

**MT. PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Board of Education**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes – October 4, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on October 4, 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; Courtney Stegman, Secretary; Sheila Murphy, Treasurer; Jessica Jernigan, Trustee; Wiline Pangle, Trustee

**Board Members Absent:**

Dana Calkins, Trustee

**Administration Present:**

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger, Asst. Superintendent Linda Boyd, Chief Financial Officer Ginger Faber, MPHS Principal John Winkler, MPHS Assoc. Principal Jeff Platte, Special Education Supervisor Stefanie House, Special Education Assistant Director Kelly Merrihew, Vowles Principal Kim Bishop, MPCE and WAY Director Kim Funnell, GI-TEC Director Mary Kay Voeks, CIO Joe Judge, McGuire Principal Erin King, Middle School Principal Darby Weaver

**Guests:**

Debra Ervin, Nick Toner, John Klak, Robin Martinez, John Zang, Nick Malish, Maureen Eke, Jessica Lapp, Pat Heitman, Katie Reid, John Chiodini, Daelyn Zanatta, Alice Roberson, Laura Gourlay, Jason Lin

**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.

**ROLL CALL**

Courtney Stegman called the roll.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was amended to add Mid-Michigan Aquatic Recreational Authority Approval under New Business B. The amended agenda was approved by general consent.

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### **CITIZENS REQUEST TO ADDRESS BOARD**

The following citizens addressed the Board of Education: Jessica Lapp, Maureen Eke, Laura Gourlay, John Chiodini

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

#### **Mid-Michigan Aquatic Recreational Authority Update**

John Zang, Chairman of the Mid-Michigan Aquatic Recreational Authority presented a letter and budget info requesting the Mt. Pleasant Public Schools' Board of Education to approve \$10,000 for use by the Mid-Michigan Aquatic Recreational Authority to continue developing a sustainable community aquatic center. Discussion followed. The Board of Education will move on this request during the New Business portion of this Board meeting.

#### **National Principal/Administrator Month**

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger presented Certificates of Appreciation and Dedication to administrators that were present at the meeting. Ms. Verleger expressed her gratitude for their dedication to the District. They set the tone of the school buildings every day and stated that these are very challenging times.

#### **Bond Update**

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger gave an update on the upcoming Special School Election for Tuesday, November 2, 2021. The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2022 is 1.4 mills, for a 0 mill net increase over the prior year's levy. Discussion followed the presentation.

#### **COVID Update**

Ms. Verleger shared a COVID update for the District which included active cases and that for the week of October 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **Board Minutes**

Tim Odykirk moved to approve the September 20, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes. Wiline Pangle seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **New Hire**

Jessica Jernigan moved to employ Doug Wright, Project Aware Counselor, at Step 7 of the MPEA pay MA+45 pay scale for the 2021-22 school year, as presented. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

#### **Mid-Michigan Aquatic Recreational Authority**

Sheila Murphy moved to approve \$10,000 for use by the Mid-Michigan Aquatic Recreational Authority to continue developing a sustainable community aquatic center on the condition that the City of Mt. Pleasant and Union Township approve the same, as presented earlier in the meeting. Wiline Pangle seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION**

Tim Odykirk stated that this is Homecoming Week – enjoy the events. He also thanked the administrators for all that they do.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. by general consent.

**APPROVED:**

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**Secretary, Board of Education**

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**Recording Secretary**

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