

The Murray County Central ISD #2169 Board of Education held a regular meeting, pursuant to notice, on Monday, March 13, 2017, 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 Bleyenberg. Chair Woldt called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Woldt called for changes and or additions to the agenda. There were none. Tony Clarke 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 13, 2017 and February 27, 2017 minutes. Approve payment of claims: \$228,512.60. Receive cash flow and trial balance reports. Receive Notice of Desire to Negotiate from Murray County Central Para Educators. 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) Katie Hoffmann-Assistant Softball Coach (.5) Misse Swanson-Jr. High Softball Coach, and Kate Robinson – Assistant Golf Coach. Receive donations: MinnWest Bank - \$50 to HS Band, Lori Manderscheid Memorial - \$225 to General and \$220 to Kindergarten, Chatter High - \$750 to Careers, MCMC - \$600 to Impact. Lauren Biegler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Burlingame's report:

- March Enrollment for 16-17 as of today: K 47, 1st 58, 2nd 53, 3rd 65, 4th 57, 5th 57, 6th 60 Total 397 (up 4)
- 19 applicants for Elementary Teaching Position.
- Regional Science Fair Winners: Alyssa Boerboom, Amanda Overgaauw, MiKayla Parrie, Lila Scandrett, Emma Risacher, Grace Buesing, Dylan Doeden, Brealyn Damm, Jayda Hellewell, Mary Lou McNab, Allie Paulzine, Lindsey Hause, and Abigail Guggisberg.
- I participated the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics and will have Water Balloons for students as a fundraiser for Relay for Life.
- Preparing for MCA's coming up in April and May
- Upcoming events: March 16: 1st graders to Children's Museum (Brookings), March 24: 5-8 Choral Festival, March 24: End of 3rd quarter, March 31: report cards emailed home.

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 52% Fall 55%
- Last Tuesday 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 is scheduled for April 19th here at MCC.
- Coaches vs. Cancer basketball game took place on Friday March 10th. Thanks to everyone who came out to help support the American Cancer Society.
- Proposed Technology Increase: As we continue to look at promoting 21 century skills in order to prepare students for the world beyond high school, we recognize that technology is playing a larger and larger role. It is a medium through which education happens. In looking to stay relevant with our students and meet them on their digital playing field, it is my opinion we need to look at increasing technology here in our building. We have had many conversations about 1:1 programming, but do not feel ready to propose that at this time. One thing that is apparent, and has been requested by many teachers, would be to have more devices available for classrooms during instruction. More and more, technology is not an isolated class we teach, but it is used as a tool, interwoven into the content of everyday lessons to help develop understanding. At this point we are caught up with curriculum adoption cycle and have some money to put towards this initiative. I have started a conversation with our tech team to look at increasing the number of devices in our building- type of device, how many our system can handle, storage, reparability and distribution. I am hoping to be able to present some options at a future board meeting and wanted to keep everyone in the loop on this possibility.
- Monsanto Grant for Proposed Engineering Course: We are currently in the process of writing a grant to acquire dollars to fund the purchase of curriculum and equipment for our proposed STEM engineering class.

This class is scheduled to run in the fall of 2018. If we get this grant it would contribute 10,000 to the budget to get this course up and running.

- MCA Testing: Our testing season will officially kick off April 5th with the Reading Assessment for 7th grade. Testing will continue until May 12th.
- Activity Update by Mr. Wajer: The boys basketball team finished with a record of 12-13. They were defeated by Adrian in the first round of the section tournament. The girls' basketball team finished their season with a record of 6-19. They finished their last 3 games of the year by going 2-1 losing out to the #1 seed Red Rock Central in the section tournament. Danny Blankenship represented the wrestling team at the state meet where he was beat out in the first round. Senior High Knowledge Bowl sent 5 teams to the Sub-Region meet where 3 of our teams advanced to the Region meet. The MCC Varsity Speech team has been busy competing at Pipestone, Redwood Falls, Adrian and Montevideo. The junior high speakers have competed at Tracy but lost their Luverne meet due to weather. Mrs. Whitehead has 32 students that will be performing in the spring play on May 5 and 6. The early spring concert will be held on March 13 with the band starting at 7:00pm followed by the choir at 8:00pm. The spring sports eligibility meeting was held on March 6. Preliminary numbers for the the spring sports are as follows: Baseball: 36 players 7-12; Softball: 37 players 7-12; Track (Boys): 29 tracksters 7-12; Track (Girls): 25 tracksters 7-12; Golf (Boys): 7 golfers 7-12; Golf (Girls): 12 golfers 7-12. 72 boys and 74 girls will be competing in spring activities.

Mr. Meyer's report:

- Attended MASA Conference on the 9th and 10th
- CTE meeting in Windom regarding Health Career exploration class today. We have a large number of interested students with limited spots.
- I will be attending our Insurance Pool meeting in Redwood Falls on March 20th and we will open our insurance bids with EA on March 29th at 3:30 p.m.
- Purchase agreement on county land deal.
- New athletic locker bids. The Booster Club has committed to \$15,000 donation to this project and we will also use the \$25,000 grant from Sanford to be put toward this upgrade.

Lauren Biegler made a motion, seconded by Sue Streff to approve SW/WC Service Cooperative contracts for 2017-2018 membership agreement. Health & Safety Management Assistance \$1,416.39, Regional Management Information Center: Business/SMART Systems Services \$12,611.30, MARSS/Other Revenue Reporting Services \$1,770.20, Extended Services-Business Manager \$57,720.00, Technology Coordinator Services \$26,000.00, E-Rate Coordination Services \$2,750.00, Special Education Services \$165,442.82 (Funding sources: Federal-Part B \$95,711.00, Federal-Part F \$4,867.82, State and Local \$86,478.60). Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Mesner made a motion to award the locker bid to The Locker Guy with low bid of \$31,728.00 including labor. Tony Clarke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Lauren Biegler made a motion to accept presented Purchase Agreement from Murray County. Motion seconded by Sue Streff and carried unanimously.

Robin Gilbertson made a motion to accept the High School Handbook update as presented by Mr. Scandrett, addressing student cell phone usage. Motion seconded by Sue Streff and carried unanimously.

Board discussion was held on projected Facilities Improvements. District goals and needs will be determined and all options should be explored when moving forward. Also discussed the possibility of grants and foundation involvement as well as holding community input meetings after numbers have been finalized. The Board found the Referendum option with an August 8th public vote to be more favorable and was agreed upon.

Superintendent Evaluation will take place at the April 2017 board meeting.

Lauren Biegler made a motion to adjourn at 8:02 PM, Robin Gilbertson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Deb Bleyenberg for Lauren Biegler, Clerk