

MT. PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting Minutes – November 16, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on November 16, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., via Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/97316165608>

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

None

Administration Present:

Panelists: Superintendent Jennifer Verleger, Asst. Superintendent Linda Boyd, Chief Financial Officer Ginger Faber, MPHS Principal John Winkler, Fancher Principal Katie Rinke, Ganiard Principal Marcy Stout

Guests:

Panelist: Debra Ervin, Melissa Isaac, Carl VanderZee. The following are names provided via their Zoom identity: Marie, John Klak, Jacqueline Roberge, Heather Allen, Tracy McDonald, Riley Justis, Chelsea Plevinski, rshilman, E. Blahnik, Beth and Evan Prince, Kay, Hillary DiMaggio, Christine Nunn, Aimee Murphy, Sarah Philips, 19899544223, Eric Beckman, Lynette Eichenlaub, Angela Skonieczny, Abby Ernst, Megan Williams, Nicole Hagle, Heather Ramsey, Terri Hale, Bobbie, WHoyle, Lauren Tabor, Jessica Lapp, Daelyn Woolnough, Andrea, Stacey Starr, Lexi Mielke, Bridget, Cheryl, Lisa Yanick Litwiller, Courtney Russell, Michelle Leiter, Emily Thorpe, Erin King, Lisa Robbins, Lori Lillie, Josh Ayerdi, Quana Hoffman, Abbi Lewandowski, Kimberly Wyche, Stephanie Sedlar, Natalie Morkin, Alexa Torres, Amanda Carey, Katy Flint, Kurt Klingenpeel, Shari Norman, Heather Lynch, Belinda, Brandi, Sara, Rachel Jaksa, Wendy Epple, Andraelle Snyder, Andra, Jordan Bruursema, Kerry Lockwood, Cbrink7, Amy, Sheila, Sarah Hicks, sgerth, Lisa Auker, Brian, Ashleigh Begres, jm, April Scott, Angie Szelag, Josh Rhodes, Martin, Kristin Jacobs, Hanna, Kaylyn Carroll, Trina, Megan Williams, Darby, Breyanna Wing-Brenner, Jessica Trawick, Weber, Margarita Wilson, Ally, Miss Pat, Brynn Gudeman, Laurie, Jennifer Zaroni, Jessica Jernigan, Mary LaChance, Tracey Wood, Laura Gourlay, Sarah Muscott, Heather VanConant, Sulynn Sommers, Nicole Reinke, Kristin Willey, Stephanie Terpstra, Sophia, James, Joelle MacDonald-Snyder, Jessica Chapman, Stacie, Dani Formsma, Clair or Andrew Foster, LeeAnne Walker, Jamie Cartier, Dee Dee, Henning, Dayna J., Mary, Miriam, Karen, Deb Smith, Heidi Gossard, Theresa Jones, Eileen Jennings, Emily Stout, Aaron Mills, Angela, Kendra Asher, Sarah Keehbauch, Samantha, Jeremy Stembridge, Kimberly Funnell, Michelle, Lauren Stewart, Geiger, Lawrence, Jodi Nieporte, Jennifer Klein, Maria Gonzalez, Ginger Kaufman, Craig Surbrook, Amy Grandy, Andy Schoenborn, Nicole Mozurkewich, Brandy, Kelly Bechtel, Dana Calkins, Bryant Griener, Brett, Dawn, Cathy Schafer, Alycia Krieger, Kim, Roxanne Fleer, Cathy Willermet, Allie LaPreze, Matt Taton, Brinn, Elaine, Brett Fidler, Beth MacGregor, KW, Katie Hoyle, Sgeorgia, Amanda, Init. _____

Martha Miller, Andrea, Dawn Haggert, Jamie Storey, Krystal, Andrew Miller, Emily Ash, Molly Berry, amooore, Kellie Dziuk, Annaleisefox, Heidi, RL, Andrienne Mitchell, Kelsey Brewer, Heather, Dan Weber, Melinda, Betsy, Dr. Ford, Tanya Bork, jb, Nicki Schlicht, Deborah Mielke, Julie Gross, Amanda, Minde Wischmeyer, Margo, Jake, Shelley Dixon, Shannon, MaryAnn, C. Brennan, Sarah Buckley, Stephanie Hall, Amy Weber, Shuana Stevens, Nikota Mottin, Judy, SS, Karrie Gott, Erica Haggstrom, Melissa Schalk, Karen Cotter, Katarina, samschopher, Shannon Recker, Nathan Isaac, Rick, Katie, cliffordsian, e, Krystal Welters, cmurphy, Angie Zeneberg, Melissa Sweet, Kaylee VanderBaan, Julie Pepper, Keri, Carrie House, robinervin, kstruck, Ryan Lillie, Tiffanie Phelps, Tiffany Teeple, Nikki Smith, Jillian, shean, Lisa Diaz, Alex Crowley, jkl, Sara Doyle, jakubowski, Jasmine Eichinger, Matt Hewitt, rdh, laura h, Chrissy Lane, Louis Vajda, Lindsay, Vance, Jennifer, Emily Rudd, slemmer, Delayne Schutt, Paul Parks, Tracie Christian, Allison Arnekraus

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.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

No report given.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

MASB Fall Leadership Conference Discussion – Tim Odykirk, Amy Bond, Wiline Pangle

Tim Odykirk, Amy Bond and Wiline Pangle shared their experiences at the MASB Fall Leadership Conference which was held virtually. Overall, it was a great experience for all three board members.

