

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

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on March 1, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83776979247>.

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Sheila Murphy, Treasurer

Administration Present:

Panelists: Superintendent Jennifer Verleger, Asst. Superintendent Linda Boyd, Chief Financial Officer Ginger Faber, GI-TEC Director Mary Kay Voeks

Guests:

Panelist: Debra Ervin, Scott Mertes, Alice Jo Ricketts. The following names were provided via Zoom link identity: whoyle, Quana Hoffman, Christie, Joelle MacDonald-Snyder, Pat Heitman, Daelyn Zanatta, Laurie, RedBloom Yoga, Kurt Clingenpeel, Bridgette Bridget, Julie, Stef Sedlar, Delayne Schutt, Sarah Hicks, Tracy McDonald EA, Laura Gourlay, Willey, Beth Sorenson Prince, Sulynn Sommers, Josh Rhodes, E. Blahnik

CALL TO ORDER

President Amy Bond called the meeting to order at 6:31 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

Mid Michigan College Annexation

Scott Mertes, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Community Outreach at Mid Michigan College, presented information on behalf of Mid Michigan College relating to the upcoming Annexation Proposal that will be on the May 4, 2021 election ballot. Alma, Ashley, Beal City, Breckenridge, Chippewa Hills, Fulton, Ithaca, Mt. Pleasant, Shepherd, and St. Louis school districts will see two Mid Michigan College Annexation Proposals. For the annexation in a school district to occur, both proposals need to be adopted by voters in that specific school district. Discussion followed the presentation.

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GI-TEC Annual Report

Mary Kay Voeks, Director of the GI-TEC, presented their annual report to the Board of Education. This year they are honoring 69 new inductees into the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS). The GI-TEC currently has 20 programs open, 16 being on the Mt. Pleasant campus and 4 on the Alma campus. This year the GI-TEC will be hosting a virtual open house and have mailed out 5,200 post cards to students in Isabella and Gratiot counties, 6th -11th grade. Enrollment for the 2020-21 school year is down slightly by 98 students. Ms. Voeks shared Co-op and Work Place Learning placements, together with partnerships and certifications, equipment purchased with millage funds, and a “Tiny House” constructed by the students in the Construction Trades program. Discussion followed the presentation.

NEOLA POLICY #8450.05 Emergency Temporary Telecommuting – 1st Reading

Assistant Superintendent Linda Boyd presented the NEOLA Policy #8450.05 – Emergency Temporary Telecommuting Policy with the Board of Education for the first reading. It will be presented again at the March 15th Regular Meeting for the 2nd reading and possible adoption.

PSC Month Update

Assistant Superintendent Linda Boyd presented an update regarding PSC.

MASB Winter Institute Update

Board President Amy Bond attended the MASB Winter Institute and was able to attend the Board President Workshop, along with a CBA course. She indicated that it was a great experience and appreciated the opportunity to attend.

Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement Discussion

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger shared a draft of a Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement. Alice Jo Ricketts will share the statement with the SCIT full counsel and report back to us.

Correspondence

President Amy Bond reported receiving correspondence from Kristin Neubecker, Heidi Wood and Sara Hicks.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Minutes

Tim Odykirk moved to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2021 Regular Meeting. Wiline Pangle seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYES: None

Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Resignation

Tim Odykirk moved to accept the resignation of **Kaylee VanderBaan**, MPMS Science teacher, effective June 30, 2021, as presented. Wiline Pangle seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYES: None

Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

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New Hire

Dana Calkins moved to approve the employment of **Abby McConnon** as a Speech and Language Pathologist, at Step 1 of the MPEA MA level pay for the 2020/21 school year, as presented. Courtney Stegman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYES: None

Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

Donation

Tim Odykirk moved to accept the donation of 442 care packages containing classroom supplies valued at \$2,210.00 from the community partners of Staples of Mt. Pleasant, as presented.

Wiline Pangle seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYES: None

Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

Letter of Agreement – Mt. Pleasant Community Education Association

Jessica Jernigan moved to ratify the Letter of Agreement between the Mt. Pleasant Board of Education and the Mt. Pleasant Community Education Association wherein both parties have agreed to a 1.5% increase in the annual salary of members for the 2020-21 school year, as presented. Wiline Pangle seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYES: None

Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

Student Reinstatement Recommendation – Student #S2 – 2019-20

Dana Calkins moved to grant Student #S2 – 2019-20 admission to the WAY Program (online only), effective March 9, 2021, and after a successful trimester in the virtual setting, with administrative approval, be allowed to return to the face to face setting, as presented. Jessica Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYES: None

Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

Student Reinstatement Recommendation – Student #S1 – 2020-21

Dana Calkins moved to grant enrollment for Student #S1 – 2020-21 into the face to face program offered at McGuire Elementary effective March 9, 2021, as presented. Wiline Pangle seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYES: None

Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

CITIZENS REQUEST TO ADDRESS BOARD

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

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BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION

Tim Odykirk thanked Mary Kay Voeks for the nice presentation, awesome open house video and stated he is excited for the BPA students and the upcoming competition. He also thanked the staff of GI-TEC for providing such awesome programs.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m. by general consent.

APPROVED:

Secretary, Board of Education

Recording Secretary

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