

MPCG School Board
November 14, 2016

The May-Port CG School Board met in regular session at 7:00pm on November 14, 2016 with all board members present: James Aarsvold, Adam Erickson, Jeff Hovde, Patty Ogburn, Blaine Rekken, Marlana Strand, Renee Torgeson, David Ust, and Mark Verwest. Also present, Supt. Mike Bradner, Principal Scott Ulland, Principal Jeff Houdek, and Business Manager Deanna Kville.

President Verwest called the meeting to order. The Agenda was prioritized. The public in attendance was recognized: Shelia Anderson, Jan Thompson, and Lowell Nelson.

Board Actions

Motion by Rekken, second by Aarsvold to approve the October minutes. Motion carried.
Motion by Aarsvold, second by Torgeson to approve payment of the general fund bills. Motion carried.
Motion by Ogburn, second by Torgeson to approve payment of the prepaid bills. Motion carried.
Motion by Aarsvold, second by Rekken to approve payment of the building fund bills. Motion carried.

Correspondence New board members: Adam Erickson, Jeff Hovde, and Marlana Strand received certificates for completing the New Member Seminar. An open enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year for a Kindergarten student into Central Valley was received; no action needed. The cross-country team thanked the board for allowing them to attend the Sioux Falls meet. Heath Horpedahl informed the board of his resignation as head football coach.

Principal Reports

Houdek-The PTA Carnival will be 11/19 at PBJ from 5-8pm. Elementary Christmas programs will be Dec 5 (GrK-2) 1:30 & 6:30, Dec 12 (Gr3-5) 1:30 & 6:30. The School Improvement visitation will be February 14.

Ulland-The MS Fall Concert is 11/21 @ 7pm; HS Christmas Concert is 12/8 @ 7:30. The Veteran's Program was well attended; the mock crash at the high school went well.

Auditor's Report - Auditor, Lowell Nelson, reviewed the financials from the 2015-2016 audit. Motion by Torgeson, second by Strand: to accept the auditor's report as presented. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Curriculum & Technology –The Language Arts curriculum for PBJ has been narrowed down to 2 programs. The community outreach for November focuses on Veterans; classrooms are doing activities around this topic. Discussions continue on adding another math. PBJ staffing for 2017 is being looked at; the 4th grade is currently in 3 sections, considering what needs to be done as the group moves into 5th grade (3 sections vs. 2 sections). Teachers have been working on their portfolios.

Budget & Finance – The softball co-op was updated, putting clarity on the transportation section and updating the participation fees (JH \$35, HS \$45). The update to the Transportation section was amended as “May-Port CG is not responsible for transportation to and from practice. We will provide transportation to and from games from our site. Arrangements will be made on out of town games when traveling in the direction of the co-op schools.”

Motion by Aarsvold, second by Rekken: to approve the updated softball co-op agreement with the amendments as noted. Motion carried.

Extra-Curricular – Three JH coaches were recommended as follows: Gr7 GBB-Angela Tauer, Gr7 BBB-Logan Staglie, Gr8 BBB-Tyler Stockton. Motion by Ust, second by Erickson: to accept the basketball coaches as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business

The board was reminded of the School Improvement Goals:

- 1) Community Outreach
- 2) School Environment
- 3) Reading Fluency and Comprehension

The Superintendent Evaluation was completed prior to the meeting. The board would like changes made to the evaluation form (using a scale of 1-4) for the next evaluation.

New Business

Mr. Bradner reviewed the District's hiring practice for teaching positions, with the Administration bringing forth recommendations. Board members can come in and look at resumes; if they want to sit in on an interview, it would only be fair if they sat in on all interviews for that same position. Also, that a board member not ask questions during an interview (or use caution on type of question(s) asked).

MLK Professional Development will be January 16th. Deb Silver will be the speaker for the A.M.; this is funded through an REA Grant. In the P.M., there will be a forum on mental health. Also, another speaker is in the process of being secured for the P.M.

The school board has been set-up with emails under the school.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Deanna Kville, Business Manager

Mark Verwest, President