

apprFebruary 16, 2026

North Mahaska Board of Education met in regular session on February 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High Library in New Sharon, Iowa. Those members present: Heather Shaw, Todd Vanderwilt, Polly Ehret, Michelle Sampson, Tim Veiseth, Lynette Van Donselaar, Laura Peterson, Josh McCollam, Amber Goemaat, Erica Groom, Lindsay Thoreson, Sherill Strobel, Jason Vanwyk, Jessica Jones, Leslie VanWyk-virtually

Board Work Session at 4 p.m. Motion was made by Todd Vanderwilt and seconded by Heather Shaw to open the Board Work Session Motion Carried. In attendance: Polly Ehret, Michelle Sampson, Heather Shaw, Todd Vanderwilt, Lou Gvist, Katherine Solan, Tim Veiseth and Lynette Van Donselaar

1. Developing a Governance Mindset
2. Setting Strategic Direction
3. Responding to Questions, Concerns and Complaints

Motion was made by Ehret to adjourn the board work session at 5:32 pm. Seconded by Shaw. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ehret and seconded by Vanderwilt to go to Public Hearing at 5:45 pm for public Hearing for Board Resolution regarding the Redemption of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2020, Dated June 1, 2020, Approving an Escrow Agent Agreement, and Levying a Tax for Fiscal Year 2025 for the Redemption of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2020, Dated June 1, 2020 Motion Carried

No comments

Motion was made by Vanderwilt to adjourn the public hearing at 5:46 pm. Seconded by Shaw. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ehret and seconded by Vanderwilt to go to Public Hearing at 5:50 pm for public Hearing for Board Resolution regarding the Consideration of the Transfer of Funds to the Flexibility Account Within the General Fund. Motion Carried

No comments

Motion was made by Vanderwilt to adjourn the public hearing at 5:51 pm. Seconded by Ehret. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ehret and seconded by Shaw to go to Public Hearing at 5:55 pm for 2026-2027 school calendar. Motion Carried

No comment.

Motion was made by Shaw to adjourn the public hearing at 5:58 pm. Seconded by Vanderwilt. Motion carried.

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

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

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

Public Comment - Jason VanWyk - would like written expectations for parents to know what is covered at State Competition level.

COMMUNICATION

Written Communication - none

Student Council Update - Groom - Roses and Refreshers was a success- State project update

Master Planning Process -Laura Peterson-

Audit Report

NM Athletic Booster Update - Ehret - Youth Basketball tournament a success

New Business

A motion was made by Ehret and seconded by Shaw to approve Board Policies 507.9R1 - second reading. Motion carried

A motion was made by Vanderwilt and seconded by Ehret to approve Vol. 34#2 Policy Primer Update-First Reading- Motion Carried

A motion was made by Ehret and seconded by Vanderwilt to approve the purchase of a Camry LE school vehicle - car. Motion Carried

A motion was made by Vanderwilt and seconded by Shaw to approve the 2026-2027 school calendar. Motion Carried

A motion was made by Ehret and seconded by Shaw to approve the At-Risk and Dropout Prevention Program for 2026-2027. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ehret and seconded by Vanderwilt to approve the overnight stay for State Wrestling and Potentially State Boys and Girls Basketball Motion Carried

A motion was made by Ehret and seconded by Vanderwilt to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Redemption of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2020, Dated June 1, 2020, Approving an Escrow Agent Agreement, and Levying a Tax for Fiscal Year 2027 for the

Redemption of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2020, Dated June 1, 2020. Motion Carried

Aye: Vanderwilt, Ehret, Shaw, Sampson

Nay: None

A motion was made by Shaw and seconded by Ehret to approve the resolution to transfer funds to the Flexibility Account with the General Fund on Proposed Resolution Approving expenditure of funds in Flexibility Account. Motion Carried

Aye: Vanderwilt, Ehret, Shaw, Sampson

Nay: None

A motion was made by Ehret and seconded by Shaw to approve Staff Lane Advancement for Matt Wilson. Motion Carried

A motion was made by Vanderwilt and seconded by Shaw to approve moving the March Regular Board Meeting to March 23, 2026 at 6:00pm Motion Carried

A motion was made by Ehret and seconded by Shaw to approve set the Property Tax Public Hearing #1 for March 23, 2026 at 5:45 p.m.

A motion was made by Ehret and seconded by Shaw to approve purchase of new elementary playground equipment. Motion Carried

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

ELEMENTARY

Results of FAST Screening & MAP Science

NM PACT Carnival Feb. 28, 5-7:30

Playground Information- Feedback from Students, Renderings

SECONDARY

Semester 1 Ds and Fs - Comparison to 2024-2025 School Year

Fall 2025 to Winter 2026 MAP Data Comparison

CCTC Update - Cari McClellan

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- a. **Project Update**
- b. **Update on Makeup Hours**
- c. **South Iowa Cedar League Update**

Board Comments- none

Thank you Notes - none

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Vanderwilt and seconded by Ehret to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m.
Motion carried.

Michelle Sampson
Board President

Lynette Van Donselaar
Board Secretary