

MT. PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting Minutes – October 5, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on October 5, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., via Zoom link <https://zoom.us/j/92216397388>

Board Members Present:

Tim Odykirk, President; Amy Bond, Vice-President; John Mozurkewich, Secretary; Sheila Murphy, Trustee; Wiline Pangle, Trustee; Courtney Stegman, Trustee

Board Members Absent:

Brandon McQueen, Treasurer

Administration Present:

Panelists: Superintendent Jennifer Verleger, Asst. Superintendent Linda Boyd, Chief Financial Officer Ginger Faber, Transportation Director Cathy Schafer, MPHS Assoc. Principal Jeff Platte, Vowles Principal Kim Bishop

Guests:

Panelist: Debra Ervin. The following are names provided via their Zoom identity: Jamie Pierson, Quana Hoffman, Wendy Epple, Chelsea Plevinski, Uni zan, Heather Allen, Riley J. Justis, April Scott, Delayne Schutt, Eric, Courtney, Darby, Tyler Morkin, Jessica Jernigan, whoyle, Alexa Kalinski, Jill Jakubowski, Katie Joyle, Erin White, Andrea, Cheryl Nerowski, Bryant Greiner, Thresa Morgan, Laura Gourlay, Timothy Nieporte, RL, Tanya Bork, Amy Weber, Stephanie Terpstra, Dani Forsma, Beth Sorenson Prince, Dayna J, Laurie, Heather Allen, Stefanie, Kaylyn Carroll, Julie Jackson, Katy Flint, Tracey McDonald, Kathleen, Michelle Morey, Kendra Asher, Melinda, Danielle Bruursema, Cathy Schafer, Lauren S, Katie, Mary Melaragno, Dayna J, Daniel Weber, Christina Sharp, Adrienne Mitchell, Alex Wagner, Katie Rinke, Allison Riedel, E. Blahnik, Rachel Jaksa, Ali LaPreze, Amy Weber, Dr. Ford, Jill Jakubowski, Joelle Snyder

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.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Board Minutes

Sheila Murphy moved to approve the September 21, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. Amy Bond seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Amy Bond, John Mozurkewich, Sheila Murphy, Wiline Pangle,
Tim Odykirk

NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously with a 5 - 0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Restoral of Wage Concessions

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger presented a memo stating that Gov. Whitmer signed the state of Michigan budget for the 2020-21 school year which does not include the per pupil reductions that were projected in June of 2020 to take place. Since the 2020-21 MPPS foundation allowance is not being reduced, the restoral of wage concessions for all district employees, retroactive to the start of the 2020-21 contract year for each employee and/or employee group is recommended by the MPPS Central Office Administration. Discussion followed.

John Mozurkewich moved to approve the restoral of wage concessions for all district employees, retroactive to the start of the 2020-21 contract year for each employee and/or employee group, as recommended. Amy Bond seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Amy Bond, John Mozurkewich, Sheila Murphy, Wiline Pangle,
Tim Odykirk

NAYES: None

Motion passed unanimously with a 5 – 0 vote.

NEOLA Policy 2nd Reading and Adoption

Policy #2266 – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities

Asst. Superintendent Linda Boyd presented Policy #2266 for the 2nd reading and adoption. She reviewed the updated policy. Discussion followed.

Amy Bond moved to adopt Policy #2266-Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities, as presented. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Amy Bond, John Mozurkewich, Sheila Murphy, Wiline Pangle,
Tim Odykirk

NAYES: None

Motion passed unanimously with a 5 – 0 vote.

*Trustee Courtney Stegman joined the meeting at this point in time.

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Donation – Walmart to the District

Trustee Wiline Pangle moved to accept the donation of student classroom supplies to the district by Walmart, valued at \$3,000.00, as presented. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Amy Bond, John Mozurkewich, Sheila Murphy, Wiline Pangle,
Tim Odykirk, Courtney Stegman

NAYES: None

Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

Appointment of Delegates to the MASB Annual Leadership Conference

President Tim Odykirk presented information regarding the Delegate Assembly that will take place on November 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Discussion followed.

John Mozurkewich moved to appoint Amy Bond and Wiline Pangle as MPPS delegate representatives at the Delegate Assembly on November 5, 2020. Wiline Pangle seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Amy Bond, John Mozurkewich, Sheila Murphy, Wiline Pangle,
Tim Odykirk, Courtney Stegman

NAYES: None

Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

REPORT(S)/UPDATES

National Principal’s Month

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger stated that October is National Principal’s Month. We, at MPPS, like to also acknowledge all building administrators during this time. Ms. Verleger stated her appreciation for their time and dedication to the District. She read each administrators name and will present them with a Certificate of Appreciation at the next administrative meeting. President Tim Odykirk also expressed the Board’s appreciation for each administrator.

National School Bus Safety Week – October 19-23, 2020

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger stated that October 19-23, 2020 is National School Bus Safety Week. She stated that we appreciate all transportation staff and enjoy taking this time to express our gratitude. Ms. Verleger read off the names of each bus driver, substitute bus driver, mechanic, dispatcher and transportation director, along with their years of service. She plans to visit the Transportation Department during the week of October 19th and present each employee with a Certificate of Appreciation. President Tim Odykirk also expressed the Board’s appreciation for their flexibility and the phenomenal job that they are doing.

Transportation – Annual Report

Transportation Director Cathy Schafer presented the annual Transportation Report. Her report included, but was not limited to data from 2019-20, fleet replacement, goals, COVID protocols, and the need for new drivers. We have taken possession of two new diesel buses just this past week. They will be on the road once the cameras have been installed. The Transportation Department is working on better communication with our community members, placing documents on line for easier access, and additional training of employees. Ms. Schafer also shared the COVID protocols that are now taking place on each bus. Discussion followed the presentation.

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High School Graduation Requirements

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger and Assoc. Principal Jeff Platte presented information regarding reducing the number of required credits from 27.5 credits, to 25 credits to graduate from the Mt. Pleasant High School for the classes of 2021, 2022 and 2023. Discussion followed. This memo will be presented at the October 19, 2020 Regular Board of Education Meeting for approval.

Return to School Plan – Review of Survey Data

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger, together with Asst. Superintendent Linda Boyd and Vowles Principal Kim Bishop, presented the survey data collected by our District from parents and staff relating to face to face instruction, Oilers Online, and Social Emotional Learning. Ms. Verleger also included a timeline regarding re-enrollment for the 2nd trimester. Re-enrollment for Oilers Online students will take place October 6-13th. Face to face students do not need to re-enroll unless they would like to change to the Oilers Online program. The District again is asking for a trimester commitment. 2nd trimester begins November 16th. The 2nd Trimester Return to School Plan will be presented to the Board of Education at the October 19th Regular Meeting.

Discussion followed the presentation.

PSC Monthly Update

Assistant Superintendent Linda Boyd presented the monthly PSC update.

CITIZENS REQUEST TO ADDRESS BOARD

President Tim Odykirk asked if anyone would like to address the Board of Education. The following people addressed the Board of Education: Jessica Jernigan, Melissa Isaac, Erin White, Michelle Morey, Margarita Wilson, Quana Hoffman, Dayna J, and Heather Wezensky.

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION

No discussion at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. by general consent.

APPROVED:

Secretary, Board of Education

Recording Secretary

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