

SOUTH NODAWAY R-IV SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING – June 19, 2013

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 Rick Holtman on Wednesday, June 19, 2013 at 6:07 p.m. in the library at the high school in Barnard, Missouri.

Members Present: Rick Holtman– President;– Macia Kemper - Vice President; Chris LaMaster – Member; Shawn Beck – Member Absent; Steve Farnan – Member; Janet Hilsabeck – Member; and Debbie Bennett – Member. Other School Personnel Present: Darbi Bauman, Elementary Principal; Shawn Emerson, High School Principal; Kyle Collins, Superintendent and Brandy Wolf, Board Secretary. Others in attendance were: Kay Nielson, Nodaway News Leader; Dick Ross, Personal Representative; Nick Bloom, Thomas and Wanda Bloom; Leann Wlaker, Mike and Beth Walker.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Agenda and/or additions

Approval of Minutes (May 15, 2013 regular meeting and executive meeting)

Approval of principal's and superintendent's reports

Approval of Warrant #12.

Macia Kemper made a motion to move NHS qualifications down to item 6 in the agenda. Steve Farnan seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

Rick Holtman made a motion and Chris LaMaster seconded to accept the consent agenda. The motion carried 6-0.

Visitors, Delegations, Interviews

Nick Bloom, student at South Nodaway, spoke in regards to the National Honor Society program and concerns.

Leann Walker, student at South Nodaway, spoke in regards to the National Honor Society program and concerns.

Discussion was held on the National Honor Society process and proposed evaluation process.

Macia Kemper made a motion to allow Seniors who were not selected to the National Honor Society reapply in September. Debbie Bennett seconded the motion. Discussion was held on the topic.

Dr. Collins gave his recommendation to the board that the National Honor Society is a faculty conferred honor, not one conferred by the Board of Education, administration, or parents because the faculty spends the greatest amount of time with the students in the academic setting and therefore should be the ones to judge their character, leadership, and citizenship within that context. The Board of Education should leave it in the domain of the faculty and support their decisions since the faculty are the education professionals. He went on to advise the board that the National Honor Society selection process should be held in the spring as it has always been. Dr. Collins strongly opposed the idea of

holding a "special" September selection process and advised the board not to do so.

Dr. Collins issued a statement of support for the faculty, the faculty selection council, the principal, and the National Honor Society advisor. He states that they all conducted the selection process appropriately and were well within the guidelines which National Honor Society requires. Their decision should stand and remain final.

Macia Kemper changed her motion to allow all Seniors to apply for National Honor Society in September with the new bylaws appointed by the faculty council of the National Honor Society for the 2013-2014 school year. Debbie Bennett seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0

Teacher Representative Comments

There were none at this time.

Committee Reports

There were none at this time.

Elementary, High School, and Superintendent's Reports

Elementary Principal Darbi Bauman commented in her written report that the expected enrollment for K-6 for the 2013-2014 school year is 78 students. There are 10 students currently enrolled for the preschool for the 2013-2014 school year. On June 4th, Mrs. Bauman, Mrs. McGinness, and Dr. Collins attended an area tech meeting to collaborate and discuss current issues in technology with other tech directors, teachers, and administrators. They will continue to meet once a quarter as well as form a network. Mrs. Bauman told the board that most of the elementary is ready to move. The staff has worked endlessly to get things boxed and ready to go. Mrs. Bauman would also like to thank the community members, staff and students who have taken time out to help in the move.

High School Principal Shawn Emerson in his written report stated that South Nodaway took 4th overall in the Silver Cup Award awarded by the Platte Valley Conference Schools. This is a combination of athletic and scholar bowl success, required EOC test results, and a sportsmanship rating. We have hired three high school students to assist George Render with the summer renovations and cleanup. They have put in a lot of hard work. Ms. Christensen took 14 students and 8 adults on a trip to Washington DC/New York City/Philadelphia/Boston and it was a success. Some of the highlights were a duck tour and the Boston bombing memorial in Boston, Times Square, Central Park, the 9-11 Memorial, and a Broadway show in NYC, The Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, and Arlington Cemetery, Mt. Vernon, and the Capital in DC.

Superintendent Kyle Collins told members in his written report that there is now a full-time custodial position open. We have had a number of applicants and will be making a decision within the next week. New Construction is still on/ahead of schedule. Renovations are moving along as well. Dr. Collins is very impressed with George Render, head of maintenance, and his ability to problem solve as well as the quantity and quality of work he gets done. Between Mr. Ross and Mr. Render we have been able to save money that has allowed us to do other things such as a new HVAC

plan for the cafeteria/kitchen/music room and a new on demand water heater for the locker room/new addition. The gym floor is scheduled to be re-surfaced including new artwork beginning on July 25th. This means that the gym will be completely off limits until at least August 19th. The administration has selected August 21st from 4:30-6:30 for the open house/building dedication for the new addition/renovations. This will precede the August board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

NHS:

The National Honor Society Qualifications were discussed. The faculty council and administration have made changes to the qualifications that will allow a student to apply for National Honor Society. Discussion was held. The board would like more guidance to the students on what would count as Leadership and would like it listed out on the application form. The board was in agreement with all other aspects that had been changed on the qualifications to apply for National Honor Society.

