

**MT. PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting Minutes – June 21, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on June 21, 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, Athletic Director Jim Conway, McGuire Principal Erin King, CIO Joe Judge

Guests:

Debra Ervin, Pat Onstott, Pat Birgy, Stacie Pratt, Kari Creguer, Bree Moeggenberg, Phil Kruska, Paul Kruska, Jan Kruska, Bob Busch, Bob Weisenburger, Diane Kunst, Terry Kunst, Justin Henry, Bryant Giener, Pat Heitman, Michael Heitman, Carol Sobieski-Gall, Kirsten Weber, Ulana Klynseyskyn, Melissa Isaac, Maureen N. Eke, Aaron Hancock, Eric Chercover, April Borton, Andrea McKinnee, Amy Ford, Sara Moslerier, Laura Gourlay, Tara Leonard, Kelly Fountain, Shannon Adams, John Chiodini

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

No Student Representative Report.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Athletic Annual Report

Athletic Director Jim Conway presented the Annual Athletic Report. For the 2020-21 school year, MPPS supported 16 sports, 40 teams with a total of 38% of the student body participating in one or more sports. MPPS hosted seven regional and semi-final events. Mr. Conway shared that the following students will continue to compete at the following collegiate level: Mackenzie Egger, Basketball at Yale University; Drew Sharrar, Cross Country at Mid Michigan College, Riley Sponseller, Cross Country at Lake Superior State University; Josh Shell, Football at WestPoint Academy; Tanner Payton, Football at Northwood University; and Michael Coffland and Andrew Funnell, Baseball at Mid Michigan College.

MPHS Hockey Program

Athletic Director Jim Conway and community member Bob Weisenburger shared information about the possibility of changing the MPHS Hockey Program into a community cooperative program, thereby allowing area students from other school districts to participate. The MPHS student participation level is dipping. Mr. Conway and Mr. Weisenburger feel that this move is necessary in order to keep the hockey program running. They will provide additional information, and possibly ask for approval, at the July 19th Regular Board Meeting. Questions and answers followed the presentation.

Professional Study Committee (PSC) Annual Report

McGuire Principal Erin King presented the PSC Annual Report. Ms. King shared the names of the committee members, together with the process and purpose of the Professional Study Committee. The committee works very closely with the MPPS administration and breaks out into task forces. Ms. King also shared the curriculum cycle focus areas for 2020-2021. The Board of Education approved the change of 1 trimester to 2 trimesters at MPHS for social studies credit and change from Handwriting Without Tears to Big Day for Development Kindergarten at a previous board meeting. The PSC is not at this time requesting approval for any educational purposes. Questions and answers followed the presentation.

Culturally Responsive Curriculum Review

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger and Asst. Superintendent Linda Boyd presented a proposal for a task force to review Culturally Responsive Curriculum at MPPS. Discussion followed.

Yeo & Yeo Auditing Services for 2021/22

CFO Ginger Faber presented the annual engagement letter from Yeo & Yeo. No action was necessary.

Summer Program Update

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger provided a summer program update. Currently, we are hosting summer programs at Ganiard, Pullen, Vowles, Fancher, McGuire and the High School. We have almost 200 students enrolled in the K-5 summer programs and 85 at the High School. The Middle School will be hosting a summer program in August. PEAK is taking place at Pullen, Vowles and Fancher. The Summer Food Service Program is offering breakfasts and lunches free to all children, ages 0 – 18 (and special education students to the age of 26) every Wednesday (excluding the week of July 5th). Parents may pick up meals for the whole week. Also, nutrition

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club bags are being offered. In addition, we have athletic open gyms taking place and drivers training.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

CORRESPONDENCE

President Amy Bond stated that the Board of Education members received correspondence from the following individuals: Eric Chercover & Xantha Karp, Heather Trommer-Beardslee, Jennifer Schisa, Seally Busch, Bob Busch, Joshua Adams, Jennifer Drevon, Diane Stier, Tobin Dennis, Amanda Eden Garrison, Lisa Wylie, Kuyen Gilsdorf Alcantara, Amy Perschbaucher, Nicole Hagle, Kelly Fountain

