

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education of Murray County Central ISD#2169 was held, pursuant to notice, on Monday, August 14, 2017, in the high school library. Members present: Dan Woldt, Tom Mesner, Sue Streff, Tony Clarke, Lauren Biegler and Robin Gilbertson. Administration: Joe Meyer, Jacob Scandrett and Todd Burlingame. Others: Katie Beers, Deb Bleyenbergh, Lisa Rademacher and Shelby McQuay. Chair Woldt called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tony Clarke made a motion, seconded by Tom Mesner, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Gilbertson made a motion to act on the consent agenda items. Approve July 10, 2017 minutes. Approve payment of claims in the amount of \$237,605.37. Receive Trial Balance and Cash flow reports for FY18. Approve Elementary Principal Contract, Cheer Advisor contract for Jessamy Schaap, approve 17-18 Coaching contracts for Lucas Freeman and Adam Neubarth as Assistant Football Coaches and Misse Swanson as Assistant Volleyball Coach. Recognized Tom Whitehead and Craig Gertsema as 17-18 volunteer Football Coaching Staff. Acknowledge donations from Kiwanis - \$300 to ECFE on Wheels, Kula Fund-Red Robin - \$1.65. Approve out of state trip request from Varsity Football. Lauren Biegler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Burlingame's report:

- Projected Enrollment for 17-18 as of today: K 54, 1st 49, 2nd 56, 3rd 53, 4th 67, 5th 55, 6th 56=Total 390. Up 2.
- Met with PBIS team on July 25th to plan for the upcoming year.
- Attended CEM Grant training with our team on July 26 and August 8th. MCC was the only school awarded out of 12 applications.
- Registration went well on August 9 and 10.
- Will be attending a collaborative meeting August 16th (funding for Nikki)
- Have our Data Mining Thursday August 17th. I will have a report at the September Mtg.
- Summer work going well. Building looks great.
- Working on the Title Grant Application

Mr. Scandrett's report:

- We are busily preparing for fall workshops and the return of our teachers. Workshop week is set for August 28th - August 31st and the welcome back letter and schedule went out the week of the 1st. We are planning our 2nd annual 'MCC Family Reunion' all staff picnic for August 24th at 6:00pm at Bi-Centennial Park and are hoping to see everyone there!
- Registration was August 9th and 10th - Enrollment report: 7th-59 8th-58 9th-57 10th-55 11th-60 12th-54 Total-345 We are up 21 from last year (324) with adding students to our district and graduating our smallest class (46) and bringing in 59 7th graders.
- Fall Sports Eligibility meeting was Monday August 7th. Color Guard started meeting for practices last week with other fall sports starting practices today. We will know more on numbers for each sport once practices get going.
- 7th grade orientation is coming up August 30th at 7:00pm in the auditorium.
- I attended the College Now review workshop on August 1st at SMSU.
- The College Now program is a program through SMSU that allows students to earn college credit while taking classes at their own HS- taught by their own teachers.
- This year we are offering College Writing, Calculus, Government, Literature, Algebra, Art, Spanish, and Sociology.
- Future changes: The HLC (Higher Learning Commission) has implemented new requirements on college concurrent enrollment programs nation-wide. At present, by September 1st 2022, all College Now teachers will need to have a Masters in their discipline area or have a Masters in another area and 18 graduate credit in their discipline area in order to be certified to teach these concurrent enrollment classes.
- Ramifications: If teachers are not credentialed then our students will have to seek alternative options to earn college credit- AP or PSEO routes.

- What is MCC doing to help teachers meet this credentialing requirement? We put language into our staff development plan last year whereby College Now teachers can receive up to 5,000 dollars towards their credentialing (roughly ½ the cost of a Master's degree)
- Data Mine workshop- will be August 17th in Westbrook to look more in depth at our student data and performance on the MCAs.
- We have our results back and we have increased our overall district test scores from last year and met our district wide goal. Our district ranks 28th in the state out of 441 ranked schools. Next month we will have more information to share on our progress after the August 17th workshop.
- Building Prep- our custodial staff is making great progress with some floors yet to be finished. Custodians are working around the construction to finish up.
- School District Fair Booth August 16-19th let me know and I can sign up any board members who would like to sit for one of the time slots. One slot left from 6-8 on Friday.
- We received notice that we were awarded the 10,000 Monsanto America Farmers Grow Rural Education Grant that will be used to purchase equipment and curriculum as well as train staff to teach an Into to Engineering STEM course to be offered in the fall of 2018. This is a great opportunity for our students to explore the engineering world and will help to maintain the top level programming we offer here at MCC.
- We also received word that Minnwest Bank has decided to fully fund our Mobile Lab Project. We are thankful for the continued support of our community and the way Minnwest Bank and Corporation has chosen to partner with the school to provide greater opportunities for all students. Increasing the technology available in the classrooms will help our district continue to promote 21st Century Skills as our students prepare for life after high school.

