

MPCG School Board
September 18, 2017

The May-Port CG School Board met in regular session at 7:00pm on September 18, 2017 with all board members present: James Aarsvold, Adam Erickson, Jeff Hovde, Corey Moen, Patty Ogburn, Tami Parker, Lynn Sand, Marlana Strand, and Mark Verwest. Also present, Supt. Mike Bradner, Principals Jeff Houdek & Scott Ulland, and Business Manager Deanna Kville.

President Verwest called the meeting to order. The public in attendance was recognized: Shelia Anderson, Jan Thompson, Marlys Hlavinka and Bruce Smeby.

The meeting started with the Long Range Planning Meeting. Next, the Mill Levy Public Hearing took place. The updated 2017-2018 estimated expenditure is \$5,743,965; updated estimated revenue is \$5,731,314 (65 mills). General Fund mills will increase from 60 to 65; the Specials Assessment mill will drop from 1 to 0; Miscellaneous Fund will remain at 12mills and Building Fund will remain at 10mills. Overall mills levied would go from 83 to 87 (total mill increase=4mills). A patron with a home value of \$100,000 would see approximately \$18 tax increase.

Board Actions

Motion by Aarsvold, second by Hovde: to approve the August minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Strand, second by Ogburn: to approve payment of the general fund bills (less \$100 for a duplicate entry for Nelson). Motion carried.

Motion by Aarsvold, second by Moen: to approve payment of the prepaid bills. Motion carried.

Motion by Hovde, second by Sand: to approve the building fund bills. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Motion by Aarsvold, second by Hovde: to approve a Tuition Agreement for an eighth grader into the Hatton School District. Motion carried.

Motion by Ogburn, second by Hovde: to approve the MSU Facilities Use Agreement as presented (no changes from previous year). Motion carried.

Principal Reports

Ulland – parent-teacher conferences will be Sept 19. The junior and senior class will attend a career fair at Mayville State on 9/21. Homecoming week will kick off Monday 9/25 with National Honor Society induction at 2:45, followed by coronation at 3:15. A homecoming dance will take place Friday night after the football game. October 3, the Bank of ND sponsors a college application day for seniors. Seniors may apply to a college and the application fee will be waived. The first staff get-together will be 9/20 at the frisbee golf course.

Houdek – 230 students are enrolled at PBJ; the large classes are: K=46, Gr5=46, Gr4=45. The kindergarten assessment went well and will consider doing it in the future. The article in the Tribune about the PBJ traffic flow was addressed. Administration was not contacted regarding public concern. There is a dismissal process in place with three release times (early bus release, walkers release, late bus release), along with adult supervision. In-town bussing was added due to parent concern with children crossing the railroad tracks. Administration is receptive to ideas.

Committee Reports

Building & Transportation scheduled their next meeting at the PBJ so they can look at the traffic flow at the beginning of the school day.

Curriculum & Technology: Discussions on monitoring social media accounts that are school affiliated and making sure they are current or closed. Discussions continue on 'bring your own device' and safeguards needed if this were implemented. Applied Math was added this year for upper grades, class focuses with more hands-on than textbook based; does not count as one of the 3 math credits for college. Our District is considering adding another ½ credit math requirement for graduating.

Extra-Curricular: Winter coaching openings include JH BBB and JH/JV GBB. Discussion continue on administration coaching, no recommendation to make a rule or policy. A sub-committee will be headed up by Mr. Nygaard to help set guidelines and have consistency with pep rallies.

Budget & Finance: Motion by Aarsvold, second by Strand: to approve the updated 2017-2018 expenditures budget of \$5,743,965. (This updated number includes actual propane costs.) Motion carried.

Motion by Strand, second by Moen: to approve the 2017-2018 updated revenue (65 mills) of \$5,731,314. Motion carried.

Old Business

Advanced Ed will continue to be on the agenda for curriculum & technology and the board. Recommendations from the Advanced Ed on-site visit will be followed-up and addressed in the next 2 years. Peer mentoring and updated staff evaluations are currently being implemented.

Some outstanding hot lunch balances have been paid. Letters have been sent out from the school attorney for those with outstanding balances. Wage garnishment will be the next step for those with outstanding balances. The plan will be to continue to enlist attorney services annually; outstanding balances will not be allowed to be carried over into the next school year.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Deanna Kville, Business Manager

Mark Verwest, President