

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

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on February 15, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., via Zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83346545189>.

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, John Winkler, Jeff Platte, Katie Rinke, Kim Bishop, Darby Weaver, Kim Funnell, Jim Conway

Guests:

Panelist: Debra Ervin, Lauren Rupe. The following names were provided via Zoom link identity: Monica Ervin, Bryant, Erica, Stef Sedlar, Laura Chess, Michelle French, Rachele Dale, Brian Sponseller, Eric Baerren, Kelli Strom, Matt, Allison Amekrans, William Dennis, DeeDee, Sarah Russo, Bryan Dole, Kaylee VanderBaan, Natalie Douglas, Jeanne, Tara, Josh Rhodes, Amy Murphy, michellerupe, Marcy Stout, Bridgette Bridget, Jordan Bruursema, Wendy Epple, Tara Tanner, Kristin Willey, Lisa Auker, Quana Hoffman, Lisa Davis, Amanda Rissley, Abbi Lewandowski, Hall, Jamie Pierson, Bree Moeggenberg, Miriam, whoyle, Amy Weber, Abigail, Kerrie Struck, Cynthia View, Stacie, Courtney Russell, Delayne Schutt, Daelyn Woolnough, jpl, Andrea, Kristin Fountain, Christie, Laurie, Kyle Ash, Breyanna Wing-Brenner, Julie, Jennifer Pasanski, Margarita Wilson, Angela Skonieczny, Mindy, Sarah Hicks, Matt, Jack Ervin, setarr, Jason MacLean, Stefanie Terpstra, Kay, Tara Tanner, cmurphy, Tracey McDonald, Gretchen Papazian, Betsy, Joelle Snyder, Tiffany Beckman, Belinda, Becky Hansen, Lori and Ryan Lillie, eblahnik, Kerry Lockwood, Erin King, Chelsea Oullette, Dan Weber, KN, Smith, Nicki Schlicht, heather, illinois, Sue H., tstrom, Sarah Buckley, Matt Taton, Margie Dexter, Lauren S., Adam Dole, Brent Fisher, Pixel3A, Dani Formsma, Nicole E. Foster, Lisa Zimmer, carrie, Tony Gagne, Melinda, Kaylyn Carroll, SK, Sarah Muscott, jessica trawick, 19897733848, Keehbauch, lisa wylie, Taylor, Jodi Nieporte, Chris, Alexa Torres, Nick Wilson, laura h, Jen Gepford, Maria Gonzalez, Dayna J., April Scott, Shannon, Joyce Castellon, Luis Vajda, GalaxyS20 Ultra 5G, Dr. Ford, Doug Moore, Brooke Payton, Sarah Christenson, Martha Miller, Zach Cresswell, Lisa Yardick Litwiller, CParsons, Nicole, Julie Pepper, Michelle Morey, Jennifer Klein, Melissa, Cathy Schafer, Kendra Asher, andra, jakubowski, nicolereinke, Patty Pickler, Craig Sherbrook, 19899544223, Jodie Payton, JPL, Katie, HRCIsabellaCounty, Megan Williams, Cline, Shuna Stevens, Heather Allen, Melissa Haggart, Kyle Trgina, Tara Leonard, KN, Ashleigh B., Tim Obuchowski, Carrie House, Ginger Kaufman, Gretchen McIntyre, Brinn Zaika, Chad, Wendy Ullery, debbie peterson, Belinda, Pat Heitman, Shawn Hutchins, Tiffany T, Allison Chiodini, Init. _____

spf, KWB, anneliesefox, Molly Berry, Christine Rudert, Andy Foster, Joe Wilmes, Randy Keeler, John Mozurkewich, Steve, Brett, hi, GalaxyS10+, Katherine Brown, Melissa Sweet, S, LEIBFAMILY, Kellie Dzuik, Brandy Reihl, Jerome VanOrman, Melinda Brakenberry, Jennifer Schisa

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.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student Representative Lauren Rupe shared with the Board of Education events happening at Mt. Pleasant High School.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Amy Bond shared that the Board of Education received correspondence from Heidi Wood, Daniel Weber, Shannon DeLeon, and Lisa Wylie.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Minutes

Tim Odykirk moved to approve the February 1, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. 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.

Financials

Tim Odykirk moved to approve the bills payable from January 15, 2021 through February 11, 2021, amounting to \$809,836.63. 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 carried unanimously with a 7 - 0 vote.

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NEW BUSINESS

New Hire

Jessica Jernigan moved to approve the employment of **Michaela Kroll** as a Health/Physical Education Teacher for the 2020-21 school year with her salary established at Step 4 of the MPEA pay BA scale for the 2020-21 school year, as presented. Dana Calkins 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 carried unanimously with a 7 - 0 vote.

