

MT. PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting Minutes – December 9, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on December 9, 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;

Board Members Absent:

Beth Sorenson Prince, Vice President; Courtney Stegman, Trustee

Administration Present:

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger, Asst. Superintendent Linda Boyd, Chief Financial Officer Ginger Faber, Transportation Director Cathy Schafer

Guests:

Debra Ervin, Patrick Heitman, Paula Beutler, Karen Kiste, Erin King, Miriam Bigelow, Ken Schafer, Katelyn Kovach, Faith Freedom, Stacey Starr, Kara Walters, Mindy Wischmeyer, Lisa Davis, Lisa Johnson, Margie Dexter, Matt Taton, Lizzie Richards, Landon Schumacker

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.

President Tim Odykirk expressed sympathy over the passing of a past Board Member, **Don Chiodo**. Mr. Chiodo sat on the MPPS Board of Education from January 1, 2008 through May 15, 2017. He will be sorely missed by both MPPS and the Mt. Pleasant Community.

CITIZENS REQUEST TO ADDRESS BOARD

Faith Freedom, Mt. Pleasant resident, addressed the Board of Education regarding her concern over the substitute salary, phones in the schools, and general safety in the high school.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

No report was given.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

MPHS Marching Band Presentation

Marching Band Director Matt Taton and students Lizzie Richards and Landon Schumacker expressed their gratitude to the Board of Education members for allowing them to attend the Band of America competition in Indiana back in November, 2019. They had a great performance and the trip was a wonderful, educational experience for all who attended.

PSC Semi-Annual Presentation

Erin King, Chair of PSC, presented the Semi-Annual PSC report. The presentation included names of committee members, the process that PSC uses, the curriculum cycle focus areas for Fall, 2019, and PSC Curriculum Cycle Review timeline. Currently there is a Secondary Business and Technology Task Force Charge and a MPPS Social/Emotional Task Force Charge.

Ms. King shared two out of cycle requests. They are the MPHS AP Environmental Science and MPHS Math Through Gaming (Jamie Young assisted). The PSC is recommending that the Board approve the two out of cycle requests. The PSC requests will be addressed under the Consent Agenda – New Business portion of this meeting.

Chemistry Field Trip to MPHS Cedar Point

Ken Schafer, MPHS Chemistry teacher, presented information regarding the annual field trip to Cedar Point, Ohio, to take place on May 21, 2020. Questions and answers followed.

Transportation Department Presentation

Cathy Schafer, Transportation Director, presented the annual Transportation Department report. Throughout the 2018/19 school year they had 1,162 student riders for a total of 238,088 miles and 34,841 gallons of fuel used. The cost of the fuel was \$78,319. Ms. Schafer also shared the Fleet Replacement schedule. Currently there are 14 full time employees, 1 part time and 4 substitute drivers in the department, together with dispatcher Paula Beutler, mechanic Darren Palmer and Ms. Schafer. In the future they plan to train new hires to be bus drivers, not just to drive a bus, share district policies and department protocols with the employees and improve communication with parents. Questions and answers followed the presentation.

GI-RESD Enrollment Discussion

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger shared the Fall Count (unaudited) enrollment information for the 2019/20 school year.

Revised Budget Appropriation Presentation and Resolution

CFO Ginger Faber shared the Revised Budget Appropriation information and resolution. The resolution states that MPPS will end the 2019/20 school year with a \$4,291,111 fund balance, or what is equivalent to a 9.51% fund balance. Discussion followed the presentation. The resolution will be brought before the Board of Education under the Consent Agenda – New Business of this meeting for possible adoption.

Appointment of MPPS Representative for GI-RESD Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger shared a memo requesting that the Board of Education appoint a MPPS parent to the GI-RESD Parent Advisory Committee (PAC). The parent that she is recommending is Katrina Harrington. This item will be addressed under the Consent Agenda – New Business portion of this meeting.

2020 Board Meeting Calendar, Description of Responsibility, and Board Scheduled Reports

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger shared the above information with the Board Members. It is expected that the 2020 Board Meeting Calendar and Board Scheduled Reports will be adopted at the January 6, 2020 Organizational meeting.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Chief Financial Officer Ginger Faber presented the general fund revenue and expenditure comparison report for the month ending November, 2019 and 2018, the Treasurer's Report and the 2016 Capital Projects Fund Report. Questions and answers followed her presentation.

CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger shared correspondence from Beal City Public Schools' Superintendent Bill Chilman wherein he expressed gratitude to MPPS for lending out our football stadium to the Beal City players while their field was under water.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Minutes & Financials

Sheila Murphy moved to approve the November 18, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes and the November 18, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes (with closed session), and the bills payable from November 15, 2019 through December 5, 2019, amounting to \$965,484.19. Amy Bond seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 5 - 0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

PSC MPHS AP Environmental Science and MPHS Math through Gaming Approval

Brandon McQueen moved to approve the implementation of a MPHS AP Environmental Science elective class and a MPHS Math through Gaming class, with no PSC funding request as grants will fund the requests, as presented during the Superintendent's Report portion of this meeting. John Mozurkewich seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 5 – 0 vote.

MPHS Chemistry Field Trip

Amy Bond moved to approve the MPHS Chemistry Field Trip to Cedar Point on May 21, 2020 as presented. Brandon McQueen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 5 – 0 vote.

Resignation

John Mozurkewich moved to accept the resignation of Jamie Hall, Special Education teacher, effective December 9, 2019, with regret and much appreciation, as presented. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 5 – 0 vote.

New Hire

John Mozurkewich moved to approve the employment of Katelyn Kovach as a Special Education teacher at Step 1 of the B.A. level pay schedule, for the 2019/20 school year. Amy Bond seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 5 – 0 vote.

Summer Tax Levy Resolution

Brandon McQueen moved to adopt the annual Summer Tax Resolution to levy one half of the operational and debt millage on property located in the City of Mt. Pleasant, as presented by administration. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYES: None

Motion passed unanimously with a 5 – 0 vote.

Donation

Sheila Murphy moved to accept the donation of \$2,000 from the MPHS Class of 1968 to be used for student assistance, as presented by administration. Brandon McQueen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 5 – 0 vote.

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Appointment of MPPS Representative for GI-RESD Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

John Mozurkewich moved to appoint MPPS parent Katrina Harrington to the GI-RESD Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) with the term expiring December 31, 2020, as presented by the administration. Amy Bond seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 5 – 0 vote.

Revised Budget Appropriation Resolution

John Mozurkewich moved to adopt the Revised Budget Resolution for the 2019/20 School Year, ending the school year with a \$4,291,111 fund balance, or what is equivalent to a 9.51% fund balance, as presented. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYES: None

Motion passed unanimously with a 5 – 0 vote.

Emergency Operation Plans

Brandon McQueen moved to approve the District Emergency Operation Plans for each building in the District as presented at the November 18, 2019 Regular Meeting. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 5 – 0 vote.

Superintendent Final Evaluation

Board of Education Tim Odykirk presented the Superintendent Final Evaluation statement to be presented to the public. As stated by Mr. Odykirk, the Board Members and Superintendent Jennifer Verleger have met and discussed the evaluation process and this final outcome. Mr. Odykirk read the Final Evaluation and it is attached to these minutes. Amy Bond moved to approve the Superintendent Final Evaluation as presented. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 5 – 0 vote.

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION

Brandon McQueen expressed an interest in showing appreciation for past board members who may have passed away. Their dedication and the sacrifice of their families are much appreciated.

Tim Odykirk thanked all employees for their hard work and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m. by general consent.

APPROVED:

Secretary, Board of Education

Recording Secretary

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