

MT. PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting Minutes – October 19, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on October 19, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom link <https://zoom.us/j/97495803298>.

Board Members Present:

Tim Odykirk, President; Amy Bond, Vice-President; Brandon McQueen, Treasurer; Sheila Murphy, Trustee; Wiline Pangle, Trustee; Courtney Stegman, Trustee

Board Members Absent:

John Mozurkewich, Secretary

Administration Present:

Panelists: Superintendent Jennifer Verleger, Asst. Superintendent Linda Boyd, Chief Financial Officer Ginger Faber, Pullen Principal Diane Falsetta, Ganiard Principal Marcy Stout, Middle School Principal Darby Weaver, High School Principal John Winkler, CTE Director Mary Kay Voeks

Guests:

Panelist: Debra Ervin, Lauren Rupe. The following are names provided via their Zoom identity: Tyler Morkin, Natalie Morkin, Quana Hoffman, Maria Gonzalez, Dana Calkins, Stefanie Sedlar, Kyle, Lauren Stewart, Nancy Ridley, Breyanna Wing-Brenner, Heather Allen, Bryant Greiner, Kelli Strom, Katie Hoyle, Julie Jackson, Becky Hansen, Amy Weber, Miss DiMaggio, Wendy Epple, Chelsea Plevinski, Nicole Hagle, Heather Ramsey, Kristin Willey, Dr. Riley Justis, Lisa Auker, Jessica Jernigan, Courtney Russell, Joelle MacDonald-Snyder, Christie Brennan, Andrea, Bob Zurawski, Sarah Hicks, LC, Delayne Schutt, Sarah B., April Scott, Kendra Asher, Melissa Haggart, Cynthia View, Michelle Rupe, Kathleen, Michelle Keeler, Amanda Carey, Amy Grandy, Hanna, Cheryl Nerowski, Tracy McDonald, Cheryl, Lisa Diaz, Michelle Wilson, Kaylyn Carroll, Chelsea Ouellette, Angela Skonieczny, Kristen Jacobs, Laurie, J. Fidler, Alexia Torres, Emily Blahnik, Katie Hoyle, Heather Ramsey, Nicole Hagle, Nicole Reinke, KB, Katie Rinke, rshilman, Kay McArthur, Maggie, Binder, Kaylee Vander Baan, Danielle Bruursema, Andrea, Crina Tarasi, Ashley Buckley, Brett, RL, Alicia Debus, jw, Jacq Roberge, Jessica Trawick, Jill, Kelly Bechtel, AMoore, Beth MacGregor, Katie, BP, Stephanie Terpstra, Samantha Snow, Margarita Wilson, Jessica Trawick, Nicole Foster, Dayna J., Katy Flint, Zach Brown, James, Nicki Schlicht, Jodi Nieport, Susan Renaud, jakubowski, Kyle Ash, Pam Worth, Angela Skonieczny, Katarina, Melissa Haggart, Alicia Debus, Katy Flint, Daelyn Woolnough, Adrienne Mitchell, Erin King, Nicole, Hanna, Erin Ulrich, Dr. Ford, RL, Lori and Ryan Lillie, Dayna J. Daniel Weber, Christi, Alexia Torres, Ginger Kaufman, ML, Amy Grandy, Josh Ayerdi, Bryan Dole, Lauren Stewart, Emily Blahnik, Stephen Wheeler, Chrissy Lane, Lydia grossnickle, Betsy, Jen Pasanski, Jeremy Stembridge, Carlie Lux, Emily Ash, Jackie Mulikin, Laura Angera, Alycia Krieger, Aimee Murphy,

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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.

INTERIM SECRETARY

Sheila Murphy was appointed Interim Secretary for the purpose of this meeting only.

ROLL CALL

Sheila Murphy called the roll.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by general consent.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student Representative Lauren Rupe shared with the Board of Education events happening at MPHS, including announcing the names of the Homecoming King and Queen, and the upcoming events for homecoming.

SUPERINTENDENT'S 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 2019/20. 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, and a Major Program Audit (Nutrition) which received an “Unmodified Opinion” also. The audit finds MPPS with a \$5,549,821 fund balance (12.92%), excluding tribal grants. CFO Ginger Faber also presented information regarding the audit. Questions and answers followed the presentation.

Board Candidate Introductions

The following Board Candidates addressed the Board of Education and community regarding their campaign to become a MPPS Board of Education Member: Dana Calkins, Jessica Jernigan, Riley Justis, Tyler Morkin, Timothy Odykirk, Wiline Pangle, and Robert Zurawski. The upcoming election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

CORRESPONDENCE

President Tim Odykirk acknowledged receiving correspondence from the following people: Robin Ervin, Stefanie Terpstra, Shannon Deleon.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Board Minutes & Financials

Sheila Murphy moved to approve the October 5, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes, and the bills payable from September 18, 2020 through October 15, 2020, amounting to \$2,608,982.36. Amy Bond seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Amy Bond, Brandon McQueen, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk,
Wiline Pangle, Courtney Stegman

NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously with a 6 - 0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Regarding Action Taken at Virtual Meetings

President Tim Odykirk explained the events that have taken place in the last few weeks regarding the Open Meetings Act, among other subjects. The Michigan Legislature recently passed Senate Bill 1108. Therefore, the Resolution Regarding Action Taken at Virtual Meetings is not necessary. Discussion followed.

