

MPCG School Board
March 13, 2017

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

President Verwest called the meeting to order.

Board Actions

Motion by Torgeson, second by Ogburn to approve the February minutes. Motion carried.

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

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

Correspondence

The agenda was prioritized. The public in attendance was recognized: Shelia Anderson, Stacy Morowski, and Monica Hanson.

Principal Reports

Ulland-Large Group Music at Mayville State will be 3/14/17. No school on Friday, March 17. The state mandated ACT test for juniors is March 22. Juniors attend the legislature March 23; sophomores attend the legislature March 28. The Regional Academic Olympics in Northwood is March 30. Student-led conferences will be March 30 and April 4. There will be a farm safety presentation for middle school and high school on March 30. April 2-4 will be the FBLA leadership conference in Bismarck. Region speech and prom are both April 8.

Houdek was absent; Mr. Bradner spoke on his behalf. PBJ will have a farm safety presentation on April 24. PBJ students and staff raised over \$13,000 for the American Heart Association.

Committee Reports

Budget & Finance – Budget projections for the upcoming year is projected at \$150,000 short of our current funding level; the second year is projected to be an additional \$50,000 short. Administration, along with the budget and finance committee are reviewing options on how to operate with the reduction in funding. Mr. Bradner will issue RIF (Reduction in Force) letters to 2 elementary teachers that are currently equal on the RIF points; issuing the letters does not necessarily mean the RIF will happen; reducing staff will be the last resort. Other options to reduce expenditures include reducing expenditures on supplies and technology. Approximately \$150,000 comes out of general fund for coaching/activity advisor salaries; there is consideration to raise student activity/sport fees and re-implementing charging for student activity tickets. The additional money would help offset some of the coaching/advisor salaries. Dollar amounts paid to clubs for working concessions will be reviewed (and possibly reduced).

Our District is currently funding the salary of a paraprofessional at the Head-Start Program with Mayville State. Head Start has been notified that our district will not continue supporting this initiative due the upcoming budget shortfall.

Extra-Curricular – the hockey co-op is not finalized; a meeting is scheduled for March 17th with the co-op schools and hockey club.

Plans are being drawn up for seating for the sports complex; the drawings are being done at no cost. Funding for the project would need to come from outside sources due to district budget cuts.

Curriculum and Technology – Revitalization hours are being reduced for the upcoming year. The School Improvement visitation is in process.

Old Business

The Advanced Ed School Improvement visitation team will provide a report after the visit; feedback will be given to the board at the next meeting.

The school's website needs to be ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessible; work continues to be done on becoming compliant.

New Business

Staff has been notified of a spending freeze. The service contract for the roof top units is being reviewed. The service technician we use that installed the units is going into business on his own. We will compare contracts with him and our current provider, Robert Gibb and Sons.

The superintendent evaluation took place. All board members submitted feedback; the evaluation form was updated, adding a scale of 1-4 and room for comments under each rating.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55p.m.

Deanna Kville, Business Manager

Blaine Rekken, Vice-President