

SOUTH NODAWAY R-IV SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 21, 2011

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, December 21, 2011 at 7:00 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; Nicki Honan, Agriculture Teacher and Tracy Skoglund, Board Secretary.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Agenda and/or additions

Approval of Minutes (November 16, 2011 Regular Meeting and December 7, 2011 Public Hearing Meeting)

Approval of Principals' and Superintendent's Reports

Approval of Business and Agriculture Program Reviews

Approval of Warrant #6

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

Teacher Representative Comments

Darbi Bauman read Mrs. Carter's elementary report for the board. The fifth grade class collected \$250 worth of merchandise for the veterans' hospital in Leavenworth during the month of November. Member of the Tri-C area Auxiliary took the items to the hospital and helped the veterans choose and wrap their gifts. Clayton Walker and Haily Nielson, two 5th grade students, entered the DAR essay contest. The topic was to research and write an essay about the War of 1812. Mrs. Carter's students' have just finished up a poetry unit and have entered the Anthology of Poetry contest.

Nicki Honan, Agriculture Teacher, told members that she has six kids in the Ag construction class. These students have great projects this year such as a gun cabinet, feeders for goats; a corner cabinet, etc. In January, we will have a student teacher in Ag. Mrs. Honan is also the senior class sponsor and she talked about the senior class sponsoring tournaments for the 5th and 6th graders and they are still looking for a 5th grade girl's team. They had just received the Monsanto grant money for \$1,500.00. That money will be used to cover awards and items that they need to purchase from the National FFA Organization.

Elementary, High School, and Superintendent's Reports

Elementary Principal Darbi Bauman commented that the ADA- 90.2, 97% and enrollment was 93 (K-6). The playground committee members met with their classes during the "Monday Morning Meeting" on December 12th. Each class decided on three pieces of playground equipment they wanted to take to the new facility. The committee met before school on December 13th to review the suggestions and decided to survey the entire student body during their lunch hour. Students were asked to vote for 5 pieces of equipment they feel should be included in the playground plan. The committee will use the results from this survey to plan the new playground. "It's Christmas, Carol" was performed by the elementary on December 8th. The sixth grade did a wonderful job with the play portion of the program as did all the classes with their songs and costumes. A big thank you goes to Ms. Sheehan and the elementary staff for all of their work. Elementary basketball is underway. We would like to thank the following volunteers that are coaching our students in grades 3-6: Jerry Davis, Brian Freemyer, Rick Holtman, Jim Wiederholt, Pam Jones, Chris Nothstine, Jennifer Miller, Amy Wolf and all the other parents that help out. The Watch D.O.G.S. group continues to have good participation. We have had at least one volunteer each week since we began the program.

High School Principal Shawn Emerson told members that December high school attendance was 96.13% with 11 perfect attendance students for the semester. The Fall Sports banquet on November 22 had over 130 people in attendance. The girls took home 2nd place and the boys 4th place in the Platte Valley Conference Tournament. Mr. Emerson told members in his report that there has been one major addition to the A+ requirements. Starting with the graduating class of 2015 each student must gain proficient or advanced on the Algebra 1 EOC test. Principal Emerson encouraged people to attend our home junior high academic meet on January 5.

Superintendent Kyle Collins told members in his written report that there is a lot of discussion out there regarding the funding of the education formula. A couple of scenarios floating around, in one we would lose a significant amount of money and in the other we would stay closer to hold harmless depending on the pro-ration factor. All school districts across the state are in the same boat depending on whether they are a school that is “on the formula” or “hold harmless”. Some groups are working on a compromise, but it will no doubt be hotly contested. He gave a handout at the meeting that illustrates the two scenarios for the board members. Thursday, December 8th Senator Brad Lager spoke to our superintendent’s group in St. Joseph. He says that right now there is a \$600M “hole” in the state budget and he has no idea how that hole will be filled. It’s likely to be a very contentious legislative session. School funding will very likely be affected negatively.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on Bond Issue

Dr. Collins told members that he has asked Mrs. Bauman to head the bond committee. They will start committee work after the holidays. The board discussed the prior public meeting and the questions that the patrons raised that evening.

Superintendent Evaluation Process

President Lori Murphy wanted to review the superintendent evaluation process that will be next month. The board members were given the evaluation form last month and will go over it at the January board meeting with Dr. Collins.

Cooping Spring Sports with Jefferson C-123

Jefferson C123 has approved cooping High School Baseball and High School Track with us. We will now approach the Missouri State High School Activities Association for their approval. If approved by MSHSAA, the administration will work out the details for this spring. Mr. Emerson announced that our home baseball games will be played at the Maryville Beal Park.

NEW BUSINESS

Review Policies for Staff/Student Communication

Dr. Collins gave board members three different versions of a new policy outlining staff and student communications. Chris LaMaster made a motion to approve the MEC 4650 Lite policy on Communication with Students by Electronic Media. Janet Hilsabeck seconded the motion and the motion carried 7-0.

Selection of bids for wall and roof restoration for high school building

Bids were submitted on the wall and roof restoration for the high school building on Wednesday, December 14, 2011. All bids were opened by Dr. Collins and Steve Roberts from Complete Roofing Source. A summarization of those bids and rankings were submitted to the board for their final approval and official awarding of the bids. Chris LaMaster made a motion to award MTS Contracting for the wall restoration bid at \$74,900. Macia Kemper seconded the motion and the motion carried 7-0. Rick Holtman made a motion to award the roofing bid to Hausmann Metal Works and Roofing for \$63,430.00. Janet Hilsabeck seconded the motion and the motion carried 7-0.

Review of Food Service Program Gains/Losses over past five years

Dr. Collins presented to the board an overview of the food service program for the last few years. Pam Bledsoe, Teresa Coleman and Jessie Bledsoe do a wonderful job with our food service program and they continue to help us to cut cost any way we can.

2010-11 Audit/Management Discussion and Analysis

Board members were given the 2010-11 Audit in their packets for review prior to the board meeting. Lori Murphy made a motion to accept the 2010-11 audit from R. Scott Stephens, C.P.A from Chillicothe. Macia Kemper seconded the motion and the motion carried 7-0.

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

Lori Murphy made a motion to go into executive session at 9:00 p.m. to discuss personnel. Chris LaMaster 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 9:15 p.m. to come out of executive session and return to open session. Chris LaMaster 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.

Adjournment

Shawn Beck made a motion to adjourn and Steve Farnan seconded the motion. It carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled to be January 18, 2012 in the H.S. Lunch Room at 7:00 p.m.

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

President

Secretary