

MT. PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on February 17, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. in the Kinney Conference Room, 720 N. Kinney Ave., Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

Board Members Present:

Tim Odykirk, President; Beth Sorenson Prince, Vice-President; Brandon McQueen, Treasurer; Amy Bond, Trustee; Sheila Murphy, Trustee; Courtney Stegman, Trustee

Board Members Absent:

John Mozurkewich, Secretary

Administration Present:

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger, Asst. Superintendent Linda Boyd, Chief Financial Officer Ginger Faber, MPMS Principal Dana Calkins

Guests:

Debra Ervin, Patrick Heitman, Christopher Frazer, Parent, Student #S4 – 2019/20

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.

President Tim Odykirk appointed Trustee Amy Bond as Interim Secretary.

ROLL CALL

Amy Bond called the roll.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by general consent.

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.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

No Student Representative Report was given.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

RFP –ABB Robot, GI-TEC

CFO Ginger Faber presented an updated RFP for the ABB Robot at GI-TEC. The original bid opening was scheduled for February 10th, no bids were received. The deadline has been extended to February 25th when bids will be opened. It is expected that the vendor recommendation will be brought before the Board of Education at the March 2, 2020, Regular Board Meeting.

GI-RESD Millage Election

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger shared information regarding the GI-RESD Regional Education Service District Millage Election. They are seeking the approval of the Headlee Restoration Millage at the March 10, 2020 election. The restoration millage will only affect the Special Education tax levy. Discussion followed.

GI-RESD Association of School Boards Winter Dinner Meeting

This annual meeting will take place on March 17th at 5:30 p.m. at Winding Brook. Board Members are to RSVP to Deb Ervin.

GI-TEC Pro-Start Competition Field Trip

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger shared that she approved the Michigan ProStart Competition to Lansing, March 15-17, 2020 for the Culinary Arts students.

GI-TEC BPA State Leadership Conference

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger shared that she approved the BPA State Leadership Conference to Grand Rapids March 19-22, 2020.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Chief Financial Officer Ginger Faber presented the general fund revenue and expenditure comparison report for the month ending January, 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

Sheila Murphy moved to approve the February 3, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes and the February 3, 2020 Regular Meeting (closed session) minutes, and the bills payable from January 18, 2020 through February 13, 2020, amounting to \$1,017,231.50. Amy Bond seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

New Hire

Beth Sorenson Prince moved to approve the employment of Blair Smalley as a School Social Worker for the 2019/20 school year at Step 1 of the M.A. level pay scale. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION

President Tim Odykirk stated that March is "Reading Month". Please reach out to the schools with the offer to read to a classroom.

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STUDENT HEARING - #4 – 2019/20

Pursuant to the Request for Closed Session from the parent of #S4 – 2019/20, Sheila Murphy moved to enter into Closed Session. Beth Sorenson Prince seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Amy Bond, Brandon McQueen, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk, Beth Sorenson Prince, Courtney Stegman
NAYES: None

Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote. The Board of Education entered into Closed Session at 6:46 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION – 6:46 – 7:40 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

Sheila Murphy moved to enter into Open Session. Beth Sorenson Prince seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Amy Bond, Brandon McQueen, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk, Beth Sorenson Prince, Courtney Stegman
NAYES: None

Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote. The Board of Education entered into Open Session at 7:40 p.m.

Sheila Murphy moved to suspend Student #S4 – 2019/20 for 180 school days, with the option to apply for re-enrollment after 150 school days. Student #S4 – 2019/20 is encouraged to participate in Odysseyware and obtain counseling. Further, if Student #4 – 2019/20 makes educational progress he/she may contact the MPPS Superintendent after three months to ask for re-enrollment at the discretion of the Superintendent and the Board of Education. Amy Bond seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 6 – 0 vote.

CLOSED SESSION – NEGOTIATION UPDATE

Sheila Murphy moved to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of receiving an update on negotiations. Brandon McQueen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Amy Bond, Brandon McQueen, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk, Beth Sorenson Prince, Courtney Stegman
NAYES: None

Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote. The Board of Education entered into Closed Session at 7:45 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION – 7:45 – 7:50 P.M.

Brandon McQueen moved to enter into Open Session. Beth Sorenson Prince seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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AYES: Amy Bond, Brandon McQueen, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk, Beth Sorenson Prince

NAYES: None

Motion passed unanimously with a 5 – 0 vote. The Board of Education entered into Open Session at 7:50 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m. by general consent.

APPROVED:

Secretary, Board of Education

Recording Secretary

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