

**MT. PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Board of Education**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes – January 18, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on January 18 , 2021, virtually via Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88591944489>

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Board Members Absent:**

None

**Administration Present:**

Panelists: Superintendent Jennifer Verleger, Asst. Superintendent Linda Boyd, Chief Financial Officer Ginger Faber, Pullen Principal Diane Falsetta, Instructional Technology Coach Joyce Castellon, Special Education Director Stefanie House

**Guests:**

Panelists: Debra Ervin, Courtney Russell, Lauren Rupe. The following names were provided via Zoom link identity: Amanda Carey, Melissa, Kelly Merrihew, Michelle, Laura Gourlay, Tracy McDonald, Lisa Auker, Laurie, Jodi Nieporte, Daelyn Woodnough, Alexia Torres, Delayne Schutt, Wendy Epple, Kristin Willey, Ali LaPreze, Julie, Erin King, Miss Pat, E. Blahnik, whoyle, KB, Ellen, Abbi Lewandowski, Jason, Amy Weber, Andrea, Kacie Barbay, Heather

**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.

**ROLL CALL**

Courtney Stegman called the roll.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved by general consent.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Student Representative Lauryn Rupe shared with the Board of Education events happening at Mt. Pleasant High School, including fundraisers that are taking place. Ms. Rupe invited the Board Members to the Senior Ice Cream Social on May 27<sup>th</sup> to assist in serving ice cream.

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## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **Peacemaking Recognition**

Superintendent Ms. Verleger shared a video produced by Digital Media Instructor Pat Onstott in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. day and in recognition of the Peacemaking tradition of Mt. Pleasant Public Schools. This school year Peacemaking recognition will look a bit different at MPPS. Teachers are encouraged to nominate students and the administrators will show case these students every two weeks for the rest of the school year in a video.

### **Special Education Annual Report**

Special Education Supervisor Stefanie House presented the annual Special Education report to the Board of Education. Ms. House stated that they have hired a social worker, but are still in need of 2.5 teachers, one speech language pathologist and 14 paraprofessionals. The presentation included the virtual and face to face services provided and information on the "Alt+Shift" grant funded program. Ms. House also shared information on the Michigan Rehab Services (MRS), work experiences for the students and the community agency partnerships. Questions and answers followed the presentation.

### **Change in Scheduled Board Meetings**

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger shared that there was an error on the Scheduled Board Meeting dates. We will not meet on Monday, September 6, 2021 (Labor Day), but will meet on **Tuesday, September 7, 2021.**

### **MASB Winter Institute**

Information was shared from MASB regarding the Winter Institute to be held on February 19, 2021. Board Members are to contact Deb Ervin if interested in attending.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Chief Financial Officer Ginger Faber presented the general fund revenue and expenditure comparison report for the month ending December, 2020 and 2019, the Treasurer's Report and the 2016 Capital Projects Fund Report. Questions and answers followed her presentation.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

President Amy Bond shared that correspondence has been received from Stefanie Sedlar and Isabella County Human Rights Committee. It was decided that Jessica Jernigan, together with Wiline Pangle, will draft a letter in response to the correspondence from Isabella County Human Rights Committee and share it with the Board Members before sending it on.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **Board Minutes & Financials**

Tim Odykirk moved to approve the January 4, 2021 Organizational Meeting minutes, the January 4, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes, and the bills payable from December 11, 2020 through January 14, 2021, amounting to \$1,105,566.82. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Amy Bond, Dana Calkins, Jessica Jernigan, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk, Wiline Pangle, Courtney Stegman

**NAYES:** None

Motion carried unanimously with a 7 - 0 vote.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Retirement**

Tim Odykirk moved to accept the retirement of Kim O'Boyle, Health Teacher at MPHS, effective March 5, 2021, with regret and much appreciation, as presented. Wiline Pangle seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Amy Bond, Dana Calkins, Jessica Jernigan, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk, Wiline Pangle, Courtney Stegman

**NAYES:** None

Motion carried unanimously with a 7 - 0 vote.

### **Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) Extension**

Tim Odykirk moved that the Mt. Pleasant Board of Education ratify the letters of agreement regarding the extension of the FFCRA until March 31, 2021 for all organized groups (MPAA, MPEA, MPSPA, MPTA, MPCA) and all at-will employees of the Mt. Pleasant Public Schools, as presented by administration. Wiline Pangle seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Amy Bond, Dana Calkins, Jessica Jernigan, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk, Wiline Pangle, Courtney Stegman

**NAYES:** None

Motion carried unanimously with a 7 - 0 vote.

### **MPPS Education Foundation Representative Appointment**

Wiline Pangle nominated herself to hold the position on the MPPS Education Foundation. Tim Odykirk moved to appoint Wiline Pangle to the position. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Amy Bond, Dana Calkins, Jessica Jernigan, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk, Wiline Pangle, Courtney Stegman

**NAYES:** None

Motion carried unanimously with a 7 - 0 vote. **Wiline Pangle** will serve as the district representative on the MPPS Education Foundation with the term expiring December 31, 2022.

### **NEOLA Policies – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adoption**

Asst. Superintendent Linda Boyd presented Policy #6114 – Cost Principles – Spending Federal Funds, and Policy #6325 – Procurement – Federal Grants/Funds, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and possible adoption. Discussion followed.

Jessica Jernigan moved to adopt Policy #6114 and #6325, as presented. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Amy Bond, Dana Calkins, Jessica Jernigan, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk, Wiline Pangle, Courtney Stegman

**NAYES:** None

Motion carried unanimously with a 7 - 0 vote.

### **EXTENDED COVID-19 LEARNING PLAN**

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger presented the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan which included **Benchmark Testing Data, Reconfirmation Information, and the Return to School Plan Update**. Pullen School Principal Diane Falsetta, Instructional Technology Coach Joyce Castellon, and MPMS At-Risk Counselor Courtney Russell assisted with the presentation. Discussion followed the presentation.

**Public Comment** – No public comments were shared at this time relating to the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan.

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**CITIZENS REQUEST TO ADDRESS BOARD**

President Amy Bond asked if anyone would like to address the Board of Education. **Laura Gourlay**, Mt. Pleasant resident, and **Melissa Isaac**, Mt. Pleasant resident, addressed the Board of Education.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION**

**Tim Odykirk** thanked Stefanie House, Courtney Russell, Joyce Castellon and Diane Falsetta for their input during the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan presentation.

**Amy Bond** stated that we had some good conversation at this meeting and that she will miss the annual Peacemaking ceremony but is excited to see the nominations.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Courtney Stegman moved to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of receiving negotiation updates. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Amy Bond, Dana Calkins, Jessica Jernigan, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk, Wiline Pangle, Courtney Stegman

**NAYES:** None

Motion carried unanimously with a 7 - 0 vote. The Board of Education moved into Closed Session at 8:42 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION – 8:42 P.M. – 9:15 P.M. via Zoom link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83748883423>

Tim Odykirk moved to enter into Open Session. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Amy Bond, Dana Calkins, Jessica Jernigan, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk, Wiline Pangle, Courtney Stegman

**NAYES:** None

Motion carried unanimously with a 7 - 0 vote. The Board of Education moved to enter into Open Session at 9:15 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m. by general consent.

**APPROVED:**

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**Secretary, Board of Education**

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**Recording Secretary**

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