

**MT. PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on January 20, 2020, at 7:15 p.m. in Room 111 at the Mt. Pleasant High School, 1155 S. Elizabeth St., Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

Board Members Present:

Tim Odykirk, President; Beth Sorenson Prince, Vice-President; Amy Bond, Trustee; Sheila Murphy, Trustee

Board Members Absent:

John Mozurkewich, Secretary; Brandon McQueen, Treasurer; Courtney Stegman, Trustee

Administration Present:

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger, Asst. Superintendent Linda Boyd, Chief Financial Officer Ginger Faber, Special Education Supervisor Stefanie House, Special Education Assistant Supervisor Kelly Merrihew

Guests:

Debra Ervin, Patrick Heitman, Jeff Bates, Brigid Boyle, Anna Clare Miller, Lena Grace House, Stacey Starr

CALL TO ORDER

President Tim Odykirk called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

President Tim Odykirk appointed Sheila Murphy as Interim Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Sheila Murphy called the roll.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by general consent.

CITIZENS REQUEST TO ADDRESS BOARD

President Tim Odykirk asked if anyone would like to address the Board of Education. Hearing no response he continued on with the meeting.

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STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student Representative Brigid Boyle shared with the Board of Education events happening at Mt. Pleasant High School, including that Student Senate elections are currently taking place, the Snowball Dance is 1/25/20 and Sprit Week is taking place this week.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Special Education Report

Special Education Supervisor Stefanie House presented the annual Special Education Report. Ms. House shared that there are currently 665 students receiving special education services through MPPS. She shared information regarding the MTSS – Tier 2 program and that this is the 3rd year for the Aided Language Input and Literacy program, both programs are experiencing great results. There is a LINKS course offered at the High School wherein a student can receive .5 credit per trimester. Enrollment is increasing in this class. Ms. House shared post secondary connections which include four visits to off campus academic locations and nine community work sites. Students within the Special Education program are also partnering with McLaren Central Michigan Hospital through the Michigan Pursuing Occupations with Employment Results (MiPower) program. Questions and answers followed the presentation.

Field Trip Approval

Camp Hayo-Went-Ha – McGuire and Fancher – Superintendent Jennifer Verleger shared that she approved an overnight trip to Camp Hayo-Went-Ha for McGuire and Fancher students in May, 2020.

Frankenmuth Snowfest – High School – Superintendent Jennifer shared that she approved an overnight trip to the Frankenmuth Snowfest, January 23-25, 2020.

Announcements

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger reported that **Kate Wirsing**, McGuire Computer & PE teacher, received the Mt. Pleasant Kiwanis Teacher of the Month award for December, and that **Andrew Schoenborn** received an award for outstanding publication in *Voices from the Middle*.

Bond Discussion

Jeff Bates, Senior Project Manager with Wolgast Corporation, shared information regarding the Bid Pack No. 6. Bids were opened on December 4, 2019. If approved by the Board of Education at this meeting as recommended by Wolgast Corporation, the bid packet will be for the amount of \$850,982.00 and is for flooring at Kinney, McGuire, Vowles and the High School, and some restroom improvements at the Middle School and High School. The flooring improvements would most likely start over spring break at the Kinney Building. Questions and answers followed the presentation.

Upcoming Professional Development

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger shared that Mt. Pleasant Public Schools' has two professional development days coming up soon. February 3, 2020 will be a professional development day that was originally part of the 2019/20 school calendar. March 10, 2020 will also be a professional development day. This is a presidential primary election. The District has signed a Memo of Understanding with the Mt. Pleasant Education Association regarding this 2019/20 mid-year calendar adjustment. March 10, 2020 will be counted as student instruction time. Questions and answers followed the presentation.

Correspondence from Greater Lansing Food Bank

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger shared correspondence from Greater Lansing Food Bank. Mt. Pleasant Middle School, through their Hoops for Hunger fundraising efforts, donated \$2,300.50

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to Greater Lansing Food Bank. The generous gift of money is helping to feed children, families, seniors, veterans and many others in our community who are facing hunger.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Chief Financial Officer Ginger Faber presented the general fund revenue and expenditure comparison report for the month ending December, 2019 and 2018, the Treasurer's Report and the 2016 Capital Projects Fund Report. Questions and answers followed her presentation.

Ms. Faber also reported on the possibility of setting up a "cash borrowing" system, should the District need it in the future. Ms. Faber was in contact with Thrun Law and they recommend "State Aid Notes" would be the best option and that if the District chooses to use this avenue then a resolution would need to be adopted, possibly in November. Discussion followed.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence to report at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Minutes & Financials

Sheila Murphy moved to approve the January 6, 2020 Organizational Meeting Minutes, the January 6, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes, and the January 6, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes with Closed Session. Amy Bond seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 4 - 0 vote.

Amy Bond moved to approve the bills payable from December 6, 2019 through January 17, 2020, amounting to \$1,283,925.51. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 4 - 0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Bid Packet No. 6 – 2019 School Bond Renovations

Amy Bond moved to approve the following, as presented by Jeff Bates, Wolgast Corporation Senior Project Manager:

1. Approve the award recommendation list of the lowest qualified bidders for the Bid Pack No. 6 – Kinney, McGuire and Vowles Flooring / High School and Middle School Toilet Room Renovations (refer to the attached Award Recommendation List). The recommendations include performance, labor and materials (PL&M) bond amounts for all of the contractors with the exception of the painting and plumbing & HVAC contractors; and
2. Further, approves the Bid Pack No. 6 – Kinney, McGuire and Vowles Flooring / High School and Middle School Room Renovations in the amount of \$850,982.00.

Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 4 - 0 vote

Donations

Beth Sorenson Prince moved to accept the following donations, as presented: \$360.00 from the employees of Isabella Bank to Vowles Elementary to be applied toward student unpaid breakfast/lunch balances; \$700.00 from Frank and Lori DiMaggio to Vowles Elementary to be applied toward student unpaid breakfast/lunch balances; and \$650.00 from Richard McGuirk, United Apartments and Baymont Inn & Suites, to be applied toward student

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unpaid breakfast/lunch balances throughout the Mt. Pleasant Public Schools' district. Amy Bond seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 4 – 0 vote.

Resignation

Sheila Murphy moved to accept the resignation of Tim Gariglio, Science Teacher at MPHS, effective January 24, 2020, as presented. Beth Sorenson Prince seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 4 – 0 vote.

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION

Sheila Murphy thanked our schools and PTO's for their generous gifts in recognition of School Board Recognition month.

Tim Odykirk stated that he thoroughly enjoyed the Peacemaking Awards Ceremony and congratulated all of our student recipients. We had a great turnout and are very proud of our students.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. by general consent.

APPROVED:

Secretary, Board of Education

Recording Secretary

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