

MT. PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting Minutes – June 22, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on June 22, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom , <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ISTa-ym2DhFUeYnMaQsGQCUDFRCEnluezUln099gcE/edit?ts=5eefea65#slide=id.p>

Board Members Present:

Tim Odykirk, President; Amy Bond, Vice-President; John Mozurkewich, Secretary; Brandon McQueen, Treasurer; Sheila Murphy, Trustee; Courtney Stegman, Trustee (left meeting at 7:15 p.m.)

Board Members Absent:

Beth Sorenson Prince, Trustee

Administration Present:

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger, Asst. Superintendent Linda Boyd, Chief Financial Officer Ginger Faber, Athletic Director Jim Conway, State and Federal Grants Coordinator Kim Funnell

Guests:

Debra Ervin, Holly Ploch, Jamie Cartier, Pat Heitman, Patrick Heitman, Michael Heitman, Stefanie Sedlar, Linda Traum, Eric Rohman, Christie Brennan, Delayne Schutt, Eric Beckman, Wendy Epple, Joshy Ayerdi, Josh Rhodes, Teresa Stewart, Oiler 1991, Lisa Robbins, Kurt Clingenpeel, Amanda, Andrea, Amy Weber, Dan Weber, Barb Valicevic, Cynthia View, Ashley Buckley, Anna Gilbert, Cheryl Nerowski, Erin King, Riley Justis, Mary Grego, Hiliary DiMaggio, Daelyn Zanatta, Lauren Stewart, Laura Gourlay, Kristy, Rachel Jaksa, Stacey Starr, Julie Eigenbrood, Heather Allen, Jamie Peirson, Jen Pasanski, Johnson, EP, Christine Rudert, Darby Weaver, Lisa, Matt Lovely, KW, Peggy Ivan, Q, Stacie Zeien, Tracy McDonald, Anna Gilbert, Andrew Zimmer, Bloomfield, Carol Lanfear, Ashley Buckley, Angela M., Emily Blahnik, EK, Julie Wilson, Kay MacArthur, KB, Adrienne Mitchell, Amy, April Scott, Blair Smalley, Donna, Jason Russell, Margie, Roger Martin, Ray Wilton, Wendy Hoyle, Maggie Binder, Alex DeMattei, Beth MacGregor, Lori Lillie (the above names are guest names provided via their Zoom identity)

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.

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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. The following citizens addressed the Board of Education regarding Mt. Pleasant Adult Education and their support of keeping it open – Pat Heitman, Patrick Heitman, Michael Heitman, Stefanie Sedlar, Linda Traum, Eric Rohman

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

WAY Report

WAY Director Kim Funnell introduced Holly Ploch, WAY Regional Team Leader, and Jamie Cartier, WAY Team Leader/Director. The WAY report was given by Jamie Cartier. Ms. Cartier stated that WAY provided supports to the students seven days a week during the school closure due to the pandemic and implemented an on-line application process. Enrollment is currently at 127 students with a wait list. Eight students graduated recently. Ms. Cartier shared the Intervention Data. Discussion followed the presentation.

Athletic Annual Report

Athletic Director Jim Conway presented the annual Athletic report. He stated that athletes are participating in outside conditioning only. Mr. Conway reported that Bay City John Glenn will be leaving the Saginaw Valley League in the fall which will leave 13 districts within the league. During the 2019/20 school year, 41% of the student body participated in one or more sports and 57% of the athletes have a GPA above 3.30. Mr. Conway also shared the names of students who will continue with their specialized sport at the collegiate level. Questions and answers followed the presentation.

Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation Correspondence

Ms. Verleger shared correspondence received from Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation regarding the donation Miles for Miracles made in the amount of \$2,600.00. It was greatly appreciated.