Donations

Tim Odykirk moved to accept the following donations, as presented:

- ExxonMobil Educational Alliance / J & H Oil Company in the amount of \$500.00 to the high school to support the math and/or science programs;
- LOCKEYUSA in the amount of \$7,148.81 to the District to be used to pay off negative student lunch/breakfast balances; and
- Mt. Pleasant Public Schools Education Foundation in the amount of \$20,000 to be used to purchase Texas Instruments TI-84 Plus CE Color Calculators for the high school Math Department.

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 carried unanimously with a 7 - 0 vote.

Mt. Pleasant Support Personnel Association (MPSPA) – Ratification of Letter of Agreement

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger presented a memo recommending that the Board of Education ratify the agreement between the MPSPA and the Mt. Pleasant Board of Education. The agreement includes, but is not limited to:

- The addition of the Hall Monitor employee group to the master agreement, including the benefit package offered. The Hall Monitor job description was also agreed to by both parties, but is not a part of the master agreement.
- Both parties have agreed to a 1.5% increase in the annual salary of members for the 2020-21 school year. Additionally, the overall MPSPA wage schedule was simplified to include only wage scales that represent all employee groups. The district further agrees to cover at least 80% of the single subscriber hard cap for all full time MPSPA members.
- Both parties have agreed to the “Chart of Days” that clearly describes work and benefit days for each employee group in MPSPA.
- Both parties agree to an extension of the master agreement through June 30, 2023.

Dana Calkins moved to ratify the tentative agreement between the MPSPA and the Mt. Pleasant Board of Education, 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 carried unanimously with a 7 - 0 vote.

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EXTENDED COVID-19 LEARNING PLAN

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger, together with administrators Kim Bishop, Katie Rinke, Darby Weaver, John Winkler, Jeff Platte, Mary Kay Voeks, Jim Conway and Kim Funnell, presented the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan that included benchmark testing data, reconfirmation information, the Return to School Plan Update, and recommendations for all MPPS buildings beginning the 3rd trimester, March 9, 2021. Discussion followed the presentation.

Public Comment

Public comment was received regarding the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan by the following individuals: Bree Moeggenberg, Kelli Strom, Kelly Fountain, Cynthia View, Colette Hamlin, Maria Gonzalez, Michelle Morey, Rachel Dale, Eric Rohman, Cindy Cole, Dayna Johanson, and Tara Leonard.

Return to School Plan Approval

Elementary Buildings

Sheila Murphy moved to go back to school five days a week at all buildings, with the Middle School staying with a release time of 11:57 a.m. and the exception that the GI-TEC attend four days a week. Discussion followed. This motion was not considered because it was not seconded by another board member.

Sheila Murphy moved to approve that the elementary schools remain attending school face to face or virtual with five days of instruction weekly, as presented. Tim Odykirk seconded the motion. Discussion followed. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously with a 7 - 0 vote.

Mt. Pleasant Middle School

Wiline Pangle moved to approve that Mt. Pleasant Middle School remain attending school in the cohort model of four days a week, virtual Wednesdays, with students receiving two electives online in the afternoon, or virtual instruction, as presented. Courtney Stegman 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 carried unanimously with a 7 - 0 vote.

Mt. Pleasant High School

Courtney Stegman moved to approve Option 1 – stay in current hybrid model at the High School. Discussion followed. This motion was not considered because it was not seconded by another board member.

Dana Calkins moved to approve Option 2 – move to a four-day week face to face model with Wednesdays being virtual for all students, and the Oiler Online option for all students, as presented. Jessica Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

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NAYES: Courtney Stegman
Motion carried with a 6 - 1 vote.

Gratiot Isabella Technical Education Department (GI-TEC)

Sheila Murphy moved to approve that the GI-TEC move to four days of face to face instruction with Wednesdays remaining remote learning, as presented. 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 carried unanimously with a 7 - 0 vote.

Community Education Programs

Sheila Murphy moved to approve that the WAY Middle School, WAY High School, MPCE Adult Education, and GSRP remain the same, as presented. 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 carried unanimously with a 7 - 0 vote.

CITIZENS REQUEST TO ADDRESS BOARD

President Amy Bond asked if anyone would like to address the Board of Education. Mt. Pleasant resident Emily addressed the Board of Education.

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION

Sheila Murphy thanked the schools for their gifts acknowledging School Board Recognition Month. She also stated there was good discussions at this meeting and that the staff and administration are doing a phenomenal job.

Jessica Jernigan seconded Sheila's comments.

Amy Bond agreed with the above statement and thanked the community for appreciating the Board of Education.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m. by general consent.

APPROVED:

Secretary, Board of Education

Recording Secretary

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