

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

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, March 15, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom link, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88055521344>.

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Dana Calkins, Trustee

Administration Present:

Panelists: Superintendent Jennifer Verleger, Asst. Superintendent Linda Boyd, Chief Financial Officer Ginger Faber, Facilities Management Director Josh Rhodes, MPHS Principal John Winkler, MPHS Assoc. Principal Jeff Platte, MPMS Principal Darby Weaver, McGuire Principal Erin King

Guests:

Panelist: Debra Ervin, Lauren Rupe, Dan Weber, Nicole Hagle. The following names were provided via Zoom link identity: Wendy Hoyle, Brett, Diane, Emily Richards, Quanta Hoffman, Courtney Russell, Daelyn Woodnough, Lisa Auken, Laurie Richards, Laurie, Wendy Epple, Christie Brennan, Delayne Schutt, Lizzy Richards, michellerupe, Laura Gourlay, Mary Kay Voeks, Laura Chess, Bree Moeggenberg, Louis Vajda, bryantgreiner, tracy mcdonald, Stacie, Sarah Hicks, Kim Funnell, Sarah Buckley, Kaylyn Carroll, Margarita Wilson, Jamie Cartier, Jamie Pierson, Katrina, Kyle Trgina, Sarah Muscott, Sarah Russo, KB, Cathy Schafer, Rachel Jaksa, Sarah Buckley, Jennifer Loveberry,

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.

INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

President Amy Bond read the Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement.

ROLL CALL

Courtney Stegman called the roll.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by general consent.

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STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Aaron Wang, 8th Grader

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger shared an email received from Matt Taton regarding Aaron Wang, an 8th grader, who competed in the 2021 Music Teachers National Association Music Competition. Aaron finished 1st place in the Junior Division at the state level and finished in 4th place at the nationals. Way to go Aaron, you make MPPS proud!

McGuire Student Council Donation

McGuire Student Council students sold candy grams and raised \$544.00. The Student Council then donated the money to the Carter Moody Scholarship through CMU. In turn, CMU President Davies matched the donation, making the total contribution to \$1,088.00. Way to go McGuire Student Council!

FINANCIAL REPORT

Chief Financial Officer Ginger Faber presented the general fund revenue and expenditure comparison report for the month ending February, 2021 and 2020, 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

Tim Odykirk moved to approve the March 1, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes, as presented. Wiline Pangle seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYES: None

Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

Financials

Sheila Murphy moved to approve the bills payable from February 12, 2021 through March 11, 2021, amounting to \$1,026,841.86. Tim Odykirk seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYES: None

Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Retirement

Tim Odykirk moved to accept the retirement of **Steve Hoyle**, MPHS Science Teacher, effective June 30, 2021, as presented. Jessica Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYES: None

Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

New Hire

Jessica Jernigan moved to approve the employment of **Emily Richards** as a Special Education Teacher with the District for the 2020-21 school year, at Step 1 of the MPEA MA level pay, as presented. Tim Odykirk seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYES: None

Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

Donation

Wiline Pangle moved to accept the donation of \$500.00 from the **Isabella Community Credit Union** to be used to support the homeless student needs of MPPS students, as presented. Jessica Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYES: None

Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

Mid Michigan College Annexation Proposal Resolution

Wiline Pangle moved to adopt the Mt. Pleasant Public Schools' Board of Education Statement Supporting the Annexation of Mt. Pleasant Public Schools to the In-district Service Area of Mid Michigan College Resolution, as presented. Tim Odykirk seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYES: None

Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

NEOLA – Second Reading and Adoption

- Policy #8450.05 Emergency Temporary Telecommuting (New)

Asst. Superintendent Linda Boyd presented the above policy for the second reading and possible adoption.

Jessica Jernigan moved to adopt the NEOLA Policy #8450.05 Emergency Temporary Telecommuting (new) policy, as presented. Wiline Pangle seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYES: None

Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

EXTENDED COVID-19 LEARNING PLAN

Reconfiguration Information and Return to School Plan Update

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger presented the Reconfiguration Information and Return to School Plan Update, together with the following administrators: Erin King, Darby Weaver, John

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Winkler, Jeff Platte and Josh Rhodes. The report included, but was not limited to, enrollment and virtual Wednesday information, and an update on the air quality in our buildings. Ms. Verleger also stated that there may be a pop up COVID-19 testing clinic on April 4th and April 7th. It is being coordinated in unison with the MPPS, GI-RESD, the City of Mt. Pleasant, and the Central Michigan District Health Department. More to come on this in the near future. Discussion followed the presentation.

Public Comment

Daelyn Woodnough and Bree Moeggenberg addressed the Board of Education.

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

Courtney Stegman thanked the administrators and teachers for their hard work this year, it is very much appreciated.

Wiline Pangle agreed with Courtney Stegman's statement. She also reported on the happenings of the Mt. Pleasant Education Foundation.

Amy Bond thanked all of the panelists for assisting with tonight's presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m. by general consent.

APPROVED:

Secretary, Board of Education

Recording Secretary

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