

**MT. PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Board of Education**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes – November 15, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on November 15, 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

**Guests:**

Debra Ervin, John Klak, Nick Toner, Breanne Moeggenberg, Heather Trommer-Beardslee, Maureen N. Eke, Pat Heitman, Kris Batzner, Laura Gourlay, Josh Hicks

**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 approved by general consent.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

There was not a Student Representative report.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **Student Enrollment Numbers**

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger reported on the unofficial fall enrollment. It is 3,566.13 FTE, up approximately 64 FTE from Fall, 2020. Once the auditors finalize the Fall count, she will share that information. Discussion followed the presentation.

### **COVID Update**

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger provided a COVID update. District wide cases have increased slightly, at this point we do not have any classrooms that are virtual, and one bus route had to be canceled this week and the district was able to provide optional transportation for those students affected. We continue to appreciate the cooperation we are receiving from our families.

### **2022 Board of Education Appointments Description of Responsibility and Board Member "Norms"**

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger shared the draft copy of the 2022 Board of Education Appointments Description of Responsibility and the Board Member "Norms". If Board Members have any questions, please refer them to Ms. Verleger. These documents will be shared again, and acted upon, at the January 3, 2022 Organizational Meeting.

### **PSC Update**

Assistant Superintendent Linda Boyd provided a PSC update.

### **NEOLA Bylaws & Policies – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Assistant Superintendent Linda Boyd shared the following policies for the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. They will be presented again at the December 13, 2021 Regular Meeting for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and possible adoption.

- Policy 0100 – Definitions – Revised
- Policy 0167.3 – Public Participation at Board Meetings – Revised
- Policy 3120 – Employment of Professional Staff - Revised
- Policy 6114 – Cost Principles – Spending Federal Funds – Revised
- Policy 6152 – Student Fees, Fines, and Supplies – Revised
- Policy 7450 – Property Inventory – Revised
- Policy 8310 – Public Records – Revised
- Policy 8320 – Personnel Files – Revised
- Policy 8330 – Student Records - Revised

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board of Education reported receiving correspondence from Andrea McKinnee.

## **CITIZENS REQUEST TO ADDRESS BOARD**

The following people addressed the Board of Education: Breanne Moeggenberg, Heather Beardsley, Maureen N. Eke, Kris Batzner

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Board Minutes & Financials**

Tim Odykirk moved to approve the November 4, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes, the November 4, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes (Closed Session), and the bills payable from October 15, 2021 through November 11, 2021, amounting to \$1,923,968.96. Wiline Pangle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 6 - 0 vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Retirement**

Courtney Stegman moved to approve the retirement of **Ray Wilton**, MPCE and ICCF instructor, effective December 31, 2021, with regret and much appreciation, as presented. Motion passed unanimously with a 6 - 0 vote.

**Resignations**

Tim Odykirk moved to approve the resignation of **Scott McNeal**, Drafting Instruction at the GI-TEC, effective November 12, 2021; and **Doug Wright**, McGuire Counselor, effective November 1, 2021, with regret and much appreciation, as presented. Wiline Pangle seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 6 - 0 vote.

**New Hires**

Wiline Pangle moved to approve the employment of the following individuals, as presented: **Celeste Mills**, 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher at Pullen Elementary, at step 10 of the MPEA pay M.A. level pay scale for the 2021-22 school year; **Josephine Sepanski**, English teacher at MPHS, at step 5 of the MPEA pay B.A. level pay scale for the 2021-22 school year; and **Emily Schwemer**, English teacher at MPHS, at step 1 of the MPEA pay B.A. level pay scale for the 2021-22 school year. Jessica Jernigan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 6 - 0 vote.

**Donation**

Tim Odykirk moved to accept the donation of a Rifton Activity Chair valued at \$1,275.00 from Tim and Nancy Hartshorne, as presented. Jessica Jernigan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 6 - 0 vote.

**New Activity Account**

Tim Odykirk moved to approve the New Activity Account for Fancher Grants, as presented. Jessica Jernigan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 6 - 0 vote.

**Bond Resolution**

CFO Ginger Faber presented the MPPS Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Delegating the Sale of Bonds and Other Matters Relating Thereto. Discussion followed the presentation. Tim Odykirk moved to adopt the MPPS Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Delegating the Sale of Bonds and Other Matters Relating Thereto, as presented. Wiline Pangle seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Amy Bond, Jessica Jernigan, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk, Wiline Pangle,  
Courtney Stegman

**NAYES:** None

Motion passed unanimously with a 6 - 0 vote.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION**

Amy Bond and Tim Odykirk shared information from the MASB Leadership Conference that they attended the previous week.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m. by general consent.

**APPROVED:**

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**Secretary, Board of Education**

*Debra Erwin*

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**Recording Secretary**

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