

MT. PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting Minutes – May 17, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on May 17, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center, 1155 S. Elizabeth Street, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

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:

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger, Asst. Superintendent Linda Boyd, Chief Financial Officer Ginger Faber, Facilities Management Director Josh Rhodes, Pullen Principal Diane Falsetta, Fancher Principal Katie Rinke, MPHS Principal John Winkler

Guests:

Debra Ervin, Pat Heitman, Pat Onstott, John Acker, Kelly Fatan, Dawn Betha, Elizabeth Husbands, Erica Hopcraft, Laura Gourlay, Annette Richards Menendez, Dawn Davis, Sarvjik Chowdhary, Stacie Pratt, Kelly Fountain, Jennie Koch

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.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student Representative Isabel Goodrich shared with the Board of Education end of year events happening at Mt. Pleasant High School.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

End of Year Update

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger shared end of year event dates, such as the Senior Celebration taking place on May 22nd, Senior Farwell Tour taking place May 25th, the MPCE and WAY

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Commencement Ceremony taking place May 27th, and the MPHS Commencement Ceremony on Sunday, June 6th, together with additional events and dates.

November 2021 Bond Proposal

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger and Facilities Management Director Josh Rhodes shared information regarding the proposed November 2021 Bond Proposal. The presentation included highlights of what the bond would support in each of our district buildings, a “Summary of Proposed Bonding with a November 2021 Vote”, Isabella County Taxable Value History, together with additional financial information. Discussion followed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

CORRESPONDENCE

President Amy Bond reported that the Board of Education received correspondence from Mary Senter and the National Parents Union.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Minutes

Tim Odykirk moved to approve the May 3, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes. Wiline Pangle seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

Financials

Courtney Stegman moved to approve the bills payable from April 16, 2021 through May 13, 2021, amounting to \$1,288,239.65. Dana Calkins seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 7 - 0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Class of 2021 Graduation Resolution

Tim Odykirk moved to adopt the Class of 2021 Graduation Resolution 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, Courtney Stegman

NAYES: None

Motion passed unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote. The resolution was adopted.

Certified Staff Retirements

Tim Odykirk moved to accept the retirements of **Kathy Burlington** and **Colleen Russell**, Computer Teachers at MPMS respectfully, effective June 30, 2021, with regret and much appreciation, as presented. Wiline Pangle seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

New Hires

Sheila Murphy moved to approve the employment of **Kyle Campbell** as a Small Engines Instructor with Mt. Pleasant Public Schools for the 2021-2022 school year, salary will be established at 90% of Step 4 of the (Annually Authorized) MPEA BA level pay. Wiline Pangle seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

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ESS 2021-2024 Contract Renewal

Jessica Jernigan moved to approve the contract between Mt. Pleasant Public Schools and ESS for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024, as presented. Dana Calkins seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

Sex Education Advisory Board Appointment Recommendations

Tim Odykirk moved to approve the appointment of the following individuals to the Sex Education Advisory Board for three year terms, commencing in the fall of 2021, as presented:

Kate Connors, Heather Wezensky, Alexia Torres, Korene Verona, Kathleen Bunker, Michaela Kroll, Abigail Lewandowski, and Andrew Frantz. Wiline Pangle seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

GI-RESD Biennial Election Resolution

Sheila Murphy moved to approve Tim Odykirk as a Board Designee, and Courtney Stegman as a Board Designee Alternate, to serve on the 2021 electoral body responsible for electing members to the GI-RESD Board of Education; and further to vote for Julie Pierce and Matthew Showalter for a position on the GI-RESD Board of Education for a term of six years. Wiline Pangle seconded the motion. Roll call 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. The resolution was adopted.

Donation

Jessica Jernigan moved to approve the donation of paint valued at \$50.00 from Home Depot to McGuire Elementary School. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

EXTENDED COVID-19 LEARNING PLAN

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger, together with the assistance of Asst. Superintendent Linda Boyd, Pullen Principal Diane Falsetta, Fancher Principal Katie Rinke, and MPHS Principal John Winkler, presented the **Reconfirmation Information, Benchmark Data Report and the Return to School Plan Update.** Discussion occurred during and after the presentation.

Public Comment Relating to the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan

No public comment was shared.

CITIZENS REQUEST TO ADDRESS BOARD

The following people addressed the Board of Education: Jennie Koch, Dawn Betha, Breanne Moeggenberg, Stacie Pratt, Laura Gourlay, Elizabeth Husbands, Kelly Fountain, Tara Leonard, Annette Richard Menendez.

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION

Sheila Murphy would like to see if it is possible to provide families with additional tickets for the graduation ceremony. She would like to see the science behind the data that the health department is relying on. Sheila is also questioning the teaching of critical race theory and would like to know how it is being used in our classrooms.

Amy Bond stated we are waiting for the results of the outside investigation on the situation at Ganiard Elementary.

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CLOSED SESSION – NEGOTIATION UPDATE

Sheila moved to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of receiving a negotiation update. Jessica Jernigan 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. The Board of Education entered into Closed Session at 8:48 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION – 8:48 – 9:05 p.m.

Tim Odykirk moved to enter into Open Session. 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 passed unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote. The Board of Education entered into Open Session at 9:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m. by general consent.

APPROVED:

Secretary, Board of Education

Recording Secretary

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