

MPCG School Board
February 13, 2009

The May-Port CG Board of Education met in regular session at 7:00 am on Friday, February 13, 2009 with all board members present. The meeting was rescheduled due to a winter storm on the scheduled date of Feb9. Also present, Supt. Bradner, Principal Houdek, and Business Manager Kville.

President Reynolds called the meeting to order.

Torgeson/Lorenz moved to approve the minutes as read. On a roll call vote, all members voted yes, motion carried.

Capouch/Rekken moved to approve payment of the general fund bills. On a roll call vote, all members voted yes, motion carried.

Elliott/Ellingson moved to approve payment of the pre-paid and building fund bills. On a roll call vote, all members voted yes, motion carried.

Correspondence Thank you(s) from: family of Tim Callahan, family of Tom Iverson, and the elementary staff. Traill County Farmers Union donated \$250 to the School District in support of the class trips to the state legislature in Bismarck; the State Fire Marshall sent a notice that no fire deficiencies were observed when they did their inspection of the schools.

The open enrollment applications for the upcoming school year were acted on. Torgeson/Klath made a motion to accept the open enrollment into the MPCG District for Carter Garrett. On a roll call vote, all members voted yes, motion carried. Eide/Elliott made a motion to accept the open enrollment into the MPCG District for Alyssa Ellis. On a roll call vote, all members voted yes, motion carried.

The Portland Lutheran Parish requested to use the Westwood building for Vacation Bible School May 26-29. Ellingson/Lorenz made a motion to allow the Portland Lutheran Parish to use the HS/MS facility for VBS May 26-29. On a roll call vote, all members voted yes, motion carried.

Mrs. Vicki Fugleberg submitted her letter of resignation effective the end of the 2008-2009 school year. Elliott/Torgeson made a motion to accept Mrs. Fugleberg's letter of resignation. On a roll call vote, all members voted yes, motion carried.

The February agenda was prioritized. The public in attendance was recognized: Tribune representative Shelia Anderson, Attorney Bill Brudvik, and Ted Karlstad.

Principal's Report *Ulland* The Girls Basketball District tournaments begin today at MSU (Feb13). MPCG is hosting the Regional Individual Wrestling Tournament on Saturday, Feb 14. On Tuesday (Feb 17) the junior class will go to the legislature in Bismarck. The Boys Basketball Districts start Friday, Feb 27. On March 3rd, Grade8 will take part of a national assessment of education. The District is randomly drawn to participate in this national testing; the results are used for a national report card.

Houdek February is reading month. A program called RedHawk Reading will take place in February and will help promote kids to read by awarding prizes. The PBJ Health Fair is scheduled for February 27. Kindergarten Round-up is scheduled for March 13.

Committee Meetings *Building & Transportation* The committee is continuing to review summer work projects and will make a recommendation. In-town bussing is still on the committee's agenda. Bus bids will be going out.

Curriculum and Technology On Feb24, a committee will be going to observe a Reading Recovery program. The committee is open for effective ways to spend Title II dollars in the coming school year. Mr. Torgeson is hosting staff workshops on Thursdays after school; the current focus is on web pages. The idea of a common study hall is still being looked at.

HOVITV The principals met and are working on the 2009-2010 HOV ITV schedule; offerings will be the same as this year; MPCG delivers 5 periods of HOV ITV.

FACS The MPCG Wellness Policy was distributed for review. Ellingson/Rekken made a motion to accept the first reading of the District's Wellness Policy. On a roll call vote, all members voted yes, motion carried.

Budget & Finance A summary of the ND House Bill 1400 was handed out by Mr. Bradner.

The Reduction-In-Force policy is specific to program areas. There will be no need for a third section at the elementary due to class sizes, so the RIF policy will affect Gr1-5. Professional points will be reviewed. Ellingson/Klath made a motion to allow Mr. Bradner to get started with the RIF process for Grades 1-5. On a roll call vote, all members voted yes, motion carried.

The zero-hour fitness offering has not given the results that was hoped for. A weight training class is being considered in place of the zero-hour fitness. Legislation is pushing more physical education offerings. If the weight training class were adopted, it would be a comprehensive class focusing on over-all health.

Ellingson/Eide made a motion to reduce the zero-hour fitness course (Gr9-12). On a roll call vote, all members voted yes, motion carried.

Torgeson/Rekken made a motion to add 2-periods each semester of weight training. On a roll call vote, all members voted yes, motion carried.

Old Business It was recommended by Mr. Bradner that committees pick subjects for discussion for the annual meeting. The committees could come with a list of accomplishments from the past year and things they would like to see; the process should be completed in May for those that have teachers as part of their committee.

Ellingson/Klath made a motion to accept the second reading of the 2009-2010 school calendar. On a roll call vote, all members voted yes, motion carried.

New Business Mr. Bradner recommended Jon Chandler for the custodian position at the elementary school. Torgeson/Capouch made a motion to hire Jon Chandler as the full-time custodian at PBJ. On a roll call vote, all members voted yes, motion carried.

There was no school on Monday, Feb 9 due to a storm. March 6th was recommended as the storm make-up day. Rekken/Klath made a motion to have school on March 6th to make-up the storm day. On a roll call vote, all members voted yes, motion carried.

Mr. Bradner provided a brief update on the legislature. Per pupil payments are being weighted with students with special needs; the stimulus package would not affect state funding (it comes from Federal money).

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00am.

Deanna Kville, Business Manager

Shannon Reynolds, Board President