER

A motion was made by Morris and properly seconded by Ehret to appoint Lynette Van Donselaar as Treasurer for the 25-26 school year. Motion carried.

ESTABLISH DATE AND TIME AND PLACE OF BOARD MEETINGS

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

Date: 3rd Monday Month

Time: 6pm

Place: MRC

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

IASB DELEGATE AND LEGISLATIVE NETWORK - Sampson

COUNTY CONFERENCE COMMITTEE - Morris, Shaw

NEGOTIATIONS TEAM MEMBER - Shaw, Ehret

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER - Morris and Ehret - alternating

NORTH MAHASKA EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPRESENTATIVE - Vanderwilt

DAY CARE / PRESCHOOL COMMITTEE - Vanderwilt

FFA ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Shaw

NM BOOSTER- Ehret and Morris

FINE ARTS BOOSTER REPRESENTATIVE - Sampson

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

OLD BUSINESS

Voluntary Annexation -Shea Greiner- housing and workforce development and establish a relationship with the school

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved by Ehret and properly seconded by Morris to approve Policy Primer Vol 33 #3 - Second Reading- Motion Carried

It was moved by Morris and properly seconded by Ehret to approve Policy Primer Vol 33 #4 - Second Reading- Motion Carried

It was moved by Morris and properly seconded by Shaw to approve Policy Primer Vol 34 #1 with exception of Policy 708 - Second Reading- Motion Carried - \$20,000 spending limit

It was moved by Vanderwilt and properly seconded by Morris to approve Board Policy 708 - Second Reading- Motion Carried

It was moved by Ehret and properly seconded by Shaw to approve Policy 407:02- Licensed Employee Contract Release- First Reading- Motion Carried

It was moved by Morris and properly seconded by Ehret to approve State Dance Overnight Stay on December 3rd.- Motion Carried

It was moved by Vanderwilt and properly seconded by Morris to table the SBRC Application until December. Motion Carried

It was moved by Morris and properly seconded by Ehret to table the School Resource Office(SRO) 28E Agreement to finalize contract language - Motion Carried

It was moved by Vanderwilt and properly seconded by Brett Morris to approve Depository Resolution - Motion Carried

Nutrition Update - Van Donselaar gave an update on Nutrition - working with Lunchtime Solutions to reduce costs - board work session in early December to discuss our options

It was moved by Vanderwilt and properly seconded by Ehret for Closed Session on December 15th for Annual Superintendent Evaluation - Motion Carried

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

ELEMENTARY -

Parent Teacher Conference -Overwhelming positive feedback
US News and World Report - #35
Missoula Children's Theatre
Instructional Celebrations

SECONDARY -
CCTC Quarter 1 Update from Cari

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- a. Project Update
- b. IASB Annual Conference
- c. Portrait of a Graduate Update
- d. Survey Information - board work session to go over data in early December
- e. Certified Enrollment- down 42 students- board work session early December how to sell North Mahaska
- f. School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC) Recommendations
- g. Situational Awareness Presentation
- h. Employee Referral Program Procedures

BOARD COMMENTS/THANK YOU NOTES

Thank You to Arvin & Crystal Deboef for housing Missoula Theatre staff
Thank you from Ehret to Tim and Amber for assistance with computer
Morris- would like more research on best option to stream events at one central location
Vanderwilt - annexation needs public input since we are the only public entity
Thank you to the Literacy Team.

ADJOURN A motion was made by Vanderwilt and seconded by Ehret to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 pm. Motion carried.

Michelle Sampson
Board President

Lynette Van Donselaar
Board Secretary