

**MT. PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting Minutes – May 18, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on May 18, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82065742611?pwd=SE56R1ExcEE4REVob1dMS21qZFZlZz09>.

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Brandon McQueen, Treasurer

Administration Present:

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger, Asst. Superintendent Linda Boyd, Chief Financial Officer Ginger Faber, State and Federal Grants Coordinator Kim Funnell, Chief Information Officer Joe Judge

Guests:

Debra Ervin, Kevin Kolb, Matt Walderzak, Ann Hayes, Kendra Asher, Kristin Willey, Lisa Aufer, Hiliary DiMaggio, Tracy McDonald, Wendy Epple

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

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

There was not a Student Representative Report given.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

GI-RESD Budget Presentation

Kevin Kolb, GI-RESD Associate Superintendent of Finance, presented the 2020/21 GI-RESD General Fund Proposed Budget and Resolution. If approved, the GI-RESD proposes to end the 2020/21 fiscal year with a \$2,747,978.00 fund balance. Questions and answers followed the presentation.

Continuity of Learning Plan Update and District Events

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger shared an update regarding the Continuity of Learning Plan and district events since the District was closed the end of the school day on March 16, 2020 pursuant to Governor Whitmer's executive order s a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The District officially started the virtual and paper packets on April 20th, with follow-up on May 4th and May 18th, and the last set of virtual and paper packets taking place on June 1st. The District has served our students and families almost 38,000 meals through May 15th by way of "Meet Up and Eat Up" at the High School and Ganiard Elementary, along with two bus routes making stops in various neighborhoods across our district. We have also loaned approximately 350 Chromebooks to families and are providing Wifi access in many of our school parking lots.

Some of the upcoming events include, but are not limited to, kindergarten celebrations, 2nd grade "send off", and many, many senior celebrations.

We are very thankful to our community for their support and generosity, and our many, many volunteers during this difficult time.

District Boundary Discussion

This discussion was led by Assistant Superintendent Linda Boyd. Ms. Boyd presented a spreadsheet showing some possible boundary movement within our District. The administration states that this movement could provide for more efficient staffing, transportation and delivery of the ArTS schedule. Communication would go out to families that are affected by the movement, with follow-up telephone conversations. Questions and answers followed the presentation.

Budget Discussion

Chief Financial Officer Ginger Faber shared some very preliminary budget figures. The State of Michigan may pro-rate funding for the 2019/20 school year which could result in a FTE funding cut of \$650-\$700.00 per pupil. This would represent a 2.5 million dollar loss of revenue for MPPS for this fiscal year. This would mean ending the 2019/20 school year with an approximate 3.9% fund balance.

We are also looking at FTE cuts for the 2020/21 school year and possible reduction in pupil attendance. The District is looking at multiple scenarios on ways that we can make cuts and move forward. Discussion followed the presentation. There will be more on this in the very near future.

CARES Act Funding

State and Federal Grants Coordinator Kim Funnell presented information regarding the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER), i.e. CARES Act Funds 2020. The purpose and intent of this fund is to provide schools with emergency relief to address the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic is causing. Ms. Funnell shared the allowable uses of the

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ESSER funds. The grant funds request is due by September 30, 2020 and could be as much as \$588,103 for MPPS. Discussion followed the presentation.

June Board of Education Meetings

The Board of Education set a Special Meeting date of June 8, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. to allow further discussion on the budget.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Chief Financial Officer Ginger Faber presented the general fund revenue and expenditure comparison report for the month ending April, 2020 and 2019, the Treasurer's Report and the 2016 Capital Projects Fund Report. Questions and answers followed the presentation.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence to report at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Minutes & Financials

Sheila Murphy moved to approve the April 16, 2020, Regular Meeting minutes, and the bills payable from April 16, 2020 through May 13, 2020, amounting to \$694,742.44. Amy Bond seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Amy Bond, John Mozurkewich, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk, Beth Sorenson Prince, Courtney Stegman

NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously with a 6 - 0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

New Hire - Administrator

John Mozurkewich moved to employ Matthew Walderzak as Assistant Principal at Mt. Pleasant Middle School for the 2020/21 school year at Step 1 of the Mt. Pleasant Administrator Association pay scale, as presented by the administration. Beth Sorenson Prince seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Amy Bond, John Mozurkewich, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk, Beth Sorenson Prince, Courtney Stegman

NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously with a 6 - 0 vote.

Resignation

Sheila Murphy moved to accept the resignation of Ashley O'Neil, 1st grade teacher at Pullen, effective June 30, 2020, with much regret and appreciation, as presented by the administration. Amy Bond seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Amy Bond, John Mozurkewich, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk, Beth Sorenson Prince, Courtney Stegman

NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously with a 6 - 0 vote.

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Class of 2020 Graduation Resolution

Amy Bond moved to adopt the Class of 2020 Graduation Resolution as presented by Superintendent Jennifer Verleger. John Mozurkewich seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Amy Bond, John Mozurkewich, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk, Beth Sorenson Prince, Courtney Stegman

NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously with a 6 - 0 vote.

GI-RESD General Fund Operating Budget Resolution

John Mozurkewich moved to adopt the GI-RESD General Fund Operating Budget Resolution as presented earlier in this Regular meeting. Amy Bond seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Amy Bond, John Mozurkewich, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk, Beth Sorenson Prince, Courtney Stegman

NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously with a 6 - 0 vote.

ESS (formerly PCMI) Contract Renewal

Sheila Murphy moved to table the ESS Contract Renewal for the 2020-2021 school year allowing negotiations to take place regarding the price increase. John Mozurkewich seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Amy Bond, John Mozurkewich, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk, Beth Sorenson Prince, Courtney Stegman

NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously with a 6 - 0 vote.

Resolution – COVID-19 Pandemic

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger presented a Resolution designed to provide additional support and clarity regarding the authority of the Superintendent during the time of the COVID-19 Pandemic. This authority is based on the directives provided by Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-35 and 2020-65. Discussion followed. Amy Bond moved to adopt the Resolution, as presented. Beth Sorenson Prince seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Amy Bond, John Mozurkewich, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk, Beth Sorenson Prince, Courtney Stegman

NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously with a 6 - 0 vote.

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION

President Tim Odykirk thanked the executive team (Jen Verleger, Linda Boyd and Ginger Faber) and everyone else who has stepped up during this difficult time. It is appreciated and has not gone unnoticed. He also congratulated the MPHS Class of 2020 on their graduation.

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ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m. by general consent.

APPROVED:

Secretary, Board of Education

Recording Secretary

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