Yeo & Yeo Auditing Services for 2019/20

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

PSC Update

Assistant Superintendent Linda Boyd presented the PSC update. It is anticipated that in August the following task forces will present to the Board of Education: AP Environmental, Secondary Business and Technology, AP Macroeconomics, Secondary Math Dept., 2nd Step Social DK-8, and Elementary Writing.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

CORRESPONDENCE

President Tim Odykirk reported receiving correspondence from Alivia Clark regarding asking for change, development of resources, and a safe space for minorities attending MPPS.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Board Minutes & Financials

Amy Bond moved to approve the June 8, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes, and the bills payable from May 14, 2020 through June 18, 2020, amounting to \$1,277,202.30. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Amy Bond, Brandon McQueen, John Mozurkewich, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk, and Courtney Stegman

NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously with a 6 - 0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

MHSAA 2019/20 Membership Resolution

John Mozurkewich moved to adopt the MHSAA 2020/21 Membership Resolution as presented by Athletic Director Jim Conway. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Amy Bond, Brandon McQueen, John Mozurkewich, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk, and Courtney Stegman

NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously with a 6 - 0 vote.

2020 Tax Rate Request

CFO Ginger Faber presented the 2020 Tax Rate Request. If approved, the 2020 Tax Rate Request levies half of the total 6 mills on commercial personal property on July 1, 2020 and half to be levied on December 1, 2020, all for the City of Mt. Pleasant. This request also levies half of the total 18 mills on all other property for operations to be levied on July 1, 2020 and half to be levied on December 1, 2020, all for the City of Mt. Pleasant. This request also levies 1.12 mills for the 2007 Debt, and 2.06 mills for the 2016 Debt, and 0.80 mills for the 2020 Debt; half of each to be levied on July 1, 2020 and half to be levied on December 1, 2020; all in the City of Mt. Pleasant. Along with that, this request also levies the total 6 mills on commercial personal property and the total 18 mills on all other property for operations and 1.12 mills for the 2007 Debt, and 2.06 mills for the 2016 Debt, and .80 mills for the 2020 Debt; all to be levied on December 1, 2020 in all townships.

Sheila Murphy moved to approve the 2020 Tax Rate Request as presented. Amy Bond seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Amy Bond, Brandon McQueen, John Mozurkewich, Sheila Murphy, and Tim Odykirk

NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously with a 5 - 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 \$4,978,902 fund balance (11.09%). Discussion followed her presentation.

Brandon McQueen moved to adopt the June Amended Budget Resolution as presented above. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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AYES: Amy Bond, Brandon McQueen, John Mozurkewich, Sheila Murphy, and
Tim Odykirk

NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously with a 5 - 0 vote.

Budget Discussion

CFO Ginger Faber led the discussion regarding the projected 2020/21 budget. After taking into consideration a \$1,300 per pupil reduction and an estimated 5% pupil loss, the District still would need to make reductions amounting to \$3,200,780 to end the fiscal year with a 5% fund balance. Those cuts could come in the way of a 20% reduction in building budgets, a 4% salary reduction across the District, CFO Ginger Faber and Asst. Superintendent Linda Boyd taking a 5% salary cut, Superintendent Jennifer Verleger taking a 6% pay cut, not replacing positions left open from retirements/resignations, eliminating a position in the technology and maintenance departments along with a position at Central Office, eliminate in-city bussing, along with other reductions. Discussion followed. Superintendent Jennifer Verleger indicated that we have a Tentative Agreement with MPEA and MPAA agreeing to a 4% salary reduction for all association members. There will be a Special Meeting held on June 29, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. to finalize and adopt the 2020/21 Budget Resolution.

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION

Special Board Meeting – President Tim Odykirk reminded the Board Members that we have called a Special Meeting to be held virtually via Zoom on Monday, June 29, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.
Board of Education Elections – President Tim Odykirk stated that there will be three open positions on the November 3, 2020 ballot. Mr. Odykirk indicated that he will run again.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. by general consent.

APPROVED:

Secretary, Board of Education

Recording Secretary

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