

September 21, 2026

North Mahaska Board of Education met in regular session on September 21 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-virtually, Tim Veiseth, Lynette Van Donselaar, Erica Groom, Amber Goemaat, Addi Falb, Lindsay Thoreson, Cory Lamb, Riley Sheetz, Patrick Davis, Josh McCollam

Board Work Session at 5 p.m. Motion was made by Brett Morris and seconded by Heather Shaw to open the Board Work Session Motion Carried. In attendance: Polly Ehret, Michelle Sampson-virtually, Heather Shaw, Todd Vanderwilt, Tim Veiseth and Lynette Van Donselaar

1. Discuss Communication

a. What do we currently have in place

- i. Communication Specialist - Independent Contractor
 - 1. Annual Cost - \$5985
- ii. Website
 - 1. Fierce Creative has set up a link for updates for the website.
 - 2. Cost \$8280
- iii. Steve Shettler Media \$300/month

Possible Options - find the most cost effective way to create a Communications Specialist position to utilize Modern Technology(AI)

What do we want from this position? Someone with knowledge to use Modern Technology(AI) to keep North Mahaska in the forefront of education

Motion was made by Ehret to adjourn the board work session at 5:56 pm. Seconded by Morris Motion carried.

Todd Vanderwilt called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Public Comment - none

COMMUNICATION

Written Communication - none

Indian Hills: Riley Sheetz and Cory Lamb

Denovo - Patrick Davis- presented Facility Assessment Report

Student Council Update - Successful Homecoming Week - upcoming events - Highway Clean Up- Leadership Conference - Haunted Hallway and Veterans Day Celebration

NM Athletic Booster Update - none

New Business

A motion was made by Morris and seconded by Ehret to approve Board Policies 605.01-607.02R2 first reading. Motion carried

It was moved by Morris and properly seconded by Shaw to approve the FY 26 Treasurer's Report and Certified Annual Report (CAR) and FY26 UAB Update. Motion Carried

It was moved by Ehret and properly seconded by Shaw to approve the 2025-2026 Special Education Supplement (SES) and request Modified Allowable Growth in the amount of \$324,420.94 for the FY26 Special Education Deficit. Motion Carried

It was moved by Ehret and properly seconded by Morris to approve Student School Board Representatives: Addie Terpstra and Addie Falb. Motion Carried

A motion was made by Morris and seconded by Ehret to approve Early Graduation Requests. Motion Carried

A motion was made by Morris and seconded by Ehret to approve the Student Council Leadership Conference in Ames. Motion Carried.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

ELEMENTARY

Instructional Support

Fall STAR Scores

SF2428

Everyday Counts! Every Scoop Mounts!

SECONDARY

Homecoming

Week 6 Academic Progress Check

AIW Pause

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- a. IASB Annual Conference: November 18-20
- b. RSAI Annual Meeting: October 8
- c. Master Plan Update
- d. Special Education Information

e. Enrollment Update

Board Comments

Vanderwilt - keep digital file of conversations

Ehret- mindful of fundraisers to not overwhelm the community

Morris- more detail on signage, ensuring doors are accessible at appropriate times, playground tears etc, accurate supply list to NMEF, moving stop sign to match crosswalk, update on curriculum mapping

Shaw- group updates at board meetings

Thank you Notes - NMEF for school supply list

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Morris and seconded by Ehret to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Motion carried.

Todd Vanderwilt
Board Vice President

Lynette Van Donselaar
Board Secretary