Mr. Meyer's report:

- Phase II update: The tiling and grout work in the girl's locker room is complete. Fixtures are being installed. All of the electrical in the girl's locker room is complete. The new drop ceiling grid is almost complete in HS area. The new lights are in the HS area. The new drop ceiling and lights are being installed in the Kind. Area. Tiling in the boy's bathroom by the Science wing is complete with new fixtures installed. Tile work in the gym lobby bathrooms has started. New cabinets and plumbing is complete in the Kindergarten rooms and Pre-School room. There is still plumbing and fixtures that need to be installed. Final touch-ups and cleaning will happen the week of Aug. 21st. We have a finished project walk through scheduled for Friday, Aug. 25th.
 - Surplus Sale netted us \$3,506. There were a few chairs and about 20 student desks that did not receive any bids. We will donate these to the Hospice Rummage sale.
 - Election turnout was at 39%. This is a high number for special elections. 57.75% Yes and 42.25% No.
 - I will begin the process of writing grants for funding. The first one that I will be working on will be the US Bank "Places to Play" grant. This is a \$50,000 grant. The application opens at the end of August.
 - The negotiating team has a preliminary agreement with the Cooks and Custodians and also the Paraprofessional Unions. We had our last meeting with both groups on Aug. 3rd. Each contract has to be updated yet and will be brought to the September meeting for approval. I am still waiting to hear final word from the teachers on their vote with our last proposal to them.
 - We had to cut down the Silver Maple tree on the West side of the building. It was rotted out and mostly dead. The stump was ground out and filled in with dirt. I would eventually like to add a couple newer trees along the west side.
 - Auditors are scheduled to start on August 21st.
 - We have an entry in the parade for the 19th. We will be pulling the van and trailer with a "Thanks for your Support" sign.
 - All staff and School Board picnic will be held on Thursday, Aug. 24th at BiCentennial Park. You and your families are welcome to attend.
 - Building prep for the new year. We are behind a bit. This is due to the phase II construction. West Elementary is complete but Central is not done. Things will be ready though.
- Discussion Items:**
- After School Program There has become a great shortage in daycare in our communities and as a result, most providers are now charging school age students full day prices for the 2-3 hours after school in order to save a spot. Much of this is determined by staffing and the regulations that go along with this. I

have been researching what we can do as a district to help out in this area and what other schools in the area are doing. Before I move any further on this, I wanted to get input and some direction from the board on their feelings. If we were to move forward, I would like to appoint a committee to work out the details. My initial thoughts on how the program would look are attached.

- Message Center Sign I have received a proposal for a new Daktronics message center and “Murray County Central” sign that would replace the sign located in the Northeast corner of the HS. The proposal is included in the board packet. The sign would have 6 ad spots that businesses could purchase. A \$4000 lifetime option or a \$500 per year option will be available. This is intended to pay for the sign. The discussion will be: 1. Do we start the project now and secure the ads during and after the project is complete 2. Secure all of the ads first and then start the project 3. Do not do the project at all.

The Clerk presented affidavits showing filing, publication and posting of notice, in accordance with the resolution adopted May 17, 2017, of the special election held August 8, 2017, to vote on the question on the issuance of general obligation bonds of the School District in an amount not to exceed \$4,745,000. The Clerk also presented the Official Returns and Summary Statements of Judges. The affidavits and the Official Returns and Summary Statements of Judges were duly examined, approved and ordered placed on file in the office of the Clerk. Member Mesner introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, which motion was seconded by Member Streff:

RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS OF SPECIAL ELECTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2169 (Murray County Central), Minnesota that the special election held in and for the School District on August 8, 2017, was in all respects duly and legally called and held, the returns thereof have been duly canvassed, and the votes cast at the special election for and against the question submitted to the electors were as follows:

**SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION
APPROVAL OF SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS**

Shall the School Board of Independent School District No. 2169 (Murray County Central), Minnesota, be authorized to issue general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$4,745,000, for acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities?

