

MT. PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting Minutes – March 2, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on March 2, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. in the Kinney Conference Room, 720 N. Kinney Ave., Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

Board Members Present:

Tim Odykirk, President; Amy Bond, Vice-President; John Mozurkewich, Secretary; Sheila Murphy, Trustee; Courtney Stegman, Trustee

Board Members Absent:

Beth Sorenson Prince, Trustee; Brandon McQueen, Treasurer

Administration Present:

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger, Asst. Superintendent Linda Boyd, Chief Financial Officer Ginger Faber, State & Federal Grant Coordinator Kim Funnell,

Guests:

Debra Ervin, Patrick Heitman, Rich Klemm, Stefanie Sedlar, Amanda Bissley, Jamie Cartier, Holly Ploch, Gregg Diommre

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.

ROLL CALL

John Mozurkewich called the roll.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

VII C - MPEA Ratification and VII - GI-TEC Annual Report were removed from the agenda.

The amended 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Minutes

Sheila Murphy moved to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2020 Regular Meeting, and the February 17, 2020 Regular Meeting (Closed Session). John Mozurkewich seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 5 - 0 vote.

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NEW BUSINESS

RFP – ABB Robot, GI-TEC

John Mozurkewich moved to approve awarding the GI-TEC ABB Robot bid to **ABB, Inc.** for the amount of \$45,491.00, as presented by administration. Amy Bond seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 5 – 0 vote.

New Activity Account – MPHS Agriculture Club

Amy Bond moved to approve the MPHS Agriculture Club Activity Account as presented by administration. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 5 – 0 vote.

UPDATES/REPORTS

WAY Presentation

MPPS WAY Director Kim Funnell introduced Rich Klemm, WAY Executive Director; Holly Ploch, Regional Team Leader; and Jamie Cartier, the new WAY Team Leader. Ms. Ploch presented the MPPS WAY Update. She stated that there have been four graduates so far this year, with 14 on board to graduate by the end of the school year. Current enrollment is 134 students (WAY Forward - 28 students and H.S. WAY – 106 students). She shared statistics such as projects submitted, credits earned, HERO logins and lab hours for both programs. A few of the highlights included Project Aware happenings and the “We R Native” program. They have purchased 30 Chromebooks for the high school program with plans to purchase more for the 2020/21 school year. Questions and answers followed the presentation.

Illness Update

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger shared a letter from the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services relating to COVID-19 Updated Guidance (Coronavirus). If there is a breakout of the coronavirus in our schools and community, Ms. Verleger stressed that MPPS does have a process in place on how we will handle it and that we have, and will continue to stay in contact with the Central Michigan District Health Department (CMDHD) and the Michigan Department of Health & Human Service (MDHHS). We will follow the guidance of CMDHD. GRBS has also been diligent in taking extra measures in their daily cleaning processes in our buildings. Discussion followed.

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION

President Tim Odykirk shared that the MPHS play “Guys and Dolls” is scheduled to take place this upcoming weekend and next.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. by general consent.

APPROVED:

Secretary, Board of Education

Recording Secretary

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