

MT. PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting Minutes – August 17, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on August 17, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85706981860?pwd=VDcwRjE4L29VM3NqSnNUUTVEMFJ6dz09#success>

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Brandon McQueen, Treasurer; Courtney Stegman, Trustee

Administration Present:

Panelists: Superintendent Jennifer Verleger, Asst. Superintendent Linda Boyd, Chief Financial Officer Ginger Faber

Guests:

Panelists: Debra Ervin, Erin King, Lauren Rupe. The following names are guest names provided via their Zoom identity: Miss Patt, Verna Holley, Riley Justis, Ali LaPreze, Christie Brennan, Delayne Schutt, Tyler Morkin, April Scott, Lisa Robbins, Miss DiMagio, Lisa Aucker, Wiline Pangle, JM, Wendy Epple, Anna Gilbert, Michelle Rupe, Frim Ampaw, Jamie Pierson, Rachelle Jakska, Josh Adams, Virginia Richardson, Andrea, Bryan Dole, Alycia Krieger, Julia Eigenbrood, Amy Weber, KB, Tracey MacDonald, Becky Hansen, Blair Elizabeth Smalley, JoElle McDonald Snyder, Glenn, Stacie Starr, Cheryl Nerowski, Stefanie Sedlar, Stephanie Terpstra, Lisa Diaz, Christine Rudert, GalaxyJ2, Michelle Leiter, Amanda Weber, Adrienne Mitchell, Shari Norman, JLFID, Kristin Willey, Nicole, Amy, Katie Rinke, Courtney Russell, Melinda Brakenberry, Maggie Binder, Michelle Morey, Sulynn Summers, Jessica Molyneux, Jessica Jerrigan, Trina, RedBloomYoga, Erica Haggstrom, Jessica Chapman, Tiffanie Phelps, Chris, Ginger Kaufmann, Jessica Chapman, Heather Allen, Cathy, Susan Wassman, Aimee Murphy, Swelling.

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

President Tim Odykirk amended the agenda to include XII – Board Member Resignation. The amended 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. Riley Justis addressed the Board of Education regarding the start of the school year communication.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student Representative Lauren Rupe shared with the Board of Education events that the student council have been working on. They are very excited to start the new school year.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Professional Study Committee (PSC) Annual Report Presentation

Erin King, Chair of PSC, presented the annual PSC report. Her report included, but was not limited to, committee members, curriculum cycle focus areas, out of cycle focus areas, focus areas still in progress, and the PSC curriculum focus calendar. Within Ms. King’s report, she included the following curriculum updates/changes that they are asking for approval on tonight: AP Macroeconomics change from one trimester to two trimesters at MPHS for social studies credit and Second Steps DK-8. Discussion followed the presentation.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence to report at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Minutes & Financials

John Mozurkewich moved to approve the August 13, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes, and the bills payable from July 17, 2020 through July 17, 2020, amounting to \$1,264,585.97. Beth Sorenson Prince seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYES None

Motion carried unanimously with a 5 - 0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Retirements

Sheila Murphy moved to accept the retirements of Julie Allen, special education teacher, and Stacey Yost, 6th grade teacher, effective August 17, 2020, respectfully, as presented. Amy Bond seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYES None

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Motion carried unanimously with a 5 - 0 vote.

Termination Resolution

Amy Bond moved to approve the termination of Justin Doyle for failure to maintain the required teacher certification. Beth Sorenson Prince seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYES None

Motion carried unanimously with a 5 - 0 vote.

New Hires

John Mozurkewich moved to employ the following individuals for the 2020/21 school year, as presented:

Hanna Allen, Kindergarten teacher at Pullen at Step 1 of the MPEA MA+30 pay scale;
Alycia Krieger, First grade teacher at Pullen at Step 1 of the MPEA BA pay scale;
Maria Melaragno, Fifth grade teacher at Fancher at Step 5 of the MPEA BA pay scale;
Alaura Sota, Music teacher at Step 2 of the MPEA BA pay scale; and
Emily Stout, Kindergarten teacher at Pullen at Step 2 of the PEA BA pay scale.

Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYES None

Motion carried unanimously with a 5 - 0 vote.

