

SOUTH NODAWAY R-IV SCHOOLS  
REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 20, 2012

A quorum being present and due notice having been published according to Section 171.031 Chapter 171 School Operations, President Lori Murphy called the public hearing meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. There were no objections to the start of school being before Labor Day. Chris LaMaster made a motion that the first day of school will be August 16, 2012 and to accept the proposed 2012-13 calendar. Macia Kemper seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0. Chris LaMaster made a motion to adjourn the public hearing meeting and Rick Holtman seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0. Steve Farnan absent for beginning of the meeting.

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 Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 7:10 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 (February 15, 2012 regular meeting)**

**Approval of Minutes (February 15, 2012 executive meeting)**

**Approval of Minutes (March 5, 2012 special board meeting)**

**Approval of Principals' and Superintendent's Reports**

**Approval of Warrant #9**

**Approval of hiring Alexandra Helzer for K-12 Art**

President Lori Murphy asked that we add the approval of hiring Alexandra Helzer for the K-12 Art position to consent agenda, Salary Schedule 2012-13 and the parking lot west of the school under Other Agenda Items.

Lori Murphy Motioned and Macia Kemper seconded to accept the consent agenda. The motion carried 6-0.

President Lori Murphy instructed Dr. Collins to bid out this year propane and diesel.

Member Steve Farnan arrived.

**Teacher Representative Comments**

Wanda Bloom, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher, said the students are busy reading chapter books. They are preparing for the terra nova testing that will soon start. They have been doing a unit with lima beans and working on bunny tale stories.

Cameron Christensen, 7-12 History Teacher, told members that she had completed a sophomore unit on Egypt and mummified fish. The students have been doing interactive presentations by doing Glogsters and Prezi Presentations. Ms. Christensen took her Psychology Class to the Gore Psychiatric Museum which was very interesting. She told members that the sophomore valentine fundraiser made \$4-\$500. Ms. Christensen told members about a trip she was organizing outside the school to Washington DC, Philadelphia, New York City and Boston from June 3-9, 2013. They will be able to visit Mount Vernon, take a duck tour of Boston, take a ferry boat to Ellis Island and Statue of Liberty, taking a walking tour of Ground Zero. Currently, she has 13 students who have signed up. Anyone needing more information can contact Ms. Christensen at the school.

## Committee Reports

### Bond Campaign Update

Principal Bauman updated members on the last bond committee meeting. Big signs are up about the bond issue and people are putting out yard sign now. The next public bond meeting is scheduled Monday, March 26, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym. Principals Bauman and Emerson went to the BGO group's meeting and presented information about the bond issue. Board Member Farnan said that he was still hearing in the community that we should combine with other districts and build a building somewhere in the middle. This is not possible. The amount school districts can bond (borrow) is based on their ability to repay (collateral minus their debt). It is Missouri Statue that a school district cannot bond (borrow) more than 15% of a school's assessed valuation (collateral). Our assessed valuation is \$12,891,082 and we currently have no debt. Therefore, our bonding capacity is 15% of 12,891,082 which is roughly 1,900,000. Jefferson C-123 assessed valuation is \$12,753,589 and they currently do not have bond they are repaying so their bonding capacity is roughly \$1,900,000. Nodaway-Holt has an assessed valuation of \$22,188,685 and Northeast Nodaway has an assessed valuation of \$14,074,787 but in both their cases they have a current bond they are already paying and it would reduced their bonding capacity by that much. The point of referencing the bonding (borrowing capacity) of the local school districts is to help patrons understand that even together we could not bond enough to build a new building.

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

Elementary Principal Darbi Bauman commented that the ADA was 84.6 (92%). On February 21 the FBLA and FFA students came to the elementary for Race into Reading and worked with the students in the second and third grade. On February 23, as a final activity to the bowling unit in PE, K-6 students went bowling in St. Joseph at Olympia Lanes. A big thank you goes to Mr. Murphy for organizing this activity. The students loved it! On March 12, March Madness Monday, students dressed in the craziest ways for a "Most Crazy Class" award. The sixth graders won. Mrs. Bowen and Ms. Partridge hosted a Title I Reading party after school on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March. They had 12 students participate in their St. Patrick's themed party. On March 15, Representative Mike Thompson visited the fourth grade class to discuss his job and how bills become laws. On March 16, the elementary hosted a Reading Lock-in for grades 3-6. Students arrived at 7:00 pm and stayed until 7:00 a.m. The Elementary Science Fair was March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The Bio Bus will be visiting the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Students will be studying their DNA and Mrs. Bauman will be doing science investigations with the K-2 students that day.

High School Principal Shawn Emerson commented in his written report that the February attendance was 95.88%. The MAP test will begin on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. PTO will provide breakfast that day for all students that are testing. EOC (End of Course) testing will begin May 1<sup>st</sup>. We will once again be honored with the Distinction in Performance Award on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Wray, K-12 Counselor, has compiled the Explore and Plan data from tests taken this fall and handouts were given to the Board members. We would like to congratulate Brooke Wolf, Cheyanne Murphy, Dakota Murphy who were selected All-Conference Basketball. Cody Burden was selected honorable mention. All four were selected to the All-District Basketball Team. Congratulations also go to Meaghan and Mallory McConkey for being selected as the overall Science Fair winners. The first baseball game was cancelled due to weather and the next baseball game will be March 27<sup>th</sup> at home with Northeast Nodaway. The first track meet will be March 29<sup>th</sup>. District Band Contest will be March 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Emerson told members how proud we were of the students who had just played in the band at the State Basketball Tournament.

