

SOUTH NODAWAY R-IV SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 19, 2011

A quorum being present and due notice having been published according to Section 610.010 & 610.022 RSMo, the regular meeting of the South Nodaway R-IV Board of Education was called to order by President Lori Murphy on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at 7:04 p.m. in the lunch room at the high school in Barnard, Missouri.

Members Present: Lori Murphy – President;– Steve Farnan - Vice President; Chris LaMaster – Member; Shawn Beck – Member; Rick Holtman – Absent Member; Janet Hilsabeck – Member; and Macia Kemper – Member. Other School Personnel Present: Darbi Bauman, Elementary Principal; Shawn Emerson, High School Principal; Kyle Collins, Superintendent and Tracy Skoglund, Board Secretary.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Agenda and/or additions**
- Approval of Minutes (September 21, 2011 regular meeting)**
- Approval of Principals' and Superintendent's Reports**
- Approval of Warrant #4**
- Approve Substitute Teacher List**

Lori Murphy motioned and Macia Kemper seconded to accept the consent agenda. The motion carried 6-0.

Visitors, Delegations, Interviews

Senior Class Trip - Destination

Ian Flanagan, Senior Class President, informed the board that the seniors were interested in traveling to the Branson area for the senior trip. Mr. Flanagan talked to a travel agent and outlined the trip's agenda. Chris LaMaster made a motion to approve the trip and Janet Hilsabeck seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Teacher Representative Comments

Jayne McVinua, 4th Grade Teacher, commented that the students were going to Missouri Day at Northwest Missouri State University with several other schools. She indicated that they have applied for a grant to help with the travel cost. Most teachers at the elementary have started tutoring on Wednesday afternoons. Ms. McVinua said how valuable the professional development has been this year because it has been focusing on making networking groups. She was thrilled to have that opportunity to learn and share with counterparts in other area schools. The third through six grade teachers attended a workshop on engaging students with Marcia Tate. Those teachers then presented to rest of building.

Julie McConkey, 7-12 Math Teacher, commented that she is teaching 7th grade Math through Algebra II, Computer and Information Technology as a dual credit class, and a new class of Consumer Math. In this class, they cover things like the renter's rule where you are not to pay more rent than one week of your salary, mortgage insurance, etc. Mrs. McConkey's is available for tutoring at 7:45 a.m. every day. She is also the sponsor of junior high and high school Scholar Bowl, National Honor Society, and the Freshman Class. The NHS has hosted the powder puff game and painted the bleachers. They also plan to help Mr. Wray with Red Ribbon Week activities.

Committee Reports

CSIP Achievement Committee

Principal Darbi Bauman presented the CSIP Student Achievement Committee report to the board. Steve Farnan made a motion and Macia Kemper second the motion to approve the CSIP Student Achievement report. The motion carried 6-0. After the CSIP Achievement Committee met, it was decided that the entire CSIP plan needed to be revised. Representatives from each area will meet and develop a new 5 year CSIP plan. After those goals are established, the committees will begin to meet within their individual areas.

Elementary, High School, and Superintendent's Reports

Elementary Principal Darbi Bauman commented in her written report the ADA 90.8 or 97.7%. They had a wonderful turnout for Parent Teacher Conferences. The kindergarten and first grade traveled to St. Joseph to tour Hy-Vee on Friday, October 14th and ended the day in Weston Missouri at the Little Red Barn. The Fourth Grade will participate in Missouri Day at NWMSU on October 20th along with other local schools. Mrs. Bauman commented that we have organized an educator's network for teachers who are working with students who have Down's Syndrome. At our first meeting on October 11 we had representatives from South Nodaway, Maryville and Stanberry. Discussions were based on strategies that have been successful, challenges, and resources. The group will continue to meet and we will host the next meeting. The Platte Valley Conference Professional Development has had lots of positive feedback from this network opportunity. Mrs. Bauman was the facilitator for the Art Educators. They shared many wonderful ideas and will be displaying student art in February. Principal Bauman met with the state Education Commissioner at the Northwest Principal's meeting on October 13 in St. Joseph. Mrs. Bauman has been asked to represent MAESP at the DESE MSIP 5 scoring guide meetings in Kansas City. Both principals attended a new teacher workshop with our four new teachers at Northwest Missouri State University. It was a great opportunity to visit with our teachers and discuss expectations. Parents As Teachers had a group meeting October 13 and Mrs. Bauman will host a pizza party for DOGS – Dads of Great Students on October 26. The elementary will be hosting our first "Great Pumpkin Challenge". This is a family unity activity in which families can carve or decorate a pumpkin to be judged. Pumpkins have to be at the elementary by October 31st.

