

MT. PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting Minutes – February 7, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on February 7, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center, 1155 S. Elizabeth Street, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

Board Members Present:

Amy Bond, President; Tim Odykirk, Vice-President; Dana Calkins, Treasurer; Sheila Murphy, Trustee; Jessica Jernigan, Trustee; Wiline Pangle, Trustee

Board Members Absent:

Courtney Stegman, Secretary

Administration Present:

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger, Asst. Superintendent Linda Boyd, Chief Financial Officer Ginger Faber

Guests:

Delayne Schutt, Carol Sobieski-Gall, Emma Fuller, Breanne Moeggenberg, Bill Dennis, Andrew Dennis, Kris Batzner, Roger Fuller, Pat Heitman, Daelyn Zanatta, Jessica Lapp, Joshua Hicks, Joelle McDonald Snyder, Stacie Pratt, K. Fox, Laura Gourlay

CALL TO ORDER

President Amy Bond called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

President Amy Bond read the Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement.

ROLL CALL

Tim Odykirk called the roll.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by general consent.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

COVID Update

Superintendent Verleger provided a COVID update with a PowerPoint presentation. Numbers in the district are on a slight decline. New protocol information was reviewed. Questions and answers followed the presentation.

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Benchmark Goal Report

Superintendent Verleger shared the updated District Educational Goals for the 2021/22 school year as required by the State of Michigan. The information for the Middle School is missing from this report and will be updated once testing has been completed. Questions and answers followed the presentation.

Masking Discussion

Trustee Pangle opened the masking discussion. Following discussion by Board Members, Amy Bond suggested that the cost of air filters for the K-2 classrooms be looked into for the next meeting.

PSC Monthly Update

Assistant Superintendent Linda Boyd provided a PSC monthly update.

Annual Education Report

Assistant Superintendent Boyd reviewed the Mt. Pleasant Public Schools' 2021-22 Annual Education Report with the Board of Education members. The District AER can be found on our website, together with each buildings' AER, and also a copy is available for viewing in the Superintendent's Office and each school building office. Questions and answers followed the presentation.

CORRESPONDENCE

President Bond shared that correspondence has been received from the following individuals: Keri Powers, Cathy Willermet, Bree Moeggenberg, Xantha Karp, Eric Chercover, John Bland, and Shelly Smith

CITIZENS REQUEST TO ADDRESS BOARD

President Amy Bond asked if anyone would like to address the Board of Education. The following individuals addressed the Board of Education: Emma Fuller, Carol Sobieski-Gall, Bree Moeggenberg, Kelly Fountain, Andrew Dennis, Daelyn Zanatta, Jessica Lapp and Kris Batzner

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Minutes & Financials

Wiline Pangle moved to approve the January 17, 2022, Regular Meeting minutes. Jessica Jernigan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 6 - 0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Retirement

Tim Odykirk moved to accept the retirement of **Diane Falsetta**, Pullen Elementary Principal, effective June 30, 2022; and **Patti Loree**, Special Education Teacher, effective February 1, 2022, with regret and appreciation as presented by the administration. Dana Calkins seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 6 - 0 vote.

Resignation

Tim Odykirk moved to accept the resignation of **Sarah Campbell**, Special Education Teacher, effective March 26, 2022, as presented by the administration with regret and appreciation. Wiline Pangle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 6 - 0 vote.

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2021 Bond Resolution

CFO Ginger Faber presented information on the 2021 Bond Resolution. Questions and answers followed the presentation. Wiline Pangle moved to approve the 2021 Bond Resolution. Jessica Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Amy Bond, Dana Calkins, Jessica Jernian, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk,
Wiline Pangle
NAYES: None

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION

MPPS Parent Council

Jessica Jernigan and Sheila Murphy shared information on the Parent Council Advisory that is being planned. This group will be composed of parents that will come back to the Board of Education with suggestions/recommendations. Questions and answers followed the presentation.

Dana Calkins asked if there would be a replacement for Alice Jo Ricketts, the Native Advocate to the Board. Superintendent Verleger indicated that she will follow up with the Tribe to secure a replacement.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m. by general consent.

APPROVED:

Secretary, Board of Education

Recording Secretary

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