

MPCG School Board
March 09, 2009

The May-Port CG Board of Education met in regular session at 8:00 pm on Monday, March 9, 2009 with all board members present (due to bad weather, Ellingson called into meeting and departed at 8:40). Also present, Supt. Bradner, Principal Houdek, Principal Ulland, 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.

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

Elliott/Torgeson 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 from the Eide family; Jon Ewen donated \$1,000 towards the Robotics team.

The March agenda was prioritized. The public in attendance was recognized: Attorney Bill Brudvik and Bill Bohnsack.

Principal's Report *Houdek* The PBJ spring music program will be April 6 (Gr1-3) and April 7 (Gr4-5), with performances at 1:30 and 7:00 each day. The PBJ parent group (PIRC) organized a health fair. All classes participated and parents/community members were invited to attend. March 19th is the end of the third quarter. Parent-teacher conferences will be held March 26 and 31. Kindergarten roundup is scheduled for March 13. Basketball for girls in grades 5 and 6 will be held Mondays and Thursdays (beginning March 12) after school until 5:30 at PBJ. March 17th is the Night of the Arts held at the high school, beginning at 4:00. Artwork for grades K-12 will be displayed; the FCCLA will have a stew feed from 4:30-6:30.

Ulland CPR training for the sophomores is scheduled for March 10. The Large Group Music festival in Grafton is March 13. High School parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for March 26 and 31 from 4-7pm. MPCG is hosting a speech tournament on March 28; Prom is scheduled for April 4th; the Region speech meet has been moved to April 6th at Moorhead; on April 5th the Mason's will have a scholarship breakfast at the high school.

Attorney's Report Meeting laws were reviewed. The general rule is if a quorum meets outside of a scheduled meeting, it's considered a meeting; less than quorum can still be considered a meeting if the purpose is to discuss or influence others of pending board actions. There is limited number of reasons the board could go into a closed meeting, some reasons are lawsuit issues, a teacher non-renewal, or student suspensions. Discussions in closed sessions must be kept confidential, it is recommended to hold public meetings.

Committee Meetings *Curriculum and Technology* An Apple Lab can offer compelling audio and video applications; the PC is more for office and business type applications. Elliott/Rekken made a motion to approve the purchase of apple computers for \$38,334.82 out of the 2009-2010 technology budget. On a roll call vote, all members voted yes, motion carried.

Technology requests are being put together. The committee is considering looking at larger hi-def televisions to replace some projectors. The PBJ music room could use a new sound system; a portable system could be tied into the existing PBJ gym sound system and offer better sound for programs. Torgeson/Klath made a motion to approve the purchase of a portable sound system from HB Sound & Light for \$2,022 (installed). On a roll call vote, all members voted yes, motion carried. A sound system in the high school auditorium would make the auditorium more usable. The groups that would benefit most would be speech and drama. A bid from HB Sound & Light came in at \$7,777.53 for cabling and installation. No action was taken.

The Reading Recovery program has a certified training facility in Sioux Falls, SD. Reading Recovery teachers work with about four students a day. This program is being looked at for elementary students and could be funded through title money.

The Positive Behavior Support (PBS) program is a state supported program that targets student behavior. It includes a data collection system to help monitor progress. To get state support, the application is due March 27th. An estimate for the first year to implement the program is \$4,500 for a team of 6; dpi would fund the training program. Elliott/Eide made a motion to move forward with the PBS program. On a roll call vote, Lorenz voted no, all other members voted yes, motion carried.

FACS Capouch/Torgeson made a motion to accept the second reading of the District's Wellness Policy. On a roll call vote, all members voted yes, motion carried.

Budget & Finance In accordance with R.I.F. guidelines, an amount needs to be determined for the action. Elliott/Torgeson made a motion to cut \$70,000 in areas Gr1-5 and PhyEd Zero-Hour. On a roll call vote, all members voted yes, motion carried.

Extra-Curricular Bryce Connick was recommended for assistant coach for baseball and Rick Karboviak for head track. Eide/Klath made a motion to hire Bryce Connick as assistant baseball coach. On a roll call vote, all members voted yes, motion carried. Klath/Rekken made a motion to hire Rick Karboviak as head track coach, pending acceptable reference checks. On a roll call vote, all members voted yes, motion carried. Lorenz/Torgeson made a motion to hire a half-time assistant track coach to help with Jr. Hi and Varsity track. On a roll call vote, all members voted yes, motion carried.

Track uniforms were ordered. Beginning in 2009-2010, head coaches will need to complete some Professional Development.

Spring coaches were presented as follows: Jacki Beck (Jr.Hi Track), Eric Nygaard (Head Baseball), Bill Bohnsack (Asst. Track), Vicki Soholt (Head Golf), Phil Murphy (Asst. Golf). Eide/Lorenz made a motion to accept the spring coaches as presented. On a roll call vote, all members voted yes, motion carried.

Old Business Torgeson/Elliott made a motion to hire Bryce Connick to do the middle school janitorial work. On a roll call vote, all members voted yes, motion carried.

Several applications have come in for the HS Math opening.

New Business Legislature update: waiting to see what happens with the stimulus package.

Elliott/Lorenz made a motion to use March 20 as the storm make-up day (storm day, March 10). On a roll call vote, all members voted yes, motion carried.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 pm.

Deanna Kville, Business Manager

Shannon Reynolds, Board President