

**MT. PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Board of Education**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes – February 1, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on February 1, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84930647733>.

**Board Members Present:**

Amy Bond, President; Tim Odykirk, Vice-President; Courtney Stegman, Secretary; Sheila Murphy, Treasurer; Dana Calkins, Trustee; Jessica Jernigan, Trustee; Wiline Pangle, Trustee

**Board Members Absent:**

None

**Administration Present:**

Panelists: Superintendent Jennifer Verleger, Asst. Superintendent Linda Boyd, Chief Financial Officer Ginger Faber

**Guests:**

Panelist: Debra Ervin, Jason Doncis, Alice Jo Ricketts. The following names were provided via Zoom link identity: Laurie, Lisa Auker, april scott, Tracy Vanas, Miss Pat, Jodi Nieporte, Kelly, Amanda Carey, Christie B, Hillary DiMaggio, Tracy McDonald, Jamie Morgan, whoyle, Kurt Cliengenpeel, 19899441298, Joelle MacDonald-Snyder, Andrea, Danielle Bruusema, Melissa Isaac, Margarita Wilson, Beth Sorenson Prince, jakubowski, DEM, anna, John Mozurkewich Delayne Schutt, Sulynn Somers, Dayna J, Courtney Russell, Kimberly Funnell, Belinda, Kristin Willey, Katy Flint, Jessica chapman, John, Jennifer Pasanski, Roy Schalk, Tracie Christina, Craig Surbrook, brandy, Bryan Dole

**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.

**ROLL CALL**

Courtney Stegman called the roll.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved by general consent.

**REPORT(S)/UPDATES**

**GRBS Annual Report**

Jason Doncis, CEO of GRBS, presented the annual GRBS report to the Board of Education. His report included, but was not limited to, GRBS's response to the COVID-19 pandemic which included adding the electrostatic disinfectant machine and additional staff to support disinfecting

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the touch points. He also shared information about the staff portal which shares urgent updates and messages with staff members, and shared GRBS management information. In closing Mr. Doncis recognized that Spike Lemmer has been with the company for 10 years. Questions and answers followed the presentation.

**SCIT Ex Officio Alice Jo Ricketts – Board Member Introductions**

Alice Jo Ricketts joined us as the SCIT Ex Officio. MPPS Board Members introduced themselves to Alice. Alice, in turn, introduced herself and shared her personal and professional background, along with her goals as the SCIT Ex Officio. Discussion followed.

**District Annual Education Report (AER)**

Assistant Superintendent Linda Boyd presented the 2019/20 Annual Education Report for Mt. Pleasant Public Schools. The District AER can be found on our website, together with each building AER, and also a copy is available for viewing in the Superintendent’s Office and each school building office. Questions and answers followed the presentation.

**PSC Monthly Update**

Ms. Boyd’s PSC monthly update was included in the AER presentation. Ms. Boyd did state that PSC members will be meeting during the week of February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Board Minutes**

Sheila Murphy moved to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2021 Regular Meeting and the January 18, 2021 Regular Meeting (Closed Session). Wiline Pangle seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

**NAYES:** None

Motion passed unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**IRS Closing Agreement on 3% Retiree Healthcare Contributions**

CFO Ginger Faber presented a memo regarding the IRS Closing Agreement on 3% Retiree Healthcare Contributions. If agreed upon, employee contributions will no longer be subject to Federal Income Tax, Social Security Tax, and Medicare Tax and will now be refunded to the district and employees for any years open under the Statute of Limitations (currently 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020) and no taxes will be withheld on this deduction moving forward. Discussion followed.

Sheila Murphy moved to follow the recommendation of the administration to authorize the Superintendent to sign the Power of Attorney which would allow the attorneys engaged by the Michigan Office of Retirement Services to enter the above mentioned Closing Agreement with the IRS on behalf of the district. Tim Odykirk seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

**NAYES:** None

Motion passed unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

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**New Hire**

Tim Odykirk moved to employ Jamie Morgan as a School Social Worker with MPPS for the 2020-21 school year, at step 5 of the MPEA pay MA scale. Jessica Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

**NAYES:** None

Motion passed unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

**Mt. Pleasant Education Association (MPEA)**

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger presented a memo and Letter of Agreement between the Mt. Pleasant Education Association and the Mt. Pleasant Board of Education addressing the wage opener in the MPEA Master Agreement. Both parties have agreed to a 1.5% increase in the annual salary of members for the 2020-21 school year.

Jessica Jernigan moved to ratify the tentative agreement with the Mt. Pleasant Education Association, as presented. Tim Odykirk seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

**NAYES:** None

Motion passed unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

**Mt. Pleasant Administrators Association (MPAA)**

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger presented a memo and Letter of Agreement between the Mt. Pleasant Administrators Association and the Mt. Pleasant Board of Education addressing the wage opener in the MPAA Master Agreement. Both parties have agreed to a 1.5% increase in the annual salary of members for the 2020-21 school year.

Tim Odykirk moved to ratify the tentative agreement with the Mt. Pleasant Administrators Association, as presented. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

**NAYES:** None

Motion passed unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

**Mt. Pleasant Transportation Association (MPTA)**

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger presented a memo and Letter of Agreement between the Mt. Pleasant Transportation Association and the Mt. Pleasant Board of Education addressing the wage opener in the MPTA Master Agreement. Both parties have agreed to a 1.5% increase in the annual salary of members for the 2020-21 school year.

Dana Calkins moved to ratify the tentative agreement with the Mt. Pleasant Transportation Association, as presented. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

**NAYES:** None

Motion passed unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

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**CITIZENS REQUEST TO ADDRESS BOARD**

President Amy Bond asked if anyone would like to address the Board of Education. Hearing no response she continued on with the meeting.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION**

No discussion at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m. by general consent.

**APPROVED:**

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**Secretary, Board of Education**

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**Recording Secretary**

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