

January 19, 2026

North Mahaska Board of Education met in regular session on January 19, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High Library in New Sharon, Iowa. Those members present: Todd Vanderwilt, Heather Shaw, Michelle Sampson, Polly Ehret, Brett Morris, Tim Veiseth, Lynette Van Donselaar, Emmerson Jedlicka, Amber Goemaat, Josh McCollam, Carrie Kral, Lindsay Thoreson, Crystal VanderLinden, Lesile Van Wyk(virtually). Sherill Strobel(virtually), Lindsay Bankes(virtually)

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

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

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

## COMMUNICATION

### Public Forum - None

- 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. Student Council Update - Emmerison Jedlicka - planning State Project- fundraisers
- d. Special Education Update- Kral - 76 PK-12 receiving special education services - hired a Strat 2 position- updated the mission statement to shift verbiage away from "life skills"-  
**Short term goals:** develop a functional kitchen space in Strat II Classroom(no stove); expansion of authentic community-based learning opportunities; curriculum exploration to support a whole-child approach; increased autism-specific professional development; program visibility & communication  
**Long-Term goals:** establish North Mahaska as a destination program for Specialized Services; expanded community partnerships and transition programing; ongoing staff training & program development; ongoing program visibility and communication
- e. NM Athletic Booster Update -President Vanderlinden - update on officers- purchased football line painter - basketball camp in October; two self-paced treadmills for fitness center; meet 2nd Wednesday of every month at 5:30 pm in the elementary cafeteria

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Morris and seconded by Ehret to approve Board Policies 600-604:11 - Second Reading. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Vanderwilt and seconded by Morris to approve Annual Board Policies- Second Reading 103: Long Range Needs Assessment; 103.R1: Long Range Needs Regulation; 505:08 Parent & Family Engagement; 505:08R1 Parent & Family Engagement-Building Level Regulation. Motion Carried

A motion was made by Morris and seconded by Shaw to approve Board Policy 507:9R1. First Reading. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Vanderwilt and seconded by Ehret to approve purchase of school vehicle- Truck. Motion Carried

Lunch Update- will be researching all options and will present at the April meeting with a recommendation for the 2026-2027 school year for the best meal at the best cost for our students.

A motion was made by Ehret and seconded by Shaw to approve My Benefits Channel. Motion Carried

A motion was made by Morris and seconded by Ehret to approve AEA Service Agreement. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ehret and seconded by Morris to approve Portrait of a Graduate Competencies. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Morris and seconded by Shaw to consider approving transfer of the Home School Assistant Program (HSAP) funds to the flexibility account within the general fund

A motion was made by Morris and seconded by Ehret to set the public hearing for February 16, 2026 at 5:45 pm in the secondary MRC on proposed resolution approving expenditure of funds in the flexibility account. Motion carried.

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### ELEMENTARY -

Fast Testing

NM Pact Carnival 2/28 - 7:30 pm

Map Science Testing - grades 3-6th grades - week of Jan. 26th

Attendance Data - 96% Overall

### SECONDARY -

- End of Semester ended on January 16th.
- Semester Finals were January 14th - January 16th

- Alternate Bell Schedule to help students

MAP Tests are January 26 - January 28

Education Career Fairs

- Central College - February 2nd
- University of Northern Iowa - March 6th
- Iowa State University - March 9th

CCTC Update - Cari McClellan

- FAFSA completion: 55.56% (30 students)
- Student meetings: 7
- Parent meetings: 1
- CCTC Meetings: 4
- Speakers: 2
  - Aveda
  - PCI
- Course-to-College meetings: 1

#### INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- a. Project Update- working with company to fix wall
- b. Elementary Playground Update- getting quotes and input from students- will have recommendation for February board meeting
- c. Calendar Options- will present at February meeting
- d. IASB Ready, Set Govern Date - board work session at the February meeting @ 4pm- board work sessions every 3 months

Board Comments/Thank You Notes

NMEF- Vanderwilt - assisting teachers with cost of education to move up the salary schedule

Morris - music and choir concerts were amazing - Carrico and Dugger doing an amazing job

Morris - creative with our facilities

Vanderwilt - take in consideration of breaks on school calendar to fit the community schedule

Shaw- requested a rotation of student clubs at the board meeting

#### ADJOURN

A motion was made by Morris and seconded by Shaw to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Motion carried.

Michelle Sampson  
Board President

Lynette Van Donselaar  
Board Secretary