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe (SCIT) Presentation – Melissa Isaac

Ms. Melissa Isaac, Director of Education, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, joined the meeting. Ms. Isaac shared the departmental structure, Title VI Indian Education Formula Grant information, the names of staff members in the DK-12 Program, and the services that they provide to MPPS. The services include, but are not limited to: academic, culture and social-emotional support, (storytelling, Semaa, homework lab, virtual hours and IEP support); events (District Pow-Wow, tribal community family engagement and family information nights); and data collecting. Discussion followed the presentation, including the possibility of having a MPPS Board Member join an educational committee at SCIT as a liaison only. Ms. Verleger will reach out to the SCIT representatives to further this discussion.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

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

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence to report at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Minutes & Financials

Amy Bond moved to approve the November 2, 2020, Regular Meeting minutes and the bills payable from October 16, 2020 through November 12, 2020, amounting to \$1,183,451.33. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. Roll call was taken:

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

NAYES: None

Motion passed unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Wireless Project Technology Bid Approval

Carl VanderZee, Communications by Design Vice-President, presented the Wireless Project Technology Bid for approval. Discussion followed his presentation. These funds will be 100% supported by the CARES grant.

Sheila Murphy moved to approve contracts with Moss of Grand Rapids, Michigan, in the amount of \$367,903.20 for network electronics and wireless work, including select alternates; and with Town and Country of Zeeland, Michigan, in the amount of \$109,616.00 for low voltage cabling, to complete the District technology renovations, as recommended. John Mozurkewich seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

New Hires

John Mozurkewich moved to approve the employment of the following individuals, as presented by the administration:

Sarah Kerr, Special Education teacher for the district, at Step 1 of the MPEA pay BA scale for the 2020/21 school year;

Abigail Miklusicak, Special Education teacher for the district, at Step 8 of the MPEA pay BA scale for the 2020/21 school year; and

Abigail Ernst, Secondary Music Education teacher for the district, at Step 1 of the MPEA pay scale for the 2020/21 school year.

Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. Roll call was taken:

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

NAYES: None

Motion passed unanimously with a 7 - 0 vote.

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NEOLA Policies – 2nd Reading and Adoption

The following NEOLA polices were presented for the 2nd reading and possible adoption:

- 5610 – Emergency Removal Suspension, and Expulsion of Students – Revised
- 5611 – Due Process Rights – Revised
- 7440 – Security and Video Surveillance – Revised

Amy Bond moved to adopt the above stated policies as presented. Brandon McQueen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

EXTENDED COVID-19 LEARNING PLAN

Reconfirmation Information and Return to School Update

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger, with the assistance of Marcy Stout, Katie Rinke, and John Winkler, presented the Reconfirmation Meeting Report and the Return to School Plan. They included an update on individual buildings since the last board meeting. Based on the current epidemic order from Michigan DHHS and our local community situation, the administration recommends the following format moving forward:

- Week of November 16, 2020 – All DK-12 students virtual (already happening)
- Weeks of November 23 & 30, 2020 – All DK-12 students virtual
- Weeks of December 7 & 14, 2020 – Return to face to face and virtual instruction for DK-8th grade, and return to hybrid model for MPHS on December 9th based on the epidemic order
- Weeks of December 21 & 28, 2020 – Winter Break
- Week of January 4, 2021 – All DK-12 students virtual
- Week of January 11, 2021 and beyond – return to face to face and virtual instruction for all students DK-12.

Lengthy discussion followed the presentation

Public Comment

The following individuals addressed the Board of Education regarding the Return to School Update: Hanna, Amanda Carey, Andraelle Snyder, Chelsea Plevinski, Abbi Lewandoski, Dr. Amy Ford, Ashleigh Begres, Maria Gonzalez, Allison Arnekraus, Betsy, Melissa Schalk, and Heidi.

John Mozurkewich moved to approve the administration's recommendation as stated above giving the Superintendent the latitude to adjust, if necessary, and to stay in constant communication with the Board of Education, and a final decision regarding the week of December 7th being made by December 2, 2020. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

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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

Tim Odykirk thanked the residents who ran for the open board positions, and congratulated Dana Calkins and Jessica Jernigan on their new positions as Board Members.

John Mozurkewich stated at one point we had discussed state funding and obtaining a line of credit and questioned if this had been done. Ginger replied.

CLOSED SESSION – SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION DISCUSSION

Pursuant to Superintendent Jennifer Verleger’s written request for Closed Session for the purpose of discussing her Evaluation, Sheila Murphy moved to enter into Closed Session. Amy Bond seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote and the Board of Education entered into Closed Session at 9:56 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION – 9:56 p.m. – 11:05 p.m., via Zoom - <https://zoom.us/j/94574049687>

OPEN SESSION

John Mozurkewich moved to enter into Open Session. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote and the Board of Education entered into Open Session at 11:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 11:06 p.m. by general consent.

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Secretary, Board of Education

Recording Secretary

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