Construction Update

Mr. Dick Ross told the board that in regards to the addition, touch up painting is going on right now and at the beginning of next week the flooring should be going down as well. All heating and air conditioning is operational. The interior should be ready to occupy the first of July. Sidewalks and parking are poured and should be usable in a few weeks. The contractor for new addition states he is currently \$1800 under budget. Contractor owes the school a small credit for some landscaping. In regards to the remodel, the kitchen has been stripped, cleaned, and painted. The dining area will be stripped out this week to be ready for the new liquid flooring. The new freezer and cooler for the kitchen have been delivered. The new math room has been started with putting door with direct access into the hall in. Framework is happening downstairs. One issue, the engineer designed hot water to go from locker rooms to new addition. The water heater in that area was not working. A suggestion for a more economical on demand water heater to replace the old one. Dick is working on getting numbers for that. Art and Ag room are essentially done and ready to be moved into. Dr.

Collins commends Dick Ross and George Render for all they have done for the school.

Break from 7:58 - 8:16

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held on approaching the Barnard City Council to make Morehouse Street a one-way street running east to west from WW to Katydid. Dr Collins recommended this and would like to approach City Council in regards to this matter. The board agrees.

Motion to transfer funds from Fund 1 to Fund 4 to cover the deficit in Fund 4.

Chris LaMaster made the motion to transfer funds from Fund 1 to 4 to cover the deficit in Fund 4 and also from Fund 1 to Fund 2 the amount needed after state payment to cover the deficit in Fund 2. Rick Holtman seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Approve bid of \$21,227 by National Playground Compliance Group for playground removal, set-up, surfacing and new swings.

The surface for the playground would be wood fiber mulch due to rubber surfacing being so expensive. This group is certified in installing playground equipment. They will also pour concrete footings for the equipment. Old equipment that will not be moved will be left at the elementary for use for the patrons. Rick Holtman made a motion to accept the bid of \$21,227 by National Playground Compliance Group. Janet Hilsabeck seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Make a motion to roll over the 2012-2013 budget to the new fiscal year.

Chris LaMaster made the motion to roll over the 2012-2013 budget to the current year. Rick Holtman seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

First reading of 2013-2014 student handbooks:

Mr. Emerson overviewed some of the changes that were to be made to the handbook. One of them would be to change the start of school for high school to 8:00 a.m. with seminar being first and end at 3:06 p.m. for high school. The Elementary would start at 8:20 a.m. and end at 3:10 p.m. There would be changes to the Additional coursework section. Standardized testing was added to handbook as well as A+. The new pink slip rule has also been added to the handbook. There will be an extended learning lab at the end of the day for students with pink slips. Handbooks will be approved at the next board meeting.

Motion to cover deficit in the following student activity accounts: annual, preceding year annual, athletics, scholar bowl.

Janet Hilsabeck made the motion to cover the deficits in the following student accounts: annual, preceding year annual, athletics, and scholar bowl. Macia Kemper seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Motion to transfer funds from Fund 1 to Fund 2 amount needed after state payment to cover deficit in Fund 2

See motion above.

Motion to pay any last minute end of year bills at superintendent's discretion.

Chris LaMaster made the motion to pay any last minute end of year bills at Superintendent's discretion and Rick Holtman seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Budget

Construction Budget update:

Dr. Collins states that at this time sixty-six percent of the construction budget has been spent. Lee Grover states that they are at seventy percent done. Lee Grover all states that new construction is a little under budget and a little ahead of schedule. Renovations are on schedule and under budget so far.

Other Agenda Items

Mrs. Bauman states that the fifth and 6th grade classrooms have been moved to their new classrooms.

Movement into Executive Session, In Conformity with Section RSMo 610.021 (13) for legal issues.

Rick Holtman made a motion to go into executive session at 8:44 p.m. to discuss legal issues Chris La Master seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Shawn Beck, Absent; Chris LaMaster, yes; Steve Farnan, yes; Debbie Bennett, yes; Rick Holtman, yes; Macia Kemper, yes; and Janet Hilsabeck, yes.

Legal issues were discussed.

Rick Holtman made a motion at 8:52 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, Absent; Chris LaMaster yes; Steve Farnan, yes; Debbie Bennett, yes; Rick Holtman, yes; Janet Hilsabeck, yes; and Macia Kemper, yes.

Adjournment

Rick Holtman made a motion to adjourn and Chris LaMaster seconded the motion. It carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

The next meeting was scheduled to be July 17 at 7:00 p.m..

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

President

Secretary