

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

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on October 18, 2021, 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; Sheila Murphy, Treasurer; Dana Calkins, 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, Transportation Director Josh Rhodes

**Guests:**

Debra Ervin, John Klak, Josh Sanders, Melissa Sanders, Maureen N. Eke, Jessica Lapp, Patrick Birgy, Katie Reid, Adam Reid, Jon Porta, Miriam Bigelow, Sherry Trombly, Barry Trombly, Pat Heitman, Daelyn Zanatta, Karen Kiste, Joshua Hicks, Nicole Hagle, Isabel Goodrich, Aimee Bles, Steven Bles, Courtney Cheatham, George Cheatam, Jamie Rivette

**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.

Tim Odykirk was appointed Interim Secretary for the purpose of this meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

Tim Odykirk called the roll.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved by general consent.

**STUDENT BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Student Representative Isabel Goodrich reported on the events taking place at MPHS, including Homecoming 2021.

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## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

### **Annual Financial Audit Presentation, Jamie Rivette, CPA, Yeo & Yeo, and Ginger Faber**

Jamie Rivette, CPA, Yeo and Yeo, presented the Annual Financial Audit for the fiscal year 2020/21. 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 presentation also included 2016 and 2020 bond progress history. Ms. Rivette also stated that this is a draft pending the response from Thrun Law Firm regarding pending litigation from the 2020/21 school year. The audit finds MPPS with a \$6,598,799 fund balance (14.79%), excluding tribal grants. CFO Ginger Faber also presented information regarding the audit. Questions and answers followed the presentation.

### **National Bus Driver Appreciation Week – October 18-22, 2021**

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger acknowledged that the week of October 28<sup>th</sup> is National Bus Driver Appreciation Week. Certificates were presented to bus drivers, transportation support staff, and substitute bus drivers. Their work and dedication to Mt. Pleasant Public Schools is very much appreciated by all. Thank you.

### **COVID Update**

Ms. Verleger shared a COVID update for the District which included active cases. Isabella County continues to be in a “High Transmission” level, which translates into the fact that MPPS will continue masking for all students and staff. Discussion followed.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Chief Financial Officer Ginger Faber presented the general fund revenue and expenditure comparison report for the month ending September, 2021 and 2020, the Treasurer’s Report and the 2016 Capital Projects Fund Report. Questions and answers followed her presentation.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

President Amy Bond shared that the Board of Education received correspondence from the following individuals: Amy Ford, Sarah Jean Buckley, and Andrea McKinnee (2).

## **CITIZENS REQUEST TO ADDRESS BOARD**

The following individuals addressed the Board of Education: Jessica Lapp, Maureen Eke, Patrick Birgy, Sherry Trombley

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **Board Minutes & Financials**

Wiline Pangle moved to approve the October 5, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes, and the bills payable from September 17, 2021 through October 14, 2021, amounting to \$1,336,666.17. Dana Calkins seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 6 - 0 vote.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Annual Financial Audit Approval**

Tim Odykirk moved to accept the Annual Financial Audit as presented, with the exception of a possible footnote due to the pending litigation and response from Thrun Law Firm, as discussed by auditor Jamie Rivette from Yeo and Yeo. Wiline Pangle seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

**NAYES:** None

Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

**Resignation**

Wiline Pangle moved to accept the resignation from Jacqueline Roberge, Pullen 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher, effective October 18, 2021, with much regret and appreciation. Jessica Jernigan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

**New Hire**

Dana Calkins moved to employ the following individuals:

**Sarah Campbell**, Special Education Teacher at the MPMS, at step 3 of the MPEA pay B.A. level pay scale for the 2021-2022 school year;

**Kaleigh Schneider** as a Special Education Teacher at McGuire Elementary School, at step 1 of the MPEA pay B.A. level pay scale for the 2021-22 school year; and

**Alison Young** as a District Special Education Teacher, at step 1 of the MPEA pay B.A. level pay scale for the 2021-2022 school year.

Wiline Pangle seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION**

Tim Odykirk stated that the election on our bond renewal is coming up very soon, it will be held on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, this is a non-tax increase bond.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. by general consent.

**APPROVED:**

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**Secretary, Board of Education**

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**Recording Secretary**

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