

MT. PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting Minutes – October 14, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on October 14, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the Kinney Conference Room, 720 N. Kinney Ave., Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

Board Members Present:

Tim Odykirk, President; Beth Sorenson Prince, Vice-President; John Mozurkewich, Secretary; Brandon McQueen, Treasurer; Sheila Murphy, Trustee

Board Members Absent:

Amy Bond, Trustee; Courtney Stegman, Trustee

Administration Present:

Jennifer Verleger, Linda Boyd, Ginger Faber, Marcy Stout, Kim Bishop; Diane Falsetta, Josh Rhodes, Cathy Schafer, Kelly Merrihew, Stefanie House, Mary Kay Voeks, John Winkler, Kim Funnell

Guests:

Debra Ervin, Jamie Rivette, RJ Naughton, Miriam Bigelow, Darren Palmer, Brook Payton, Bill Trainor, Peter Lindsay, Jonathen Porta, Blair Smalley, Wendy Epple, Lisa Johnson, Lisa Davis, Margaret Dexter, Taylor Northrup

CALL TO ORDER

President Tim Odykirk called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

John Mozurkewich 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.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student Representative Taylor Northrup shared with the Board of Education events happening at Mt. Pleasant High School, including Fine Arts, GI-TEC, and Athletics.

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SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Bus Driver Appreciation Week

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger passed out Certificates of Appreciation to transportation employees in recognition of Bus Driver Appreciation Week October 21-25, 2019. Ms. Verleger expressed her gratitude to the employees stating that they have a very challenging task in delivering our students safely and are the first MPPS employee faces that our students see in the morning.

School Administration Appreciation Month

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger passed out Certificates of Appreciation to the administrators in recognition of School Administration Appreciation Month. Ms. Verleger expressed her gratitude to each and every administrator for all of their hard work and dedication to the students and parents of Mt. Pleasant Public Schools.

Series II of the May 2016 Bond – 2020 School Building and Site Bonds

RJ Naughton, from PFM Financial Advisors, LLC, presented information about the proposed Series II of the 2016 Voter Authorized Bonds/2020 School Building and Site Bonds. He presented the running tally of the unissued bond amounts from the 2016 voter authorization, the timing of the bond series and the next steps for issuing series II, together with the taxable value history, the existing debt, the millage projection, and important disclosures. This is a second and final series of bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed four million dollars (\$4,000,000). Mr. Naughton answered questions from the Board Members. The Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Delegating the Sale of Bonds and Other Matters Relating Thereto will be presented to the Board Members for adoption under “New Business” during this Regular Board of Education Meeting.

Annual Financial Audit Presentation

Jamie Rivette, CPA, Yeo and Yeo, presented the Annual Financial Audit for fiscal year 2018/19. Her presentation included a PowerPoint, a Single Audit Report, Financial Statements, and a memo from Yeo & Yeo. Ms. Rivette shared that MPPS received an “Unmodified Opinion” and there were no material weaknesses and no significant deficiencies. The audit also included the MPPS bond progress history, and a Major Program Audit (Nutrition) wherein we also received an “Unmodified Opinion.” The audit finds MPPS with a \$4,553,775 fund balance (10.77%), excluding tribal grants. CFO Ginger Faber also presented information regarding the audit. Questions and answers followed the presentation.

SHRM Certified Professional

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger shared that Tammy Carrier, Director of Benefits, achieved the status of SHRM Certified Professional (Society for Human Resource Management). Congratulations to Tammy Carrier.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Chief Financial Officer Ginger Faber presented the general fund revenue and expenditure comparison report for the month ending September, 2019 and 2018, the Treasurer’s Report and the 2016 Capital Projects Fund Report. Questions and answers followed her presentation. Ms. Faber also gave a state aid update which included that our district may receive a \$240.00 per pupil increase this year.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence to report at this time.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Board Minutes & Financials

Sheila Murphy moved to approve the September 16, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes, and the bills payable from September 13, 2019 through October 11, 2019, amounting to \$1,372,704.49. John Mozurkewich seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 5 – 0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Financial Audit Approval

John Mozurkewich moved to approve the 2019 Audited Financial Statements as presented earlier in this meeting. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 5 – 0 vote. The audit finds MPPS with a \$4,553,775.00 fund balance (10.77%), excluding tribal grants.

Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Delegating the Sale of Bonds

Sheila Murphy moved to adopt the Mt. Pleasant Public Schools' Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Delegating the Sale of Bonds and Other Matters Relating Thereto as presented earlier in this meeting. This is the second and final series of bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed four million dollars (\$4,000,000). Brandon McQueen seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Brandon McQueen, John Mozurkewich, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk,
Beth Sorenson Prince
NAYES: None

Motion passed unanimously with a 5 – 0 vote.

Retirement

Beth Sorenson Prince moved to accept the retirement of Deb Derry, Middle School Counselor, effective December 31, 2019, with much regret and appreciation, as presented. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 5 – 0 vote.

Donation

John Mozurkewich moved to accept the donation from Jeremy Brakenberry of 1,700 board feet of rough cut lumber valued at \$1,700 to be used by the students in the wood shop at GI-TEC. Beth Sorenson Prince seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 5 – 0 vote.

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION

President Tim Odykirk reviewed the upcoming MASB Fall Conference, and in particular the Delegate Assembly that will take place on Friday, November 8th. They will cover such topics as Civil Rights, changing the wording in documents (i.e. children to students) and bylaw changes. He asked the Board Members to review and give him any ideas/opinions that they may want to share.

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ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. by general consent.

APPROVED:

Secretary, Board of Education

Recording Secretary

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