

The Murray County Central ISD #2169 Board of Education held a regular meeting, pursuant to notice, on Monday, March 12, 2018, in the high school library. Members present: Dan Woldt, Lauren Biegler, Tom Mesner, Robin Gilbertson, Tony Clarke and Sue Streff. Administration: Joe Meyer, Jacob Scandrett and Todd Burlingame. Others: Katie Beers, Becky Hudson, Lisa Rademacher and Deb Bleyenbergh. Chair Woldt called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Woldt called for changes and or additions to the agenda. There were none. Robin Gilbertson made a motion, duly seconded by Sue Streff, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Mesner made a motion to act on the consent agenda items. Approve February 12, 2018 minutes. Approve payment of claims: \$280,016.86. Receive cash flow and trial balance reports. Approve spring activity assignments: Brian Christiansen – Assistant Track Coach, Paul Counter – Assistant (pitching) Baseball coach (.5), Myron Bennett - Jr. High Baseball Coach, Henry Veldhuisen – Assistant Softball Coach (.5) Joel Herrig – Assistant Softball Coach (.5) Brittany Schneider – Jr. High Softball Coach, and Brenda Whitehead – Spring Play Director. Receive donations: Margie Fraser – 32 new books to the Elementary Libraries, \$300 – Anonymous to unpaid lunch account. Approve 2018 – 2020 Contracts for Technology Coordinator – Andrew Berndt, Elementary Principal – Todd Burlingame, Secondary Principal – Jacob Scandrett. Approve 2018 – 2021 Superintendent Contract for Joe Meyer. Approve 2018 - 2019 Secondary teaching and Assistant Football and Girls Basketball coaching contract for Lucas Freeman. Accept resignation from Secondary Special Education Teacher, Cassi Weishaar. Tony Clarke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Burlingame's report:

- March Enrollment for 17-18 as of today: K 52, 1st 48, 2nd 58, 3rd 54, 4th 66, 5th 52, 6th 56 Total 386. 47 students are confirmed for Kindergarten in the fall.
- Local Science Fair Results- February 28th (26 participates) 17 advancing to the Regional on April 28th in Mankato.
 - Alex Schuur, Emma Risacher, Allie Paulzine, Hayden Miller, Lila Scandrett, Lindsay Hause, Caleb Rosenbrook, Abigail Guggisberg, Royalle Siedschlag, Dugan, Klius, Hannah Trebesh, Kaden Landsman, Theren Mannon, Devin Landsman, Wesley Hause, Brealyn Damm, and Jayda Hellewell.
- We have submitted our Reading and Math Corp Applications for 2018-19
- Relay for Life: K-6 students raise \$886.66 for a cure
- DARE: 5th graders have started the program
- National Handwriting Contest Winners: Thea Schneider, Noah Frisk, Olivia Kathman, Abby Loosbrock, and Dugan Kluis.
- Upcoming Events:
 - March 16th: 2nd grade singing at Sunrise Terrace and Slayton Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center.
 - March 23rd: 5-8 Choral Festival & end of 3rd Quarter
 - March 28th: Champions Forever presentation 12:45
 - March 29th: Report Cards emailed home
 - March 30th and April 2nd No School
 - April 5th: 5/6 Concert 2:00 and 6:00 Auditorium
 - April 6th: State Geography Bee in Marshall 9:00

Mr. Scandrett's report:

- HS Conferences: Thanks to everyone who came out to our conference night. It's a good time to connect with families and catch up on how students are doing. Numbers were a bit lower this spring than in the fall which is common- Spring Conferences- In the 50% range- Fall was closer to 75%
- Last Thursday, the Juniors who were signed up to take the ACT at MCC this April went to SMSU for an ACT Prep Day. This was a day where students received extra information about the test as well as test taking strategies for the different test sections. The ACT test is scheduled for Tuesday April 3rd here at MCC.
- Coaches vs. Cancer basketball game took place on Friday March 9th. Thanks to everyone who came out to help support the American Cancer Society. It was a fun event and a great way to get the community together for a good cause.

