

SOUTH NODAWAY R-IV SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING – October 15, 2014

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 Chris LaMaster on Wednesday, October 15, 2013 at 7:01 p.m. in the Commons area at the school in Barnard, Missouri.

Members Present: Chris LaMaster – President; Macia Kemper - Vice President; Rick Holtman – Member; Shawn Beck – Member; Steve Farnan – Member; Janet Hilsabeck – Member, Absent; and Debbie Bennett – Member. Other School Personnel Present: Darbi Bauman, Elementary Principal; Ethan Sickels, High School Principal; Johnnie Silkett, Superintendent and Brandy Wolf, Board Secretary.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Agenda and/or additions

Approval of Minutes (September 17 regular meeting; September 23 special meeting and September 30 executive meeting)

Approval of Principals and Superintendents Reports

Macia Kemper made a Motion and Debbie Bennett seconded to accept the consent agenda. The motion carried 5-0 with one abstaining.

Approval of Warrant #4

Discussion was held on the bills for the month. Shawn Beck made a motion to accept Warrant #4 with Steve Farnan seconding the motion. The motion carried 5-0 with one abstaining.

Visitors, Delegations, Interviews

Senior Class Representatives met with the board to discuss senior trip. Seniors have planned their trip to Branson, Missouri for 3 days and 2 nights. They have chosen a cabin to stay in on a lake near Branson. Macia Kemper made a motion to approve Senior Trip and Chris LaMaster seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Teacher Representative Comments

Dottie Nelson, high school special education teacher, told the board that four of the high school special education students are attending Northwest Technical School. This opportunity has proven to be a very successful opportunity for the special education students. The special ed department is currently participating in the Dynamic Learning Mapping Assessment in Math and English Language Arts.

Committee Reports

There were none at this time.

Elementary, High School, and Superintendent's Reports

Elementary Principal Darbi Bauman commented to the board that 85 dads and students showed up for DOGS night. It was a very successful evening. Currently have a student teacher in the elem spent 8 weeks in second grade and is now in the fifth grade classroom. Will be placing 4 student teachers in January. Will be using the Co-Teaching method with these student teachers. The 5th and 6th grade scholar bowl team finished their season on September 30. The students did a great job. The Parents as Teachers had their first group meeting on September 23rd with a theme of fire safety. The next group meeting is scheduled for October 23rd. The 3 year olds came to school on October 3rd with 14 kids in attendance. The fourth graders spent their day on October 15 at Northwest Missouri State University for Missouri Day.

High School Principal Ethan Sickels told the board that homecoming went great. The kids were very well behaved and had a great time with all of the activities. Parent Teacher conferences are October 16th. Inservice will be Friday and Morenet will be holding the meeting and discussing google chrome and the chromebooks. CHromebooks will be handed out monday to the students. Nodaway holt will host District basketball this year. There are four cross country meets scheduled for next year. The art teacher will host a student teacher starting second semester for grades K-12.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update WW

MODOT tested speeds on Highway WW and said people weren't slowing down so speed limit sign reduction wouldn't help. Mr. Silkett said the bridge being closed was creating even more traffic. MODOT told Mr. Silkett that another test will be done after bridge is back open.

NEW BUSINESS

Amendment 3 resolution

WHEREAS, Amendment 3 on the November ballot is a state mandate that shifts local control for educational decisions away from parents, teachers, administrators and school boards; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 3 is a poorly drafted and deeply flawed proposal that has many unintended consequences for teachers, administrators and school boards; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 3 would prevent school boards from hiring, promoting, compensating or dismissing teachers in accordance with board policy; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 3 would force taxpayers to pay for additional standardized tests at a time when our public schools remain significantly underfunded by the state; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 3 significantly changes teacher evaluations away from a tool to improve teacher performance;

Therefore be it RESOLVED, the South Nodaway R-IV Board of Education on this fifteenth day of October, hereby opposes Amendment 3 on the November ballot.

Mr. Silkett recommends that the board signs this resolution that shows South Nodaway is opposed to Amendment 3. Macia Kemper made a motion that the board signs the resolution that South Nodaway is opposed to Amendment 3. Rick Holtman seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

American Fidelity Section 125 Approval

Chris LaMaster moved that the Board of Education adopt a Section 125 Flexible Fringe Benefits Plan for the employees of South Nodaway R-IV School District to be effective on September 1, 2014. The motion was seconded by Rick Holtman and passed unanimously.

Policy Review

Board members reviewed policies ka School Community Relations Goals, KB Public Information Program, KBA Public's Right to Know, and KC Community Involvement in Decision Making.

Policy Updates

MSBA policies ADF District Wellness Policy, BBB School Board Elections, EF Food Service Management, and IND Ceremonies and Observances were discussed. Chris LaMaster made a motion to accept the updates for these policies. Shawn Beck seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Budget

Mr. Silkett has amended the budget in revenue and expenditure pieces. Chris LaMaster made a motion to accept the amended budget and Macia Kemper seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

Other Agenda Items

None at this time

Break from 8:33 p.m.-8:43

Movement into Executive Session, In Conformity with Section RSMo 610.021 (13) for real estate and legal issues and specifications for competitive bidding until approved or published.

Shawn Beck made motion to come out of executive session at 9:05 p.m. Steve Farnan seconded.. A roll call vote was taken. Shawn Beck, yes; Chris LaMaster, yes; Steve Farnan, yes; Debbie Bennett, yes; Rick Holtman, yes; Macia Kemper, yes.

Chris LaMaster made a motion to set forth a committee of three board members along with Superintendent Johnnie Silkett to meet at the Guilford property no later than November 3 to determine request for bid proposal to demo the Guilford property. Shawn Beck seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Adjournment

Rick Holtman made a motion to adjourn and Debbie Bennett seconded the motion. It carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

The next meeting was scheduled to be November 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

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

President

Secretary