Votes <u>YES</u>	Votes <u>NO</u>	Spoiled, Defective or <u>Blank Ballots</u>	TOTAL <u>VOTES</u>
<u>637</u>	<u>466</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1104</u>

The ballot question, having received the approval of a majority of the votes cast, is hereby declared to have carried.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.07, subdivision 3a, the Clerk is hereby instructed to notify the Commissioner of Education of the results of the special election and to provide the certified vote totals for each ballot question in written form within 15 days after the results have been certified by the Board.

Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Woldt, Mesner, Streff, Clarke, Gilbertson, Biegler

and the following voted against the same: None

whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted and was signed by the Chairperson and attested by the Clerk.

Tony Clarke made a motion to approve the Geronimo Energy Agreement as presented, seconded by Sue Streff.

Tom Mesner made a motion to accept the Letter of Engagement for the Annual Audit. The motion was seconded by Lauren Biegler and carried unanimously.

Tony Clarke made a motion to approve the updated Electronic Acceptable use and safety Policy and Form 524. The motion was seconded by Tom Mesner and carried unanimously.

Policy 761 Meal Charge Policy was reviewed. A motion was made by Sue Streff and seconded by Robin Gilbertson to approve the Policy. The Motion carried unanimously.

First reading of Policy 790 Post-Issuance Debt Compliance was held with no action needed at this time.

Lauren Biegler made a motion to accept the Cross Country Cooperative Sponsorship Agreement with Fulda School District as presented. Motion was seconded by Tony Clarke and carried unanimously.

Tom Mesner made a motion to accept the Wrestling Cooperative Sponsorship Agreement with Fulda as presented. Motion seconded by Sue Streff. Motion carried.

Mr. Meyer brought to the board his concept ideas for an after school program. After discussion, the board requested a survey of community to further explore the need and interest in such a program.

Proposal for outdoor message center sign was reviewed. Board granted its approval to proceed with the project.

Member Mesner introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS,
SERIES 2017A; AND COVENANTING AND OBLIGATING THE DISTRICT TO BE BOUND BY AND TO
USE THE PROVISIONS OF MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 126C.55 TO GUARANTEE THE
PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THESE BONDS**

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2169 (Murray County Central), Minnesota, as follows:

1. **Bond Authorization.** The School Board has determined that it is necessary and expedient to issue \$4,630,000 General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2017A.
2. **Sale.** The District has retained Ehlers & Associates, Inc. (Ehlers) in Roseville, Minnesota, as its independent municipal advisor for the Bonds. Ehlers is authorized to solicit proposals in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.60, Subdivision 2(9). If the issuance of the Bonds is approved, the School Board shall meet at the time and place specified in the Official Statement to receive and consider proposals for the purchase of the Bonds.
3. **Official Statement.** Negotiation of Sale. Ehlers is authorized to prepare and distribute an Official Statement and to open, read and tabulate the proposals for presentation to the Board.
4. **Minnesota School District Credit Enhancement Program.**
 - (a) The District hereby covenants and obligates itself to notify the Commissioner of Education of a potential default in the payment of principal and interest on the Bonds and to use the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55 to guarantee payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds when due. The District further covenants to deposit with the Registrar or any successor paying agent three (3) days prior to the date on which a payment is due an amount sufficient to make that payment or to notify the Commissioner of Education that it will be unable to make all or a portion of that payment. The Registrar for the Bonds is authorized and directed to notify the Commissioner of Education if it becomes aware of a potential default in the payment of principal or interest on the Bonds or if, on the day two (2) business days prior to the date a payment is due on the Bonds, there are insufficient funds to make that payment on deposit with the Registrar. The District understands that as a result of its covenant to be bound by the provision of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55, the provisions of that section shall be binding as long as any Bonds of this issue remain outstanding.

(b) The District further covenants to comply with all procedures now and hereafter established by the Departments of Management and Budget and Education of the State of Minnesota pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55, subdivision 2(c) and otherwise to take such actions as necessary to comply with that section. The chair, clerk, superintendent or business manager is authorized to execute any applicable Minnesota Department of Education forms.

The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Biegler.

Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Woldt, Mesner, Streff, Clarke, Gilbertson, Biegler

and the following voted against the same: None

whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted and was signed by the Chairperson and attested by the Clerk.

Item 12.B. Post/Issuance Debt Compliance Policy adoption was then tabled until next regular board meeting.

Shelby McQuay, Ehlers Municipal Advisor, presented a pre-sale report to the board.

Sue Streff made a motion, seconded by Robin Gilbertson, to adjourn at 7:28 PM. Motion carried.

Deb Bleyenberg for Lauren Biegler, Clerk