- MCA Testing: Our testing season will officially kick off April 4th with the Reading Assessment for 10th grade. Testing will continue until approximately May 9th and conclude with Science.
- Planning for this year's Mock Crash event is in full swing with a scheduled date of April 25th. We still have a few logistics to pull together with the event, but we are planning on starting at 1:00pm at the fairgrounds horse judging arena. The scenario is that there will be a single car accident caused by impaired/distracted driving. There will be one fatality, 2 injuries and one arrest. Slayton PD, Fire and Ambulance will be responding along with possibly a helicopter as available. The goal of this drill is to send a message to students that the decisions we make behind the wheel can have life altering implications. More information about this event will be going out to parents this month.
- Student Safety: Just after our last board meeting the tragic events in Florida took place prompting much discussion surrounding school and student safety. It was at our last board meeting that our Crisis Management Policy was passed, and Mr. Meyer and I met with Brian Christensen our Chief to go over our plans and discuss school safety. He was presented with our policy as well as our lockdown procedures that are a part of that policy. Continued communication with local law enforcement is happening to ensure we are up to date on the latest information and that we are being preventative and proactive when it comes to protecting our students.
- Activity Update by Mr. Wajer: The boys basketball team has earned the 4 seed and beat the 5 seed RRC to move to the second round of the section tournament. Their current record stands at 16-8. The girls basketball team finished their season with a record of 14-13. They were seeded 4th in the section tournament and beat Edgerton in the 1st round, but fell to #1 seeded Southwest MN Christian in the second round. We had 5 wrestlers compete at the section meet with Danny Blankenship placing 3rd. Senior High Knowledge Bowl sent 6 teams to the Sub-Region meet where 1 of our teams advanced to the Region meet. That team consisting of Tyler Larsen, Jack Pierson, Cole Davis, Alyssa Boynton and Bryanne Bose placed 3rd at regionals which qualifies the, for the state meet held at Cragun's Resort. The MCC Varsity Speech team has been busy competing at Pipestone, Redwood Falls, and Montevideo. They lost their Adrian meet due to weather. The junior high speakers have competed at Luverne and Tracy but lost their Adrian meet due to weather. We have added a Minneota speech meet to replace the meets that have been lost due to weather related cancellations. Mrs. Whitehead has 32 students that will be performing in the spring play on May 4 and 5. The early spring concert will be held on March 12 with the band starting at 7:00pm followed by the choir at 8:00pm. The spring sports eligibility meeting was to be held on March 5 then on March 6 but was canceled due to weather and other activities. We will meet with the students during AP on Friday March 9 to cover all the eligibility requirements. Preliminary numbers for the spring sports will be available at the next board meeting.

Mr. Meyer's report:

- I attended the National Conference on Education Feb. 15-17. I attended several thought leader sessions that pertained to our district. With the school shooting in Florida that happened the day before, there was an added focus on school safety at the national level.
- RA Morton is going through the process of post bid interviews and issuing contracts with those contractors that were approved at the last school board meeting. As of Friday, I have signed 8 of the 25 contracts.
- We had to cancel school on Monday the 5th and Tuesday the 6th because of weather. These two days will be added at the end of the calendar. If we have no other snow days, the last day with students will be Wednesday May 30th with teacher in-service on Thursday, May 31st. Updated calendar is on the agenda.
- We have received an initial contract proposal from Ludolph's and the transportation committee has met and discussed a counter proposal. I have a meeting scheduled with Chuck again on Monday to go over the counter proposal.

Sue Streff made a motion to approve the FY19 Achievement and Integration Budget as presented. Motion seconded by Tom Mesner and carried unanimously.

Robin Gilbertson made a motion, seconded by Lauren Biegler to approve SW/WC Service Cooperative contracts for 2018-2019 membership agreement. Membership Dues \$25.00, Health & Safety Management Assistance \$1,419.75, Regional Management Information Center: Business/SMART Systems Services \$12,643.35, MARSS/Other Revenue

