

SOUTH NODAWAY R-IV SCHOOLS  
REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 18, 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, December 18 , 2014 at 7:00 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, Absent (arrived at 7:01); Steve Farnan – Member; Janet Hilsabeck – Member; 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 (November 20, 2014 regular meeting and executive meeting)**

**Approval of Principal's and Superintendents' Reports.**

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

### **Bills #6**

Discussion was held on the bills for the month of December. Rick Holtman made a motion to approve the bills for December. Chris LaMaster seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

### **Visitors, Delegations, Interviews**

#### **Stephanie Patterson-Director of Maryville Public Library**

Stephanie Patterson from the Maryville Public Library spoke with the board. They are trying to have the library called Maryville Nodaway County Library. This would include a countywide tax. They are asking for a 15-cent per \$100 assessed valuation levy. A house with a market value of \$100,000 would be assessed at \$19,000. This levy would cost the homeowner \$28.50 a year. This would allow every child in the county to have a free library card. This would substantially increase the budget for books and ebooks. The library would be able to take programs and services out to county towns. Countywide funding also means countywide representation on the library board.

### **Teacher Representative Comments**

Nikki Carter, 5th grade teacher, told the board that there eight 5th and three 6th graders stay for book club. She said things are going very well so far.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Renee Turpin and Jessica Keefer-Vocational Programs**

Renee Turpin, Business Teacher, presented the Career Education Business Program Evaluation to the board. There are 62 enrolled in high school and all have taken a career education course. Students performed well at district competitions for 2014 and the FBLA took five students to State Leadership Conference. This number will most likely double this year. Recommended changes needed to achieve the goals and objectives: The Technical Skills Assessments are give to all completers of a program. There are study guides for these tests that will help our students perform better. The committee would recommend that the district purchase a license for the study guides. A video camera and still digital camera is needed to help in teaching multi-media concepts for an exploratory course

on Multimedia and Publishing. This would be something that could be used for the business department courses and the FBLA chapter for competitions. Personal Finance was removed as a sophomore required class and moved to the senior level. Since the current seniors and juniors have already taken the course, the class will not be taught again until 2016-17. This made room for a few new courses.

Jessica Keefer, Ag Teacher, presented the Agriculture Program Evaluation to the board there are 48 students enrolled/participating in the Agriculture Program. Ms. Keefer gave the board a list of objectives she would like to accomplish. Her recommended changes she would like to make to the program is to continue to update and be certified in new curriculum areas. The Curriculum for Agriculture Science Education is a great resource for practical student learning. She is hoping to receive grant funding to pay for the Plant Science course which is part of the curriculum in the past. The changes Ms. Keefer has made to the program includes adding a Food Science and Farm Management class.

Macia Kemper made a motion to approve both the Career Education and Agriculture Program Evaluations. Rick Holtman seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

### **Nick Wray-Testing Report**

Was not able to attend meeting. Packet was gone through with Superintendent Johnnie Silkett. South Nodaway's scores for the most part exceeded the states average.

### **Elementary, High School, and Superintendent's Reports**

Elementary Principal Darbi Bauman commented to the board that on November 21st the 2nd and 3rd graders traveled to Kansas City to see the play "Rudolph the Rednose Reindeer" at the Coterie Theater at Crown Plaza. After eating lunch the group went to Science City. Parents and staff were complemented throughout the day on how polite and well mannered the students were. The 5th and 6th grade just finished their respective book clubs. Once again the PTO had a hit on their hands and had to go shopping for merchandise because the students bought everything. Our Secret Santa was at it again this year, giving each student a \$5 coupon to use in the shop. The students really appreciate this "Santa's" generosity and we discuss that since we cannot thank this unknown person. The 6th grade and whole elementary put on a great Christmas program. Mrs. Davis did a great job with the group.

High School Principal Ethan Sickels told the board that the average daily attendance for the high school was at 97.30%. He would like to congratulate Aaron Murphy, Allie Helzer, Dustin Skoglund, and Renee Turpin for completing their Masters in Administration degrees from William Woods University. Mr. Sickles is also very thankful for all of the changes that have happened with the sound system in the gym. The Christmas Concert sounded great! We are continuing to work on plans for the PVC In-Service that will be here on January 12. Besides the main groupings of classroom teachers, we also have a speaker on Autism and a representative on MAP-A testing from the RPDC.