High School Principal Shawn Emerson wrote in his report that the attendance was 97.5% for September. The Parent Teacher Conference attendance was at 66%. Softball finished their season with a 12-14 record. Congratulations to Brooke Wolf, Kendra Holaday, and Cheyanne Murphy who were named to the All-Conference Team. Brooke Wolf was named to the All-District Team and the All Regional Softball Team. Our football team is 2-5. Cody Burden was named in the Nodaway New Leader as Player of the Week last week. The Junior High Basketball season is underway. Recent Events include: the juniors and seniors attending a College Fair day at King City; the FFA hosted for two other schools a visit from a National FFA officer; FFA and FBLA students attended Amazing Acres on October 8th; sophomores attended a career oriented event called the "My Success Event" in St. Joseph on October 12th. Mr. Emerson told board members that the Jefferson C-123 has agreed to coop both High School and Junior High football. Lori Murphy made a motion to officially co-op with Jefferson C-123 high school and junior high football and to pursue any other sport they wish to include in a co-op situation. Macia Kemper seconded the motion and it passed 6-0. We are so excited to have this opportunity to share sports with them thank you Jefferson C-123!

Superintendent Kyle Collins told members in his written report that the Homecoming activities were excellent. We had a very large crowd for the homecoming game and it was a great win for the team. He informed members that we hired Jessie Bledsoe as the part-time breakfast cook. Welcome aboard Jessie. He gave members handouts on the budget that compared expenses over the last three years.

OLD BUSINESS:

**Building Repair Issues/Lease Purchase v. Bond
And Long Range Planning Discussion**

Dr. Collins reviewed the needed building repairs and costs involved with the board. In prior meetings, the board had discussed a \$650,000 bond or lease purchase issue to repair both buildings. There are extensive repairs and renovations needed at both facilities, including an excess of \$200,000 at the elementary. The board, after considering the high costs involved in making the needed repairs and renovations to both buildings and the likelihood that it would continue to be very costly to operate both facilities, determined it would be a better utilization of limited district resources to make all necessary repairs and renovations to the Barnard facility and to bring all students k-12 to one campus as soon as it can be accommodated.

The board weighed other factors in addition to the high cost of repairing and maintaining both facilities. One of these factors is that state revenue has been reduced by ten percent this year and is predicted to be reduced by as much as twenty percent for 2012-2013. Another factor considered was the declining enrollment of the district. Currently there are eight students enrolled in kindergarten and thirteen students each in grades first through third.

After taking all of these factors into consideration and recognizing the need to make long range plans to ensure the financial viability of the school district the board rejected the idea of doing repairs to both facilities and instead identified the need to find long term savings by combining K-12 on one campus. Dr. Collins outlined for the board the savings of closing the Guilford facility. Lori Murphy made a motion to close the elementary facility and bring students together on one campus at the Barnard location by the fall of 2013. Steve Farnan seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0. Dr. Collins was instructed by the board to put out a newsletter to all the patrons of the district explaining the financial needs and the reason for the boards' decision. The board will continue to explore the best options available for consolidating the campuses. One plan the board favors is to build an elementary addition at the high school site. Another option being considered is simply renovating the Barnard facility to accommodate elementary classrooms. Some discussion was held on trying to put a lease purchase levy increase on the ballot in April to add the additional rooms to the Barnard building to help house the elementary by fall 2013. Principal Bauman and Principal Emerson gave the board a diagram showing how we could accomplish this move if a building issue does not pass in April and we have to add the elementary into the existing space in Barnard.

Board took a break from 8:35 to 9:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

The long-range planning discussion was tied to the above building repair/lease purchase versus bond issue.

Other Agenda Items

Movement into Executive Session, In Conformity with Section RSMo 610.021 (13) Personnel - Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment.

Lori Murphy made a motion to go into executive session at 9:50 p.m. to discuss personnel and Janet Hilsabeck seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Shawn Beck, yes; Chris LaMaster, yes; Steve Farnan, yes; Lori Murphy, yes; Macia Kemper, yes; and Janet Hilsabeck, yes.

Lori Murphy made a motion at 10:35 p.m. to come out of executive session and return to open session. Chris LaMaster seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Shawn Beck, yes; Chris LaMaster yes; Steve Farnan, yes; Lori Murphy, yes; Janet Hilsabeck, yes; and Macia Kemper, yes.

Adjournment

Chris LaMaster made a motion to adjourn and Janet Hilsabeck seconded the motion. It carried and the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled to be November 16, 2011.

Approved by the South Nodaway R-IV Board of Education.

President

Secretary