

SOUTH NODAWAY R-IV SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 18, 2012

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 Lori Murphy on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 7:04 p.m. in the lunch room at the high school in Barnard, Missouri.

Members Present: Lori Murphy – President; Steve Farnan - Vice President; Chris LaMaster – Member; Shawn Beck – Member; Rick Holtman – Member; Janet Hilsabeck – Member; and Macia Kemper – Member. Other School Personnel Present: Darbi Bauman, Elementary Principal; Shawn Emerson, High School Principal; Kyle Collins, Superintendent and Tracy Skoglund, Board Secretary.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Agenda and/or additions

Approval of Minutes (December 21, 2011 regular & executive meeting)

Approval of Principals' and Superintendent's Reports

Approval of Warrant #7

ACT Report

Lori Murphy motioned and Chris LaMaster seconded to accept the consent agenda. The motion carried 7-0.

Teacher Representative Comments

Stacy Harlan, 3rd Grade Teacher, stated that the 3rd grade girls have started basketball practice. Kay Wilson had brought the students new dictionaries and they are writing thank you letters to the Rotary Club for their gift. The class went to Nelson's store on Friday to deliver cards and sing to Junior Nelson on his 90th birthday. The junior high and high school cheerleaders will be hosting a "little longhorn clinic". There will be 16 cheerleaders with 24 elementary students attending.

Cj Clark, High School English teacher, told members that they had been working with creative novels and writing self help articles which had turned out to be very interesting. The freshman and sophomores just finished literary sets and short stories. The juniors will be starting the Crucible. The yearbook started off rough but the first official deadline is coming up. We have re-negotiated the amount in our contract and hope to be running in the black at the end of the year.

Elementary, High School, and Superintendent's Reports

Elementary Principal Darbi Bauman commented in her written report that the January 3rd staff development was centered on Kagan's Cooperative learning strategies. The training was conducted by Patty Wilmes of the Northwest RPDC. January 18th we conducted our second dibels benchmark screening on K-4 students. The students made birthday cards for Junior Nelson for his 90th birthday. We walked down to his store on Friday morning and sang Happy Birthday to him. Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for February 9th. We are in the

process of scheduling these. Marcia Schieber, elementary secretary, will be on a leave of absence until mid-February due to back surgery. We thank Kara Holaday for being Marcia's substitute. Aaron Murphy, physical education teacher, applied and was awarded a \$500 MSTA grant. Mr. Murphy is starting an archery program at South Nodaway. He is working with the Missouri Department of Conservation to get his certification in the National Archery in Schools Program and to secure additional funding for this initiative. We would like to welcome Aaron Behrens as our student teacher in Physical Education this semester. Mr. Behrens is a student at NWMSU who has worked as a coach for South Nodaway for the last two years. We are happy to have him working with us.

High School Principal Shawn Emerson told members in his written report that the 1st semester attendance was 96.13% with 11 students having perfect attendance for the semester. In athletics the PVC is conducting a sportsmanship survey to be filled out at all conference basketball games this year. Each referee will rate the players, coaches, and fans of each school and the results will be tabulated throughout the season. This will give us a good indicator as to how well we present our school at sporting events. We welcome two student teachers in our building this semester. They are Katie Eggers (Agriculture) and Aaron Behrens (Physical Education). Mrs. Honan took her freshman FFA students to the green-hand conference in St. Joseph on January 3. January 21 and 28th are the dates set for the elementary basketball tournaments. On January 28th the junior high scholar bowl will be at Dekalb and the high school will have their first scholar bowl match on February 13th. Court warming is scheduled for February 3.

Superintendent Kyle Collins told members in his written report that we are still waiting to know if our co-op agreement with Jefferson for baseball and track this spring will be approved. It must be approved by the MSHSAA Board and they will not meet until late January (after our meeting). We should know by February. The state legislative session has begun. They have stated education funding as a priority, however because of issues with the foundation formula and the shortage of funds, we probably won't have any idea what we will be receiving in terms of state funding for 2012-2013 until very late in the year (May or even June). This will make it very difficult to budget because there could be dramatic differences depending on what they decide to do. January is board appreciation month and I want to let you all know that I enjoy working with you. We have some very critical issues to deal with and not a lot of people fully understand and appreciate the difficult and important job that you do.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bond Update

Principal Bauman and Principal Emerson told members about their focus group meeting they had on the 16th with patrons who had asked several questions at the public bond meeting. Tours were given to all who attended and a lively discussion was held and questions were answered. Mrs. Bauman is planning a meeting with each grade level's parents to discuss the building issue. She outlined the plans for future meetings and how we will spread the information about the bond issue. Dr. Collins had checked with MUSIC, our school insurance carrier, and they have indicated that insuring the elementary building would be about \$3,223

annually while it is vacant. That is slightly less than our current premium because contents would not be included (all contents will have been moved to the new location). We received some figures on the demolition of the Guilford building. Mrs. Bauman told the board members the rates from other local demolitions' have varied from 16,000 to 235,000. But she emphasized that our focus needs to not be what is done with the building but assuring the students have a good learning environment.

Building Repairs Update

Dr. Collins told members that the contractors for the roof and wall repair have been awarded their bids and have begun work since we have had unseasonably warm weather. They already have removed the brick wall on the west side of the building and will start on the removal of the chimney soon. Foundation work has also already begun in the basement. Next focus group meeting will be held on Monday, January 30th at 6:30 p.m. at the high school for anyone who would like to attend. The board talked about putting a letter from them in the paper explaining the timeline and how they came to this decision.

Budget Report

Dr. Collins reviewed what the Governor had told Superintendents in a conference call on the 16th. Some of the things the Governor told us were that he was in support of level funding and adding 5 million dollars to the education budget. Dr. Collins gave board members some charts comparing revenue and expenses from this year to last year.

Movement into Executive Session, In Conformity with Section RSMo 610.021 (13) for superintendent's evaluation.

Shawn Beck made a motion to go into executive session at 8:35 p.m. to discuss the superintendent's evaluation Rick Holtman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Shawn Beck, yes; Chris LaMaster, yes; Steve Farnan, yes; Lori Murphy, yes; Rick Holtman, yes; Macia Kemper, yes; and Janet Hilsabeck, yes.

Shawn Beck made a motion at 10:00 p.m. to come out of executive session and return to open session. Janet Hilsabeck seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Shawn Beck, yes; Chris LaMaster yes; Steve Farnan, yes; Lori Murphy, yes; Rick Holtman, yes; Janet Hilsabeck, yes; and Macia Kemper, yes.

Rick Holtman made a motion to offer Dr. Kyle Collins a two year contract with the salary at the same rate pending salary recommendations. Shawn Beck the motion and the motion carried seconded 7-0.

Adjournment

Shawn Beck made a motion to adjourn and Steve Farnan seconded the motion. It carried and the meeting was adjourned 10:05 at p.m. The next meeting was scheduled to be February 15, 2012 at 7:00 in the high school lunch room.

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

President

Secretary