Superintendent Kyle Collins updated members on the roof and wall work. Dr. Collins conducted a visual inspection with Steve (CRS) and the foreman from Hausman and everything was completed to specifications and it looks like quality work. Work updates from Steve (CRS) were given to the board in their packets. Dr. Collins gave members a legislative update stating that Representative Mike Thompson met with our Rural Advocates group on March 12. There is a lot of push for vouchers, tax credits, charter schools, etc. from areas at the state capital. All of these things would take money away from public education. Mr. Thompson is doing a very good job of advocating for rural education in northwest Missouri. Dr. Collins told members that we will not be replacing retiring teacher Charlotte Bowen. Instead, her duties will be covered from within. Charlotte will come back in the fall on a .25 basis to work in retirement with the Reading Recovery program.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**CRS response to original work on the high school addition**

Steve Roberts, President of Complete Roofing Source LLC, wrote a letter to the Board of Education after reviewing the board minutes of February 25, 1999. In those minutes, cracks were noted in the freshly poured concrete of the 1998 addition to the high school. Mr. Roberts confirmed that no repairs were made to those cracks. He also told Superintendent Collins that down pipes were not attached and waterproof sealant was not installed properly. Mr. Roberts has assured Dr. Collins that those issues have now been corrected.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**KCP&L**

After experience several power surges and outages over the fall, we contacted KCP&L to see if we could get surge protectors on our meters. As a business we were told that we could not have surge protectors.. The school district after experiencing several repairs related to the power surges, filed a claim with KCP & L. Our claim included bell system repairs, computer repairs, fire alarm repairs, etc. KCP & L denied our claim because they indicated there was "not willful misconduct or gross negligence on their part." The district will be covering all the cost for these repairs.

**Constellation Energy**

Dr. Collins told members that this contract automatically renewed. In order to not have their services for next year, we will have to write them to discontinue by August. He stated that this was his misunderstanding and if we do not want the bulk purchase of natural gas next year, he will make sure to notify them. Natural gas quantities have already been purchased for this year.

**Transportation for Track**

Dr. Collins told members that we began providing transportation for the track students over to Conception Jct. to attend practice with our newly cooping situation with Jefferson C-123. We will evaluate the cost of transportation at the end of the first year.

**Technology Meeting Update**

We had a meeting with Morenet, Gunter Services, GRM and our local technology people on Thursday, March 15 to discuss the on-going computer issues at the elementary. Morenet performed diagnostics with a "Fluke". This new tool turned up some minor problems but did not detect any setting problems, bugs, etc. that would be slowing the internet down this much. They believed it is a lack of bandwidth, so we will upgrade to 10 MB to the high school and 6 MB to the elementary for the 2012-13 year. Gunter Services has already followed up with Morenet on diagnostics and fixed the minor issues. They are tracking bandwidth usage and streaming music sites etc. Upgrades will be about an additional \$4,000 per year for the added bandwidth and T-1 lines.

**Budget**

The Governor recently released an "extra" \$3M for transportation. For South Nodaway that amounted to a little over \$1,000. However, there is some feeling that the state's original revenue estimate was too high and therefore our state payments may possibly be reduced later in the year. Dr. Collins gave members an update on the renovation budget. Since all the bids came in well under budget and work is nearly complete, we will have \$5,496 left from the transfer from fund 1 to fund 4 remaining. We had discussed the food service overages in prior board meetings. Food prices have increased and nutritional standards have changed. We are now required to provide more fruit and vegetables.

**Other Agenda Items**

**Salary Schedule**

Board members were given the salary schedule for their approval. There were no changes in the base or steps. Minor changes were in the extra duties schedule to reflect recent changes in the cooping sports. Lori Murphy made a motion to

approve the 2012-13 Salary Schedule. Janet Hilsabeck seconded the motion and the motion carried 7-0. Contracts will be issued on this salary schedule and may be modified in accordance if a new salary schedule were passed no later than June 30 if more financial information is available and a change necessary.

**Parking Lot**

Dr. Collins talked to board members about doing something with the parking lot west of the building this summer. Chris LaMaster made a motion for Dr. Collins to get bids and estimates for making a parking lot west of the high school. Lori Murphy seconded this motion and the motion carried 7-0.

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

Rick Holtman made a motion to go into executive session at 9:05 p.m. to discuss teacher evaluations and Shawn Beck 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.

Rick Holtman made a motion at 9:40 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; Lori Murphy, yes; Rick Holtman, yes; Janet Hilsabeck, yes; and Macia Kemper, yes.

Rick Holtman made a motion to rehire all probationary teachers. Lori Murphy seconded the motion and the motion carried 7-0.

**Adjournment**

Steve Farnan made a motion to adjourn 9:45 p.m. and Chris LaMaster seconded the motion. It carried 7-0. The next regular meeting will be April 17, 2012 (moving up one day due to re-organization of Board within 14 day time limit) in the high school lunch room at 7:00 p.m.

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

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President

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Secretary