Reporting Services \$1,825.15, Extended Services-Business Manager \$58,500.00, Basic Technology Services \$1,750.00, E-Rate Coordination Services \$2,800.00, Special Education Services \$164,539.90 (Funding sources: Federal-Part B \$75,854.50, Federal-Part F \$4,874.40, State and Local \$83,811.00), Teaching and Learning Collaborative Services \$13,158.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Mesner made a motion to approve the following resolution to Fully Fund Special Education Services (MN)
WHEREAS, local boards of education place a very high priority on ensuring that ALL students receive high quality special education programs and instruction; and
WHEREAS, in 1975 Congress enacted the Education for All Handicapped Children Act (P.L. 94-142) now known as The Individuals with Disabilities Act IDEA to: improve access to education for children with disabilities by guaranteeing a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment; assure that the rights of children with disabilities and their parents are protected; assist States and school systems to provide for the education of all children with disabilities; and to assess and assure the effectiveness of efforts to educate all children with disabilities; and
WHEREAS, when IDEA became law in 1975, the federal government promised to fund 40 percent of the additional cost of educating children with disabilities; and yet the federal government has failed to adequately fund the mandated programs and services arising under IDEA, never providing more than 15 percent of the additional cost; and
WHEREAS, sufficient federal funding for IDEA would significantly enhance the ability of local school systems to provide an excellent education for all students; and
WHEREAS, the special education cross-subsidy continues to be a major obstacle for Minnesota School Districts to grapple with, due to the growing number of students receiving special education, more specialized services and rising costs associated with those services and inadequate funding; and
WHEREAS, the state special education funding system has not kept pace with the rising cost of mandated services and supports for students with special needs; and,
WHEREAS, the cross-subsidy for school districts for FY2016 is \$679 million; a 5.6 percent increase from FY2015; and
WHEREAS, between rising need and insufficient state and federal aid, the amount of funding school districts as a whole in Minnesota will be forced to pay for special education costs will reach an average of \$815 per student in FY17;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Murray County Central School District #2169 urges the Governor and Legislature to strenuously advocate for significant increases in federal special education funding and meaningful special education reforms at the federal and state levels; and
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that there is an urgency the Minnesota Legislature to convene a task to work on special education funding, specifically with a focus on the impacts of the new special education funding formulas, the projected cross-subsidy and recommendations with a timeline to eliminate the cross-subsidy.
Motion duly seconded by Robin Gilbertson and passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Sue Streff made a motion to approve the following resolution to Fully Fund Special Education Services (Federal)
WHEREAS, local boards of education place a very high priority on ensuring that ALL students receive high quality special education programs and instruction; and
WHEREAS, in 1975 Congress enacted the Education for All Handicapped Children Act (P.L. 94-142) now known as The Individuals with Disabilities Act IDEA to: improve access to education for children with disabilities by guaranteeing a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment; assure that the rights of children with disabilities and their parents are protected; assist States and school systems to provide for the education of all children with disabilities; and to assess and assure the effectiveness of efforts to educate all children with disabilities; and
WHEREAS, when IDEA became law in 1975, the federal government promised to fund 40 percent of the additional cost of educating children with disabilities; and yet the federal government has failed to adequately fund the mandated programs and services arising under IDEA, never providing more than 15 percent of the additional cost; and
WHEREAS, sufficient federal funding for IDEA would significantly enhance the ability of local school systems to provide an excellent education for all students; and

WHEREAS, the special education cross-subsidy continues to be a major obstacle for Minnesota School Districts to grapple with, due to the growing number of students receiving special education, more specialized services and rising costs associated with those services and inadequate funding; and
WHEREAS, the state special education funding system has not kept pace with the rising cost of mandated services and supports for students with special needs; and,
WHEREAS, the cross-subsidy for Minnesota school districts for FY2016 is \$679 million; a 5.6 percent increase from FY2015; and
WHEREAS, between rising need and insufficient state and federal aid, the amount of funding school districts as a whole in Minnesota will be forced to pay for special education costs will reach an average of \$815 per student in FY17;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we urge the President and Legislature to strenuously advocate for significant increases in federal special education funding and meaningful special education reforms at the federal and state levels; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State of Minnesota calls upon the Congress of the United States to pass appropriate legislation in order to increase funding for federal special education mandates to meet the urgent financial special education needs of our cities and towns; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Senate cause a copy of this resolution to be delivered to all United States Representatives and Senators representing Minnesota in the Congress of the United States.
Motion duly seconded by Tony Clarke and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Tony Clarke made a motion to approve the following resolution to fund SWWC Service Cooperative Federal Setting IV Facilities Serving Students with Special Needs (Autism, Mental Health, Severe Emotional/Behavioral)
WHEREAS, local Boards of Education place a high priority on ensuring that ALL students receive high quality educational programs and instruction in facilities designed to that meet their needs; and,
WHEREAS, the need for appropriate educational programs and specialized instruction for students with special needs (autism, mental health, severe emotional and behavioral needs) in federal setting IV programs has grown at an unprecedented rate; including the dramatic increase in the number of students, as well as, the severity of issues for those students with special needs; and,
WHEREAS, school districts depend on the SWWC Service Cooperative to provide federal setting IV educational programs and specialized instruction for students with special needs in facilities for such purpose; and,
WHEREAS, the SWWC Service Cooperative has, and continues to study, the need for federal setting IV educational programs and specialized instruction in the region; including, access to appropriate facilities designed for students with special needs; and,
WHEREAS, as a result of these studies, the SWWC Service Cooperative has identified a capital investment of \$40 to \$50 million dollars needed to meet the federal setting IV facility needs for students and programs with special needs in our region;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Murray County Central ISD 2169 urges the Governor and Legislature to advocate for significant state investment in funding for the development of federal setting IV educational facilities for the SWWC Service Cooperative in their efforts to provide educational programs and specialized instruction for students with special needs in well-designed, appropriate facilities in Southwest and West Central Minnesota.
Motion seconded by Robin Gilbertson and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Administration reported there was an impressive turn out for the plasma cutter open house. Students are excited about the new addition and it has sparked some post-secondary interest among older students.

Also reported that Rebel the therapy dog has been a great addition to assist students. Many students are taking advantage of Rebel's presence in the District.

Superintendent Evaluation will take place at the April 2018 board meeting.

Tom Mesner made a motion to adjourn at 6:56 PM, Sue Streff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Deb Bleyenbergh for Lauren Biegler, Clerk