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Minutes

Tim Odykirk moved to approve the June 7, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. Dana Calkins seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

Financials

Wiline Pangle moved to approve the bills payable from May 14, 2021 through June 17, 2021, amounting to \$1,599,975.17. Courtney Stegman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 7 - 0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

MHSAA 2021-22 Resolution

Sheila Murphy moved to adopt the MHSAA 2021-22 Resolution as presented by Athletic Director Jim Conway. 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 carried unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

Donations

Wiline Pangle moved to accept the donation from "Community Partners of Staples" of 204 care packages valued at \$1,020.00 to the District, and the anonymous donation of \$3,000 to Ganiard Elementary School to be used by the staff and students for educational purposes, as presented. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

GRBS Contract Extension

Tim Odykirk moved to approve the extension of the GRBS for the duration of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, as presented by Superintendent Jennifer Verleger. Wiline Pangle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

Resignations

Courtney Stegman moved to approve the resignations of **Matthew Hauck**, 4th grade teacher at Fancher; **Abigail Lewandowski**, Special Education teacher at MPMS; and **Madeline Ribant**,

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Physical Education teacher at MPMS, effective June 30, 2021 respectfully, as presented. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

New Hires

Courtney Stegman moved to approve the employment of the following individuals for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented:

Caitlin Bellinger, fifth grade teacher at McGuire Elementary with her salary established at Step 7 of the MPEA pay MA pay scale;

Alecia Dorcey, Fancher Elementary teacher with her salary established at Step 8 of the MPEA pay BA+30 scale;

Samantha Royce, English Language Arts teacher at MPMS with her salary established at Step 2 of the MPEA pay BA pay scale; and

Ashton Wirgua, Language Arts teacher at MPMS with his salary established at Step 2 of the B.A. level pay scale.

Jessica Jernigan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

June Amended Budget Resolution

CFO Ginger Faber presented information regarding the June Amended Budget Resolution. If this Resolution is adopted, it will leave the district with a \$5,894.284 fund balance (12.28%). Discussion followed her presentation.

Tim Odykirk moved to adopt the June Amended Budget Resolution as presented above. Wiline Pangle 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 carried unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget Resolution

CFO Ginger Faber presented the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget. If approved, it will leave the district with a \$5,792,455 fund balance (12.26%). Discussion followed the presentation.

Dana Calkins moved to adopt the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget Resolution as presented. Wiline Pangel 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 carried unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

Mt. Pleasant Education Association (MPEA) Tentative Agreements Ratification

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger presented MPEA Tentative Agreements for ratification. The agreements include extending the contract through June 30, 2022. Wiline Pangle moved to ratify the MPEA Tentative Agreements, as presented. Jessica Jernigan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

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Mt. Pleasant Administrative Association (MPAA) Tentative Agreement Ratification

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger presented the MPAA Tentative Agreement for ratification. The agreement includes extending the contract through June 30, 2023. Courtney Stegman moved to ratify the MPAA Tentative Agreement, as presented. Wiline Pangle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

Mt. Pleasant Transportation Association (MPTA) Tentative Agreement Ratification

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger presented the MPTA Tentative Agreement for ratification. The agreement extends the contract through August 31, 2021. Tim Odykirk moved to ratify the MPTA contract, as presented. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

CITIZENS REQUEST TO ADDRESS BOARD

The following individuals addressed the Board of Education:

Pat Birgy, Phil Kruska, Stacy Pratt, Terry Kunst, Kelly Fountain, Bree Moeggenberg, Shannon Adams, Paul Kruska, Bob Busch, Diane Kunst, Kirsten Weber, Carol Sobieski-Gall, John Chiodini, Andrea McKinnee, Maureen N. Eke, Tara Leonard, Amy Ford, Eric Chercover

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION

President Amy Bond stated that the next board meeting is Monday, July 19, 2021. Location to be announced at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. by general consent.

APPROVED:

Secretary, Board of Education

Recording Secretary

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