Donation

Amy Bond moved to accept the donation of miscellaneous classroom and office supplies valued at \$1,000 from Staples, Mt. Pleasant, as presented. John Mozurkewich seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYES None

Motion carried unanimously with a 5 - 0 vote.

PSC Approval

Sheila Murphy moved to approve the PSC recommendation for the following:

- MPHS AP Macroeconomics from a one trimester to two trimester course, no funding requested; and
- Second Steps DK-8 as a social emotional curriculum, no funding requested.

Amy Bond seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYES None

Motion carried unanimously with a 5 - 0 vote.

Mt. Pleasant Community Education Association (MPCEA)

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger presented a draft of the tentatively agreed upon contract between the Mt. Pleasant Community Education Association and the Mt. Pleasant Board of Education. This is the first ever master agreement for this newly created association. Both bargaining teams have been working on the details of this agreement since the employees formed an association with MEA back in the fall of 2018. The terms of this master agreement do meet the financial constraints and staffing considerations that were discussed as we reviewed the district's 2020-2021 budget.

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Amy Bond moved to ratify the tentative agreement between the Mt. Pleasant Community Education Association and the Mt. Pleasant Board of Education, as presented. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYES None

Motion carried unanimously with a 5 - 0 vote.

Student Reinstatement Committee Recommendation – #S1-2019/20

Amy Bond moved to grant **Student #S1-2019/20** admission to the WAY Forward (Middle School) Program, effective August 17, 2020, with any future decision to transfer programs being made by the MPHS and WAY Forward administrators, as presented by the MPPS administration. John Mozurkewich seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYES None

Motion carried unanimously with a 5 - 0 vote.

NEOLA Bylaws & Policies – 2nd Reading and Adoption

Assistant Superintendent Linda Boyd presented the following NEOLA policies for the 2nd reading and possible adoption:

- 2412 – Homebound Instruction Program – Revised
- 2414 – Reproductive Health and Family Planning – Revised
- 3362.01 – Threatening Behavior Toward Staff – Professional Staff – Revised
- 4362.01 – Threatening Behavior Toward Staff Members – Support Staff – Revised
- 4162 – Controlled Substance and Alcohol Policy for Commercial Vehicle (CMV) Drivers and Other Employees Who Perform Safety Sensitive Functions – Revised
- 6107 – Authorization to Accept and Distribute Electronic Records and to Use Electronic Signatures – Revised
- 8210 – School Calendar – Revised
- 8400 – School Safety Information – Revised
- 8462 – Student Abuse and Neglect – Revised
- 8600 – Transportation – Revised

Discussion followed the presentation.

Amy Bond moved to adopt the above stated NEOLA policies as presented. John Mozurkewich seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYES None

Motion carried unanimously with a 5 - 0 vote.

Board Member Resignation

Board Member Beth Sorenson Prince presented a letter of resignation as a trustee with the Mt. Pleasant Public Schools' Board of Education, effective August 17, 2020. She stated she has enjoyed working with the school district, although her employment in Midland County is taking an extraordinary amount of time since the flooding there in the Spring of 2020.

Sheila Murphy moved to regretfully accept the resignation of Beth Sorenson Prince as a MPPS Board Member. John Mozurkewich seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYES None

Motion carried unanimously with a 5 - 0 vote.

Discussion followed Ms. Prince's resignation. Candidates wishing to apply for the open position are required to present a letter of interest and resume to the Superintendent of Mt. Pleasant Public Schools by Tuesday, September 1, 2020, 3:00 p.m. The person appointed to this vacancy will hold the seat through December 31, 2022. Questions may be address by calling (989) 775-2301.

The Board of Education may hold a Special Meeting on Monday, September 14, 2020 to appoint a new board member.

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION

Amy Bond encouraged parents to reach out to other parents/neighbors regarding the upcoming school year, they may be able to share rides.

Tim Odykirk thanked Lauren Rupe for her report, the committee for PSC for their hard work. He also thanked Superintendent Jennifer Verleger and her team for their continued diligence. And, he thanked Beth Sorenson Prince for her service and dedication to our district.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m. by general consent.

APPROVED:

Secretary, Board of Education

Recording Secretary

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