

SOUTH NODAWAY R-IV SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING – November 20, 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, November 20, 2013 at 7:02 p.m. in the commons area of the elementary in Barnard, Missouri.

Members Present: Rick Holtman– President;– Macia Kemper- Vice President; Chris LaMaster – Member; Shawn Beck – Member; Debbie Bennett – Member; Janet Hilsabeck – Member; and Steve Farnan – Member. Other School Personnel Present: Darbi Bauman, Elementary Principal; Shawn Emerson, High School Principal; Kyle Collins, Superintendent and Brandy Wolf, Board Secretary; Teacher Representatives Nick Wray, Counselor and Nikki Carter, 5th grade; Brad Jones, technology consultant; Dick Ross, personal representative; and Kathryn Rice, Nodaway News Leader.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Agenda and/or additions

Approval of Minutes (October 15, 2013 Executive; October 16, 2013 Regular and Executive; October 21, 2013 Executive; and November 7, 2013 Special Meeting)

Approval of Warrant #5

Approval of 2013 Free and Reduced Lunch Verification Report

Approval of Elementary and High School Facilities Report

Approval of Board of Education Filing

Chris LaMaster made motion to move the warrant out of the consent agenda and Macia Kemper seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Remove Approval of the Elementary and High School Facilities Report from the consent agenda and to move Superintendents and Principals reports to the consent agenda.

Chris LaMaster motioned and Shawn Beck seconded to accept the consent agenda. The motion carried 6-0 with one abstaining.

Shawn Beck made a motion to approve the warrant and Rick Holtman seconded. The motion carried 5-0 with two abstaining.

Visitors, Delegations, Interviews

None at this time

Teacher Representative Comments

Nick Wray, Counselor, gave testing scores from Spring 2013. Mr. Wray told the board that with the math score for the district, South Nodaway scored at 68.27%. The Missouri state average for math scores is at 52.3%. In the districts Communication Arts testing, South Nodaway scored at 61.7% with the state average being at 52.76%. In the districts Science testing, South Nodaway scored at 77.8% with the Missouri state average being at 51.35%. Mr. Wray stated that we are well above the state average on all of the districts testing scores.

Nikki Carter, 5th grade teacher, reported to board that the book club for the 5th graders had started out great. She had eight out of eleven students from the fifth grade who stayed after school for the book club program. The sixth grade is getting ready to start their book club and ten out of 16 sixth graders have signed up.

Committee Reports

Technology committee Report

Shawn Emerson reported that one of the goals for Library Media Standards and the Technology Committee is to Increase Student Achievement. One of the action steps to achieve this is for the Librarian to collaborate with the instructional staff and students when selecting resources into the curriculum. The librarian will work directly with teachers to plan and deliver instruction to improve student achievement.

Brad Jones, tech consultant, spoke to the board in regards to the technology at the district. States that technology wise we are in good shape in certain things and behind in others. Mr. Jones states that in two to three years will probably need to look into increase the bandwidth. This will put the district in a better position to be able to do more and utilize technology better. Mr. Jones states that the firewall the district has in place is still in good shape. The core infrastructure is fair. When Mr. Jones came to the district, he had to run a lot of cable to bring that to where it needs to be. The wiring in the computer lab, library, superintendents office and ag/art classrooms will need to be looked at in the future. Once the district starts adding devices or becoming one to one with technology, we will have to upgrade the wireless system as well. Mr. Jones states we will need a server upgrade in the future.

Rick Holtman made motion and Janet Hilsabeck seconded to approve the CSIP Library Media Standards and Technology Report. Motion carried 7-0.

Elementary, High School, and Superintendent's Reports

Elementary Principal Darbi Bauman commented in her written report to the board that the average daily attendance for the elementary is at 98.4%. There are 77 students enrolled in the Kindergarten through 6th grade and 12 in Pre-School. There was 100% attendance for parent/teacher conferences. Parents were either contacted by phone or met face-to-face. On October 24th, the Kindergarten and First Grades traveled to Weston, MO to visit the Red Barn Farm and to the Remington Nature Center in St. Joseph, MO. On October 31st, the 4th-6th grades attended the St. Joseph Symphony at the Missouri Theater. The elementary school hosted the annual Great Pumpkin Challenge with 9 entries. The challenge was to decorate or carve a pumpkin that would be judged on creativity and originality. Each family could only submit one pumpkin for judging. There were three categories for the contest: carved pumpkin, decorated pumpkin, and Grand Champion. All members of the family were to work together to design their pumpkin. There was a tie for Grand Champion: Teagan Moutray, Kindergarten, and Alyson Jones, Sixth grade, and their families. First place in the carved category was Tucker Klamm, First grade, and First place in the decorated category was Alexis Holbrook, 4th grade. Halloween parties were held on October 31. The elementary paraded through the inside of the school. Parents did an exceptional job planning wonderful parties for the students. The Fifth grade class are finishing up their book club meetings and the Sixth grade class will start their book club meetings after Thanksgiving. Mrs. Bauman states that the surplus auction was a success. We could not have ordered a more perfect day. It was a bittersweet day but the building and all the memories that it holds will be forever in our hearts. Thanks to all that helped with the auction. The elementary honor choir rehearsed for several weeks and then traveled to Platte City on November 9 for a day of rehearsals then performed a concert later in the afternoon to showcase all of their hard work. Barb Sherry attended National Parents As Teachers training in St. Louis from November 11-15. She has learned lots and is very excited to get our program up and running.