Annual Financial Audit Approval

Brandon McQueen moved to approve the 2020 Annual Financial Audit as presented earlier in this meeting. The audit finds MPPS with a \$5,549,821 fund balance (12.92%), excluding tribal grants. Wiline Pangle seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Amy Bond, Brandon McQueen, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk,
Wiline Pangle, Courtney Stegman

NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously with a 6 - 0 vote.

Recreation Authority Resolution Approval

Sheila Murphy moved to adopt the Mid Michigan Aquatic Recreational Authority, Isabella County, Michigan Resolution to Adopt Articles of Incorporation, as presented by administration. Amy Bond seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Amy Bond, Brandon McQueen, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk,
Wiline Pangle, Courtney Stegman

NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously with a 6 - 0 vote.

High School Graduation Requirements Recommendation

Brandon McQueen moved to approve the recommendation to reduce the number of required credits to 25 for the Mt. Pleasant High School classes at 2021, 2022 and 2023, as presented at the October 5, 2020 Regular Meeting and shared again at this meeting. Amy Bond seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Amy Bond, Brandon McQueen, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk,
Wiline Pangle, Courtney Stegman

NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously with a 6 - 0 vote.

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Retirement – Administrator

Amy Bond moved to accept the retirement of Susan Renaud, Principal of Mary McGuire Elementary School, effective October 31, 2020, with regret and much appreciation, as presented by administration. Wiline Pangle seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Amy Bond, Brandon McQueen, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk,
Wiline Pangle, Courtney Stegman

NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously with a 6 - 0 vote.

Retirement – Certified Staff Members

Brandon McQueen moved to accept the retirement of Cindy Onica, 4th grade teacher at Mary McGuire Elementary, effective October 22, 2020, and Kelly Peterson, 5th grade teacher at Mary McGuire Elementary, effective November 19, 2020, with regret and much appreciation, as presented by the administration. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Amy Bond, Brandon McQueen, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk,
Wiline Pangle, Courtney Stegman

NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously with a 6 - 0 vote.

Resignation – Certified Staff Members

Wiline Pangle moved to accept the resignation of Heather Ellenwood, Music Teacher at MPMS and MPHS, effective October 16, 2020, and Blair Smalley, School Social Worker at MPMS, effective October 23, 2020, with regret and much appreciation, as presented by the administration. Amy Bond seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Amy Bond, Brandon McQueen, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk,
Wiline Pangle, Courtney Stegman

NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously with a 6 - 0 vote.

Donations

Amy Bond moved to accept the following donations: Six Books entitled “Hiya Moriah” to the elementary buildings from the CHARGE Syndrome Research Club at CMU valued at \$74.75; and student classroom supplies from Walmart of Mt. Pleasant valued at \$5,000.00 for the district usage. Brandon McQueen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Amy Bond, Brandon McQueen, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk,
Wiline Pangle, Courtney Stegman

NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously with a 6 - 0 vote.

EXTENDED COVID-19 LEARNING PLAN

Reconfirmation Report

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger presented the Reconfirmation Report which included the history of the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan and survey information.

Return to School Plan Update

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger, Pullen Principal Diane Falsetta, Ganiard Principal Marcy Stout, Middle School Darby Weaver, MPHS Principal John Winkler, and CTE Director Mary

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Kay Voeks presented information regarding their respective buildings and the plan that they presented for their respective schools. There is no change in the Return to School Plan for Adult Education, WAY/Oasis, Day Treatment, and Isabella County Correctional Facility requested. A lengthy discussion followed.

Public Comment Relating to the Return to School Plan

Crina Tarasi, Kelli Strom, Katie Hoyle, Dayna J, Jessica Jernigan, Bree, Margo, Taylor Strom, Heather Ramsey, Andrea, Rhonda Lundsted, Kristen Weber, and Chelsea Plevinski all addressed the Board of Education.

Return to School Plan Approval

Sheila Murphy moved to accept the recommendations of the administration as presented in their Return to School Plan. Tim Odykirk seconded the motion. Discussion took place.

Brandon McQueen moved to amend the motion to keep the six feet distance at the Middle School and allow flexibility at the DK-5 buildings. No second to the motion.

Amy Bond moved to approve the plan as presented at the DK-12 grade buildings and the Gratiot Isabella Technical Education Center, while maintaining four feet distance. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

A roll call vote was taken to amend the above motion to approve the plan as presented at the DK-12 grade buildings and the Gratiot-Isabella Technical Education Center, and maintaining six feet distance whenever possible at the DK-8 grade buildings, with no less than four feet distance at any given time, and with full transparency. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. Discussion followed. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Amy Bond, Brandon McQueen, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk,
Wiline Pangle, Courtney Stegman

NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously with a 6 - 0 vote.

The Board of Education then moved to approve the original motion with the amendment. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Amy Bond, Brandon McQueen, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk,
Wiline Pangle, Courtney Stegman

NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously with a 6 - 0 vote.

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.

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION

Brandon McQueen stated that every member of congress should watch this board meeting.

Tim Odykirk stated he is glad that homecoming events are moving forward. He also attended a tree planting event at Fancher over the weekend and stated it was a wonderful community event.

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ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 10:53 p.m. by general consent.

APPROVED:

Secretary, Board of Education

Recording Secretary

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