

NORTH SCOTT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Eldridge, Iowa

Board Minutes – March 25, 2019

NOTE: These minutes are unofficial until approved by the board at the next regular meeting.

A regular meeting of the North Scott Board of Directors was held on March 25, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Alan Shepard. Members present were: Glen Keppy, Molly Bergfeld, Joni Dittmer, John Maxwell, and Tracy Lindaman. Donn Wilmott and Mark Pratt was absent.

President Keppy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Bonnie Summers spoke about negotiations with classified staff and Dan O’Flaherty spoke about negotiations with bus drivers.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Maxwell moved to approve the consent agenda, as follows; seconded by Lindaman. Motion unanimously approved.

- Minutes of the February 25, 2019 Regular Meeting and Minutes of the March 4, 2019 Work Session.
- Retirement of Sheri Wallace, PreK5 Teacher at Virgil Grissom, effective at the end of 2018-19 school year; Jennifer McKenna, 7th Grade Band Teacher at the Jr. High, effective at the end of the 2018-19 school year.
- Resignations of Susan Day, Childcare Aide at Ed White, effective May 31, 2019; Kristin Bowman, K-6 Teacher Leader at Armstrong, effective end of 2018-19 school year (she will continue her regular teaching position); Kae Mentzer, National Honor Society Advisor, effective end of 2018-19 school year (she will continue her regular teaching position); Kristin Finnicum, Head Freshman Volleyball Coach, effective 2018-19; Connie Smith, 4 hr./day Food Service Helper at the High School, effective March 4, 2019; Marcie Bradley, 5.75 hrs./day Food Service Helper at Jr. High, effective March 15, 2019; Heidi Durant, 4th grade Teacher at Neil Armstrong, effective end of 2018-19 school year.
- Termination of Crystal Waldbusser, 5.75 hrs./day Food Service Helper at the High School, effective March 20, 2019.
- Employment of Paul Rucker, Assistant Girls’ Soccer Coach, effective March 1, 2019; Kyle

Bohnert, Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach, effective March 1, 2019; Nicole Ramirez, Kitchen Helper, effective March 18, 2019.

- Information items: Michelle Murray, will continue as the 7-12 TLC Coordinator for 2019-20; Wayne Brewer, Volunteer High School Boys' Assistant Track Coach, effective 2018-19 season; Todd Akers, Volunteer High School Boys' Assistant Track Coach, effective 2018-19 season; Amy Knoche, Volunteer High School Girls' Assistant Track Coach, effective 2018-19 season; Chad Matthaides, Volunteer High School Girls' Assistant Track Coach, effective 2018-19 season. Cathy Farrell, Volunteer High School Boys'/Girls' Assistant Tennis Coach, effective 2018-19 season.
- Revenue and Expenditure Reports, School Nutrition Fund Report, Child Care Report, Activity Fund Reports, and Trust & Agency Reports for February 2019.
- Approval of 2018-19 Open Enrollment-In Requests for Gracie Berrie, resident district is Davenport (EW-3rd).
- Approval of 2019-20 Open Enrollment-In Requests for Emma Hardesty, resident district is DeWitt (AS-K); Will Musal, resident district is Pleasant Valley (HS-9th); Owen Sievers, resident district is Bennett (JG-3rd); Carsten Sievers, resident district is Bennett (JG-1st); Matthew Sievers, resident district is Bennett (JG-5th); Hannah Reed, resident district is Pleasant Valley (HS-9th); Maria Belk, resident district is Calamus-Wheatland (HS-10th); Easton Xavier, resident district is Davenport (EW-3rd).

BILLS

Jill Van Roekel reviewed several items regarding the bill list, and presented the following bills for approval: General Fund - \$422,051.69, Student Activity Fund - \$108,163.01, Management Fund - \$14,540.96, Sales Tax Fund - \$1,837.50, PPEL Fund - \$21,101.70, School Nutrition Fund - \$55,954.36, Child Care Fund - \$1,185.16, Self-Funded Health - \$385,279.51, Agency Fund - \$438.65, for a total of \$1,010,552.54. Maxwell moved to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Bergfeld. Motion unanimously approved.

RECOGNITIONS

North Scott was represented at St. Ambrose History Day by 44 students with 27 projects. They have been researching and refining their work since October. We have 27 students advancing to State in Des Moines on April 28 & 29. **Congratulations and good luck students and advisors!**

The boys' basketball team reached the State tournaments in Des Moines and placed 4th at the Class 4A State Tournament. **Congratulations to the entire team and coaches for a great season!**

The girls' basketball team were Class 4A State Champions at the State Tournament in Des Moines. **Congratulations to the entire team and coaches for a great season!**

Grace Boffeli (All-Tournament Team Captain), Chloe Engelkes, and Ty Anderson made the All-Tournament Team. **Congratulations Grace, Chloe and Ty!**

Grace Boffeli, earned Class 4A first-team all-state honors, Presley Case, earned Class 4A second-team all-state honors, Rylie Rucker, earned Class 4A third-team all-state honors, Ty Anderson, earned Class 4A second-team all-state honors, and Cortaviaus Seales, earned Class 4A third-team all-state honors. **Congratulations Grace, Presley, Rylie, Ty and Cortaviaus!**

Emma Hughes and Bethany Schwarz earned All-State Performing Honors for Individual Speech for their performances on March 9th. They will perform at the IHSSA All-State Festival on March 25 at UNI. **Congratulations Emma and Bethany!**

It was an excellent State Speech Contest on March 9th - thanks to the Contest Manager Stacie Kintigh, volunteers throughout the community, and the administrative, technology, and custodial staff. Excellent feedback was received on the contest, school and community from students, coaches, and families throughout Iowa's southeast region.