High School Principal Shawn Emerson commented in his written report that attendance in November was at 97.7%. For the First Quarter there were 31 students with perfect attendance. There were 36 out of 87 students on high honor roll and 27 students out of 87 on regular honor roll. That puts 72% of the high school on honor roll. On October 26th the band marched in the NWMSU Homecoming parade. On November 4th, the HS choir participated in the PVC Choir concert at NWMSU with 7 students participating. On November 9th, there were 6 Junior High students who participated in the honor choir in Platte City. Mr. Emerson states that the football team ended their season 5-5. The fall sports banquet will be December 8th at 5:00 p.m. The FFA and Mrs. Christensen's classes held the Veteran's Day Breakfast and Assembly on November 8th. The breakfast was served from 7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m. with an assembly following. Shannon Holaday and Alan Bennett spoke about their experiences while serving the military. The Platte Valley Conference Basket Tournament will be held December 2-6. The Junior High and High School Music Christmas Concert will be held December 12.

Superintendent Kyle Collins told members in his written report that the auction was a great success. Dr. Collins wants to thank all who helped make it a great event. He states, the building did not sell, however there are a few options going forward. Dr. Collins states that all buses and delivery trucks will have to use the Morehouse Street entrance and not to use the driveway north of the school. Only school personnel and the garbage truck may use this drive.

OLD BUSINESS

MSBA Superintendent Search Brochure

The brochure that MSBA designed to aid in the Superintendent Search was handed out to the board for information purposes only.

Auction-Sale of Guilford building

Discussion was held on what to do with the old Guilford Elementary building since it did not sell at the auction. Discussed possibility of taking a policy out as a district if someone is willing to tear down building for salvage. Member Chris LaMaster brought to the board the possibility of piecing out parts of the building for sale. Board talked about reworking contract to better suit prospective buyers. Board talked of selling gym floor and possibly posting on Craigs List.

Steve Farnan made a motion to purchase gift certificates in the amount of \$30 for volunteers for auction. Macia Kemper seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Dick Ross-Building Renovation Update

Mr. Dick Ross spoke to the board in regards to repairing the dishwasher that the health inspector put on the health inspection the last time he came to the school. The drain needed to have an indirect connection. This is in the works to be completed as of right now. The health inspector was thoroughly impressed with our kitchen facility. There are some wiring issues out in the shop that need to be addressed or connected. There was a fire alarm practice and found that the elementary side and high school side were not connected. One of the fire doors did not shut as well. The gas tank that needs to be moved from Guilford to Barnard was discussed. Mr. Ross brought a couple of different options to the board. Mr. Ross reported gym ceiling. He visited the Ravenwood gym in which they had used contractor out of Stanberry. Mr. Ross gave the board a couple of different options for replacing the gym ceiling. He stated the district could replace the panels or replace the

whole ceiling. Mr. Ross talked about the plan of redoing the teachers workroom and making a separate area for workroom and one for supplies. Mr. Ross also discussed the locker room renovation once again. The Board discussed what to do for a power source for moving the fuel pump from Guilford to Barnard. Board members suggested putting service in the parking lot. Chris LaMaster made a motion to hire Schieber Electric for putting service across the street with KCPL running the meter. Shawn Beck Seconded. Motion carried. 7-0. Board also discussed making students responsible for upkeep of locker rooms before and during they are fixed. Board would like administration and coaches to ensure upkeep for locker rooms is taken care of.

Break from 9:05-9:20

Staff Emails

Discussion was held on Board members receiving staff emails. Board suggested creating two separate email groups. Board Members discussed the possibility of emails being sent to them if an email was sent to all staff members so that the board could be made aware of certain situations if need be. Members stated would like to be in the know of things that happen day to day since they were not able to be at the school everyday. Discussion was held on whether or not that was necessary. Member Shawn Beck suggested leaving it up to the discretion of each staff member, whether or not they sent emails to board members.

D's and F's List Program Update

High School Principal, Shawn Emerson gave an update to the board on the program that is in place for the D and F list.

Chris Lamaster: MSBA Meeting Report

Member Chris LaMaster went to Fall MSBA meeting. He would like all seven members to go to the April meeting. Senate Bill 253 was discussed in length at the meeting.

Principal Selection Process

Board discussed the policy in regards to the boards involvement in the hiring process of the principal position. The board would like Elementary Principal, Darbi Bauman, to collaborate with the new superintendent when they are hired, to be directly involved in the selection. The board would also like Mrs. Bauman to create a committee for this as well. Macia Kemper made a motion to start advertising for a high school principal, with applications going to Darbi Bauman, with a deadline of December 20 for receiving applications. Rick Holtman seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0

Other Agenda Items

Budget:

Dr. Collins states that there is not anything new to report at this time. Most things will depend on future projects that the board chooses to do.

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

Shawn Beck made a motion to go into executive session at 10:17 p.m. to discuss teacher evaluations Rick Holtman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Shawn Beck, yes; Chris LaMaster, yes; Steve Farnan, yes; Debbie Bennett, yes, Rick Holtman, yes; Macia Kemper, yes; and Janet Hilsabeck, yes.

Non-tenured teachers were discussed.

Shawn Beck made a motion at 10:50 p.m. to come out of executive session and return to open session. Rick Holtman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Shawn Beck, yes; Chris LaMaster yes; Steve Farnan, yes; Debbie Bennett, yes; Rick Holtman, yes; Janet Hilsabeck, yes; and Macia Kemper, yes.

Adjournment

Chris LaMaster made a motion to adjourn and Shawn Beck seconded the motion. It carried and the meeting was adjourned at 10:51 p.m.

The next meeting was scheduled to be December 18, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

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

President

Secretary