Superintendent Johnnie Silkett told the board that the Digital Senior Composite Board should be done by the end of Christmas break. The photographer has the pictures currently and is working to get them into digital form. The administration will be sending out invitations next month to those who will be involved in the CSIP process

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Update on Guilford Building**

Superintendent Johnnie Silkett told the board that the school has been able to haul off the roofing material and have knocked down most of the walls. We will be hauling off brick and concrete this month also.

### **Update on Speed Limit Change on WW**

Mr. Silkett has been in contact with the engineer for MoDot in regards to changing the speed limit on WW along the school property. They have agreed to reduce the speed limit from 35 mph to 30 mph. The change will take place at some point this late winter to early spring. This is the best option that we have if we want the speed limit to be reduced at all times.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Discussion/Approval of Audit for 2013/14**

Superintendent Silkett discussed the 2013-14 Audit with the board. The only discrepancy the school received was segregation of powers. In which we are always docked on since we are such a small school. Chris LaMaster made a motion to approve the 2013-2014 Audit. Shawn Beck seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

### **2015-2016 Calendar-First Reading**

Superintendent Silkett provided the board with a preliminary calendar for the 2015-2016 school year. Highlights of the calendar include: Reduced student days from 172-169 but only reduced hours by just 2 days because we will not have the half days of school before parent teacher conferences and instead we will have a professional development ½ day then start parent teacher conferences at 12:30 and go to 7:00; Mr Silkett has also added another full day of professional development when we come back from Christmas break. The students will start back the next day; this allows us to be out of school at the end of the second week of May.

### **Discussion/Approval CD Investments**

Mr. Silkett approached the board in regards to investing in CD's to be able to get some return on this year's budget. There are two banks that he has information on. The first bank is BTC Bank in Pattonsburg. They are offering a 1.55% rate on a five year CD. BTC Bank calculates interest daily and would pay it every six months. When they pay it, it compounds back into the CD, so the interest payment each time will increase as they are paying on a larger CD balance. There is a 90 day penalty. If there is a partial withdrawal, the penalty is figured only on the amount being withdrawn. Once the interest has been paid to the cd, it is available for withdrawal without a penalty at any time. The second bank is North American Savings Bank in St. Joseph. They are offering a 1.95% rate on a 5 year CD. The penalty is 6 months on the CD. Interest is also compounded daily and like BTC bank, we will only be penalized on the amount we take out and we can take out interest on a quarterly basis if we choose. At NASB, they also have said if we open a savings account with \$10,000 their CD rate goes up to 2.10%. Superintendent Silkett would like to invest \$350,000 in a CD. Mr. Silkett's recommendation to the board is to go with North American Savings Bank in St. Joseph. Rick Holtman made a motion to Invest \$350,000 at North American Savings Bank with a CD and then \$10,000 in a savings account. Macia Kemper seconded the motion . The motion carried 7-0.

### **Music Insurance-Cyber Coverage/Additional Liability**

Mr. Silkett told the board that the liability insurance is ready for board approval. He would like to add the extra cyber insurance to this package so we can have extra coverage considering we now have so many Chromebooks in the students' hands. Chris LaMaster made a motion to purchase extra cyber coverage and extra liability insurance through MUSIC. Macia Kemper seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

**Discussion on Superintendent Evaluation Process**

The NEE is behind in launching the evaluation process for Superintendents. He was told that we will have something very soon and in time for the January Board of Education meeting.

**Other Agenda Items**

**Policy Review**

Board members reviewed and discussed policies KG: Community Use of School Facilities; KH: Public Gifts to the Schools; KI: Public Solicitations-Advertising in District Facilities; and KK: Visitors to District Property Events. Macia Kemper made a motion to change policy KG: "The Superintendent will set the fees for use of the facilities." Rick Holtman seconded the motion the motion carried 7-0.

Break from 9:01 p.m.-9:16

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

Rick Holtman made a motion to go into executive session at 9:17 p.m. to discuss personnel Janet Hilsabeck 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.

Evaluations were discussed.

Janet Hilsabeck made a motion at 10:03 p.m. to come out of executive session and return to open session. Shawn Beck 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**

Shawn Beck made a motion to adjourn and Janet Hilsabeck seconded the motion. It carried and the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

The next meeting was scheduled to be January 21, 2015.

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

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Secretary