REPORTS

Ashley Abdon and Kristen Hayes, both reading interventionist at Alan Shepard, and five students provided an update on 6th Grade Book Club. This club has had a positive effect on students and they are enjoying being a part of the club.

Sue Kane reported on Curriculum Cabinet, they are continuing to work on testing that will take place on April 1st, and have been planning for the last in-service scheduled for April 27th. She had the chance to judge at History Day competition and it was a phenomenal experience. The work the kids put into History Day is very impressive.

Kelly Rohlf reported they had one of their bigger crowds at their annual BINGO night that was held last month. They are preparing for state assessment, Mock Trial, and Biz Town. The March activity with their Tribe's was sending thank you cards to the bus drivers. The bus drivers have had a tough winter and the students wanted to let them know how much they appreciated getting to and from school safely. Dan O'Flaherty commented on how much the bus drivers appreciated the cards they received from the students.

Tim Green reported that they recognized 16 exceptional Eagles this month. Their parent group is having BINGO night on March 29. They will be holding their first STEM night on April 4 followed by a Public Forum. The 3rd grade students are incubating eggs starting on March 26 and should have baby chicks soon.

Bernie Brustkern reported that they are preparing for Mock Trial and Biz Town. Their field trips are picking up with the nicer weather. Second trimester report cards were sent home. David Dow from Deer Valley Collectors, presented books to the kindergartners. In February they participated in See Something, Say Something week, and reviewed how to use the P3 app with the older students. Kindergarten round up was held at the beginning of the March.

Chad Ruth reported that they are preparing for Biz Town, Mock trial, and state assessments. They held a penny war to help raise funds for the dance marathon at the high school on March 23. They raised just over \$1,600. Literacy night was held at the end of February and it was a great turnout.

John Hawley reported that the ELA classes will be tree wrapping with Living Lands & Waters. They have just finished with Career Cruising. They are preparing for state testing and will hold breakfast with the principals on April 9. Junior High FFA took 3 teams to District Contest on March 9 and all teams received Silver ratings. Their College and Career Fair will be held on April 10. Special Olympics is coming up in April.

Shane Knoche reported on History Day and State Speech Contests. They held their Dance Marathon on March 23. The welding apprenticeship is close to being finalized. They are preparing for state testing. Channel 6 News came today to talk to three students about family farms.

Michael Kline reported that the Grissom girls won the Battle of the Books. They raised a little over \$1,600 for the Lymphoma and Leukemia Society. There were 43 students with art on display at the Figge Art Museum reception that was held on March 3. On March 28 there will be three football players from the Quad City Steamwheelers coming to read to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders and will then play some football with the intermediate students. They held their Carnival on March 2.

OLD BUSINESS

The Superintendent provided an update on the Solar Project. A Public Hearing on the solar project is recommended to be set for the April 8, 2019 board meeting. Maxwell moved to set the hearing for April 8, 2019, seconded by Lindaman. Motion unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

The superintendent presented recommendations from the district policy committee for first reading by the board. Approval of these recommendations will be requested at the next regular board meeting.

Jill Van Roekel reviewed the preliminary 2019-20 school budget. The budget was based on 2.06% supplemental state aid. Revenues are estimated at \$45 million, compared to \$44.6 million the prior year. The line item budget is still in progress, and dependent on settlements with bargaining groups. Dittmer moved to set the hearing date for April 8, 2019, seconded by Maxwell. Motion unanimously approved.

The superintendent presented a tentative agreement with SEIU – Bus Drivers. It was a two-year tentative agreement that includes step movement and a 50-cent per hour base wage increase for 2019-20 and a wage opener for 2020-21. Maxwell moved to approve the tentative agreement with bus drivers, seconded by Dittmer. Motion unanimously approved.

The superintendent presented change orders #1 through #9 with Northwest Mechanical for the High School Auditorium HVAC Project. The original contract amount of 679,380.00 will decrease by \$13,002.00 for a

revised project cost of \$666,378.00. Maxwell moved to approve Northwest Mechanical change orders, seconded by Lindaman. Motion unanimously approved.

The superintendent presented change orders for the High School Auditorium Project, which will decrease the previously revised contract amount of \$3,090,207.45 by \$51,077.74 making the current cost \$3,039,129.71. The change orders were from the following Bush Construction, Builders Sales & Service, Design Build Structures, East Moline Glass, Geisler Brothers, KE Flatwork, Metro Coatings, Ormsby Masonry, Paragon Commercial Interiors, Ragan Mechanical, SCS Midwest, and Tri City Electric. Maxwell moved to approve the change orders, seconded by Bergfeld. Motion unanimously approved.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

The superintendent’s report included the following reports and updates: open positions report, enrollment report, legislative update, website update, facility committee update, commented that he taught a 6th grade and a High School JA class, and a communication plan update was provided.

BOARD COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

There being no further business, Maxwell moved to adjourn, seconded by Bergfeld. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved:

Terina Bruns, Secretary

Glen Keppy, Board President