

**MT. PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting Minutes – November 4, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on November 4, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the Kinney Conference Room, 720 N. Kinney Ave., Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Beth Sorenson Prince, Vice-President

Administration Present:

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger, Asst. Superintendent Linda Boyd, Chief Financial Officer Ginger Faber, Facilities Director Josh Rhodes, WAY Director Kim Funnell, MPMS Principals Dana Calkins and Darby Weaver

Guests:

Debra Ervin, Patrick Heitman, Holly Ploch, Alexia Torres, Faith Freedom, Amber Bloss, Amy Shaner, Lori Arthur, Sakinah Alsatnani, Lisa Johnson, Amanda Carey, Chelsea Gordon, Lisa Davis, Margie Dexter, Jason Raitz, Barb Vojda, Terry Taylor, Dave Sabuda, Student #S1-2019/20, Student's Parents

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.

CITIZENS REQUEST TO ADDRESS BOARD

Faith Freedom, Mt. Pleasant, addressed the Board of Education regarding her concern over the substitute teacher pay. Lisa Johnson, MPHS teacher, addressed the Board of Education asking for additional support for MPHS.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Board Minutes

Sheila Murphy moved to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2019, Regular Meeting. John Mozurkewich seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

New Hire

Amy Bond moved to approve the employment of Chelsea Gordon as a Special Education teacher at McGuire School, for the 2019/20 school year, at Step 1 of the B.A. level pay scale, as presented by the administration. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

Donation

John Mozurkewich moved to accept the donation of \$1,000 from the Thrive Church as presented by Dana Calkins. The money will be used to further enhance the education of the Middle School students. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

REPORT(S)/UPDATE

WAY Presentation

WAY Director Kim Funnell and Way Team Leader Holly Ploch presented their report to the Board of Education. WAY had 17 graduates for the 2018/19 school year and so far for the 2019/20 school year there have been two graduates. 103 students are enrolled in the WAY program for 2019/20 and they continue to work closely with the Special Education Department. The WAY Forward Program has a total of 29 students currently enrolled and they have welcomed a new team leader, Amber Bloss. Ms. Ploch also shared intervention data which included credits earned, HERO logins and lab hours attended. Questions and answers followed the presentation.

Facility Management Report

Josh Rhodes, Facility Management Director, shared the annual Facility Management report. His report to the Board of Education included, but was not limited to; capital resources, maintenance staff, work order requests, preventative maintenance, contracted services, summer 2019 construction, and current projects. Discussion took place about future projects, including the construction that will take place during the summer of 2020.

PSC Monthly Update

Asst. Superintendent Linda Boyd presented the PSC monthly update.

Call for School Board Meetings

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger presented the Call for School Board Meetings for the Organizational Meeting to take place on Monday, January 6, 2020, at 6:00, and the Regular Meeting to take place on January 6, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.

2020 School Board Schedule (draft) and Description of Responsibility

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger shared the 2020 School Board Schedule (draft) and Description of Responsibility. The schedule for 2020 is a draft, Board Member feedback is welcome.

NEOLA Bylaws and Policies – 1st Reading

Asst. Superintendent Linda Boyd shared the following Bylaws and Policies for the first reading. Questions and answers followed the presentation. The Bylaws and Policies will be presented at the November 18, 2019, Regular Meeting for the second reading and possible adoption.

1420 – School Administrator Evaluation – Revised

3220 – Professional Staff Evaluation - Revised

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2265 – Child Care Center Staff and Volunteers – New
2450 – Community and Adult Education – Revised
2628 – State and Incentives – Revised
3210 – Staff Ethics – Revise
5230 – Late Arrival and Early Dismissal – Revised
6800 – System of Accounting – Revised
7300 – Disposition of Real Property – Revised
7440.03 – Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems – New
8400 – School Safety Information – Reissued
8462 – Student Abuse and Neglect – Revised
1615 – Use of Tobacco by Administrators - New
3215 – Use of Tobacco by Professional Staff – Revised
4215 – Use of Tobacco by Support Staff – Revised
5512 – Use of Tobacco by Students – Revised
7434 – Use of Tobacco on School Premises – Revised
2410 - Prohibition of Referral or Assistance - Revised
2414 - Reproductive Health and Family Planning - Revised
2418 – Sex Education – Revised

STUDENT HEARING - #S1 – 2019/20

Pursuant to the Request for Closed Meeting from the parent of **Student #S1 – 2019/20**, John Mozurkewich moved to enter into Closed Session. Brandon McQueen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Amy Bond, Brandon McQueen, John Mozurkewich, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk, Courtney Stegman
NAYES: None

Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote. The Board of Education entered into Closed Session at 7:20 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION: 7:20 p.m. – 8:36 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

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

AYES: Amy Bond, Brandon McQueen, John Mozurkewich, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk, Courtney Stegman
NAYES: None

Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote. The Board of Education entered into Open Session at 8:36 p.m.

Sheila Murphy moved to suspend Student #S1 – 2019/20 through the end of the 2019/20 school year relating to the incident that took place on October 17, 2019. Before being re-admitted to MPPS for the 2020/21 school year, said Student #S1 – 2019/20 will have to petition the Board of Education for approval. At that time the Board of Education will be looking for evidence of behavioral and academic achievement. Said student will receive compensatory education and will be allowed to enroll in Odysseyware. Student #S1 – 2019/20 also has the right to petition the Board of Education for re-admittance before the end of the 2019/20 school year after successful completion of MST services (five months). Amy Bond seconded the motion. Motion passed

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unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote. Policy #5610 was referenced and Superintendent Jennifer Verleger referenced and completed the Section 1310d Disciplinary Factors form.

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION

Pursuant to the written request from Superintendent Jennifer Verleger, Sheila Murphy moved to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of receiving the Superintendent’s self evaluation. Brandon McQueen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYES: None

Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote. The Board of Education entered into Closed Session at 8:40 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION – 8:40 – 10:00 P.M.

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

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

NAYES: None

Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote. The Board of Education entered into Open Session at 10:00 p.m.

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION

No board discussion at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 10:01 p.m. by general consent.

APPROVED:

Secretary, Board of Education

Recording Secretary

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