

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

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on March 7, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Mt. Pleasant High School Cafeteria, 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, Bree Moeggenberg, Eugene Han, Heather VandenBerg, Carol Sobieski-Gall, Aaron Kipfmiller, Josh Hickes, Pat Heitman, Emma Fuller, Jessica Lapp, Phil Hertzler, Linda Richardson, Emma Russell, Rick McGuirk, Laura Gourlay, Rue Bardy, Maureen Eke, Jenny Bardx, Alex Lynk

**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**

**GRBS**

Superintendent Verleger introduced Heather VandenBerg from GRBS. Ms. VandenBerg shared a PowerPoint presentation. Questions and answers followed the presentation.

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### **PSC Monthly Update**

Assistant Superintendent Linda Boyd presented the monthly PSC Report. Presentations for the year from PSC are planned for the May 2, 2022, Board Meeting.

### **COVID Update**

Superintendent Verleger provided a COVID update. District wide cases have plummeted. The district's current protocol procedures were reviewed. Ms. Verleger thanked families for their continued cooperation in dealing with COVID cases.

### **Balanced Calendar**

Superintendent Verleger gave a brief review of the history of the Balanced Calendar program in our district. Unfortunately, the program has not grown as originally hoped. As a result, Balanced Calendar will not be offered for the 2022-2023 school year. Questions and answers followed the presentation.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board of Education reported receiving correspondence from Andrea McKinnee.

### **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: Bree Moeggenberg, Eugene Han, Carol Sobieski-Gall, John Chiodini, Jessica Lapp, Phil Hertzler, Maureen Eke, Laura Gourlay

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **Board Minutes & Financials**

Tim Odykirk moved to approve the February 27, 2022, minutes. Wiline Pangle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Resignation**

Jessica Jernigan moved to accept the resignation of **Alison Young**, Special Education Teacher at Fancher Elementary, effective March 11, 2022. Wiline Pangle seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **New Hire**

Wiline Pangle move to approve hiring the following individuals, as presented: **Alexis Bahr**, School Social Worker for the District; **Aaron Kipfmiller**, Drafting Instructor at GI-Tec; **Emma Russell**, Special Education Teacher at the Middle School; and **Winnay Wemigwase**, School Social Worker/Counselor for the District. Jessica Jernigan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Retirement**

Tim Odykirk moved to accept the retirement of **Beth MacGregor** with much regret and appreciation. Wiline Pangle seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION**

Trustee Murphy asked what is the best way for the Board to address the concerns expressed by the public during Citizens Request to Address the Board? Discussion was held relating to the topic. The Board needs time to collect information and/or investigate the information presented. Topics can be added to the agenda for discussion at future meetings.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m. by general consent.

**APPROVED:**

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**Secretary, Board of Education**

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**Recording Secretary**

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