

**MPCG School Board**  
**February 13, 2017**

The May-Port CG School Board met in regular session at 7:00pm on February 13, 2017 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, Activities Director Eric Nygaard, and Business Manager Deanna Kville.

President Verwest called the meeting to order.

Board Actions

Motion by Torgeson, second by Rekken to approve the January 9<sup>th</sup> minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Aarsvold, second by Torgeson to approve the January 25 special meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Aarsvold, second by Torgeson to approve payment of the general fund bills. Motion carried.

Motion by Strand, second by Ogburn to approve payment of the prepaid bills. Motion carried.

Motion by Rekken, second by Erickson to approve payment of the building fund bills. Motion carried.

Correspondence Motion by Hovde, second by Ust to approve the 2 open enrollments into MPCG for the remainder of the school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Aarsvold, second by Strand to support the National Child Safety Council in the amount of \$335 to help pay for supplies. Motion carried.

Motion by Aarsvold, second by Rekken to recognize the MPCGEA as the negotiating body for the teachers. Motion carried.

The agenda was prioritized. The public in attendance was recognized: Shelia Anderson, Jan Thompson, and hockey families.

Principal Reports

*Ulland*-Grades 8 and 4 will be taking the federally mandated NAESP test the end of February, this test provides data for the national report card. There will be early release on March 8<sup>th</sup> for professional development. The Junior class will visit the legislature on March 23; the Sophomore class will visit the legislature on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

*Houdek*-Spring break will be March 3<sup>rd</sup>, end of Q3 will be March 24, student-led conferences will be held March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Committee Reports

*Budget & Finance* – Leveled funding will go backyards for MPCG this upcoming year due to declining enrollment.

The 4<sup>th</sup> grade is in 3 sections, Title money is prioritized for Grades K-3. It was recommended to move forward with our RIFF policy, due to projected budget cuts. Motion by Torgeson, second by Hovde to enact the RIFF Policy to reduce budget by \$50,000 due to uncertainty of financial projections. Motion carried.

*Extra-Curricular* – Motion by Hovde, second by Aarsvold to approve Mike Bradner and Bill Bohnsack as the assistant high school track coaches. Motion carried.

Motion by Aarsvold, second by Rekken to approve Brian Halvorson as the head golf coach. Motion carried.

Motion by Erickson, second by Strand to approve Alex Berry as the head baseball coach, and Rick Torgeson as the assistant baseball coach. Motion carried.

Motion by Torgeson, second by Ogburn to hire Hailey Verwest and Cale Hooper as the Junior High track coaches. Motion carried.

Motion by Aarsvold, second by Hovde to hire Harry Lipsiea as the head softball coach and Karleigh Weber as the assistant softball coach. Motion carried.

Motion by Erickson, second by Aarsvold to hire Andrew LeClair and Chris Moore as the assistant football coaches. Motion carried.

Motion by Erickson, second by Aarsvold to hire Corey Bender and Dwight Dockter as the Junior High football coaches. Motion carried.

The cheerleaders asked to attend a cheer competition in Minot on March 18 that would require an overnight stay. Expenses would be paid with the money raised by the group from working concessions. The entry fee is \$200. Motion by Erickson, second by Ust to pay \$200 for the cheer competition fee. Motion carried.

Motion by Aarsvold, second by Rekken to give permission to the cheer group for an overnight stay for the competition. Motion carried.

Curriculum and Technology – Math offerings continue to be reviewed, the next math meeting will be held in March. The three main areas of focus for the school improvement initiative include: Fluency/Comprehension, Community Engagement, and School Environment. Technology Coordinator, Torgeson is checking into what would be involved with students bringing their own device to school (vs. using the provided Chromebook); items to look at include anti-virus software, and connecting to our servers. Students will be surveyed for interest level.

The last year Tech Ed was offered at our District was 2012-2013; the position was advertised for more than a year; it's a tough position to fill. Valley City is the only University in our area that offers the Tech Ed degree. People with field experience can go back and get a teaching degree and can teach as they get their masters. Our District does offer Automotive Tech, and Ag Tech (via ITV). Class options will continue to be looked at.

A grant request was sent to the EDC for matching funds to get the nature trail open again. The park board (land owner) needs to apply for the Garrison Diversion Grant. If the funding is secured from the two sources, work can begin in June/July. The trail would need to be ADA accessible.

The school website needs to be ADA accessible. Technology coordinator, David Torgeson is working on getting the site compliant.

#### Old Business

The Advanced Ed School Improvement visit was rescheduled for March 13-14.

A document (*May-Port CG Ice Dawg Hockey Club Agreement*) created to help with discussion points between the hockey club and the schools was shared with the board. Topics such as transportation, hiring of coaches, game schedules, expenses, concessions, fees, activity passes, and supervision were discussed. An independent schedule would allow the team to play in ND and MN, but there would be no state tournament. A long-term goal would be to get to a 2-tier system, which could happen down the road as more schools add hockey.

Motion by Ust, second by Aarsvold to proceed to move forward to establish a co-op that would provide an adequate number of players (as determined by the co-op schools and hockey club) to field a boys high school hockey team; contingent upon the approval of the High School Activities Association and that any failure to comply with financial obligations by the hockey club would dissolve the co-op. Rekken, Ust, Aarsvold, Erickson, and Verwest voted yes. Ogburn, Hovde, Torgeson, and Strand voted no. Motion carried.

The six schools that will be reached out to for the co-op include Central Valley, Hatton, Hillsboro, Hope, Northwood, and Page.

Motion by Hovde, second by Rekken to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the 2017-2018 school calendar. Motion carried.

The Bullying Policy was reviewed. The District wants to provide an environment where kids feel safe. There are different ways that bullying can be reported. It can be from the student, other students that observed it, or using the online form which they can choose to be anonymous. When it is submitted on-line, the report goes to Principals Houdek and Ulland, and Supt Bradner; it is then investigated. Due to confidentiality, administration can only address that it's been taken care of. If it's constituted as a crime, the police will be involved.

#### New Business

The superintendent evaluation is due next month.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50pm.