

MT. PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting Minutes – July 15, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on July 15, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the Kinney Conference Room, 720 N. Kinney Ave., Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Brandon McQueen, Treasurer

Administration Present:

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger, Asst. Superintendent Linda Boyd

Guests:

Debra Ervin, Patrick Heitman, Taylor Sheahan-Stahl, Emily Sheahan-Stahl, Julie Jackson, David Durfee, Andrew Keson

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.

President Tim Odykirk appointed Beth Sorenson Prince as interim Board Secretary.

ROLL CALL

Beth Sorenson Prince 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

No Student Representative report was given.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Presentation of Plaque – Taylor Sheahan-Stahl

President Timothy Odykirk presented past Board of Education member Taylor Sheahan-Stahl with a plaque representing the Board's appreciation for his service to MPPS from January, 2015 through July, 2019. Taylor Sheahan-Stahl resigned as a board member effective July 12, 2019.

Enrollment Information Summary

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger shared a document entitled Enrollment Exit Summary Information for MPHS and MPMS for the Fall of 2018. This document contains information regarding where students who exited from MPPS from Summer, 2018 to the Fall of 2018 went. It breaks down how many students left for out of state, out of the GI-RESD, within the GI-RESD, homeschooled, non-public schools, GED/Community Ed or Treatment Facility, drop/unknown, and expelled from MPPS. Discussion followed.

Aramark Donation to the Soup Kitchen

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger shared that Aramark donated 502 lbs. of dairy products to the Isabella Community Soup Kitchen on June 12, 2019.

Miles for Miracles Letters of Appreciation

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger shared communication received from Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation and Mid Michigan Health Foundation regarding monies donated by Mt. Pleasant Public Schools' Miles for Miracles. Miles for Miracles donated \$4,460.00 to MPACF and \$5,397.00 to the Mid Michigan Health Foundation. Both associations expressed their gratitude for the donation.

Construction Update

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger indicated that the roofing at the Kinney Building is almost complete and the terrazzo flooring at the high school is progressing as scheduled. Air conditioning units have been put in place in the Balanced Calendar classrooms at both Pullen and McGuire.

Project Aware

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger shared that all five counselors for Project Aware have now been hired (pending tonight's approval). There will be a Community Wellness Tailgate gathering before the football game on Friday, September 20th. More to come regarding Project Aware.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger presented the general fund revenue and expenditure comparison report for the month ending June, 2019 and 2018, 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 Dee Kenny.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Minutes & Financials

Amy Bond moved to approve the June 17, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes, and the bills payable from June 14, 2019 through July 11, 2019, amounting to \$1,734,504.17. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 5 – 0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Retirement

Beth Sorenson Prince moved to accept the retirement of Janet Smith, Special Education teacher, effective June 30, 2019, with much regret and appreciation, as presented by Asst. Superintendent Linda Boyd. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 5 – 0 vote.

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Resignations

Amy Bond moved to accept the resignation of Noelle Harrity, Spanish teacher, and April Dice, Spanish teacher, effective July 15, 2019, respectfully, as presented by Asst. Superintendent Linda Boyd. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 5 – 0 vote.

New Hires

Assistant Superintendent Linda Boyd presented a memo with new hire information. Sheila Murphy moved to approve the following people for employment: **Kimberly Chapman**, Math Intervention & Support teacher at MPMS, at Step 7 of the B.A. level pay scale; **David Durfee**, 5th grade teacher at McGuire, at Step 10 of the B.A. 30 level pay scale; **Julie Jackson**, 4th grade teacher at McGuire, at Step 9 of the M.A. level pay scale; and **Andrew Keson**, Electronics teacher at GI-TEC, at Step 4 of the M.A. level pay scale, as presented. Amy Bond seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 5 – 0 vote.

New Board Member Process Review and Appointment

President Tim Odykirk led the discussion regarding the process we can use to appoint a new Board Member. Pursuant to MPPS Board policy and the Open Meetings Act, we can review the candidate information received and appoint without interviewing, or we can choose to interview each candidate. The candidates are Riley Justis, Tyler Morkin, John Mozurkewich, Wiline Pangle, and Robert Zurawski. Discussion followed. Discussion took place. Board members acknowledged that the pool of candidates is very impressive.

Sheila Murphy moved to appoint **John Mozurkewich** to fill the vacant Board Member position, effective through December 31, 2020. Beth Sorenson Prince seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Amy Bond, Sheila Murphy, Timothy Odykirk, Beth Sorenson Prince,
Courtney Stegman

NAYES: None

Motion passed unanimously with a 5 – 0 vote.

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION

No discussion at this point in time.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m. by general consent.

APPROVED:

Secretary, Board of Education

Recording Secretary

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