

MT. PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting Minutes – August 3, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on August 3, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. via virtual Zoom, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84618073879>

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

None

Administration Present:

Panelists: Superintendent Jennifer Verleger, Asst. Superintendent Linda Boyd, Chief Financial Officer Ginger Faber, MPHS Principal John Winkler, MPHS Assoc. Principal Jeff Platte, GI-TEC Principal Mary Kay Voeks, MPMS Principal Darby Weaver, Vowles Principal Kim Bishop, Fancher Principal Katie Rinke, Facilities Director Josh Rhodes

Guests:

Panelist: Debra Ervin. The following names are guest names provided via their Zoom identity: Erric Deckerr, Sue Reed, Tyler Morkin, Kristin Willey, Grace Rollins, William Dennis, Christine Ortman, E. Blahnik, Maggie Binder, Cliff Sian, Adrienne Mitchell, Brian Sponseller, Megan Stembridge, Jacqueline Roberge, Colette Hamlin, Bryant Greiner, Katelyn, Tracy McDonald, Beth MacGregor, Ginger Kaufman, Melinda Zeneberg, Martin, Quana Hoffman, Lynnette Eichenlaub, Joshua and Sarah Hicks, Doug Kendrick, Minde Lux, Duane Strachan, Peggy Gorsich, Jamie, Heather E., Johnson, Brian, Kelly Crossno, Nicole Koch, David Durfee, Katie Hoyle, Nicole Hagle, Cynthia View, Tlbrown0710, Riley Justis, Kristen, Verna Holley, Wendy Epple, M. Oebel, Ryan Douglas, Steven Wheeler, Ally Kaniski, Elisabeth Garcia, Chris Hausbeck, Abbi Lewandowski, Courtney Russell, C. Nunn, Delphine Rossignol, Cheryl, Therese, Kellie Dziuk, Eric Baerren, Betsy, Dr. Ford, John Klak, M. Haggart, Christie Brennan, Virginia Richardson, Laura Angera, C. Bryant, Jessica Chapman, Jnieman, Alex DeMattei, April Scott, Sarah, Eric Rohman, Rebecca Pope, Debbie Peterson, Fanning, Michelle Leiter, Stacie, Shari Norman, Jessica Lapp, Wiline Pangle, Josh Ayerdi, Ali LaPreze, Andrea, Eric Beckman, Kaitlin, S. Hall, Andrea, Carlie Lux, Colette Wilson, Alexia Torres, Jennifer Chandler, Amanda Carey, Sulynn Sommers, Tammy Carrier, Rachel Shilman, Movies, Welsh, Delayne Schutt, Shawn, Matt Taton, John, Ms. Pat, Heather Houser, Julia Eigenbrood, Kathryn Brown, Shara Wohlscheid, Ashleigh Begres, T. Johnson, Ryan Longoria, Danielle Bruursema, Amy Weber, Emily Webster, Neil Christinsen, Susan R., Billow Family, Betsy Giegling, Red Bloom Yoga, Jodi Fisher, Stacey Starr, Dan Weber, Angie Szelag, Virtual School Only Dave, Nicole F., Lesley Withers, Andrea Mills, Carlin Borsheim-Black, Mary Grego, Jeremy Stembridge, Katie, Corey Alspaugh, Mindy Miller, Debra Mielke, Eric Huff, Blaire Elizabeth Smalley, Sarah

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Phillips, Whoyle, Cbrink7, Brynn Gudenman, Vickie, Erica Johnson, Nicole Foster, Tiffanie, Annie Ramirez, Melissa Isaac, Nicole Green, Kerrie Struck, KW, Julie Wilson, Sarah G., Katherine Nowicki, Mmelillie, Kelli, Amanda Rissley, Andra Pietrantonio, Nathan Thomson, Joelle MacDonald-Snyder, Stefanie Sedlar, Nicki Schlicht, Chris, Jennifer Galloway, Julie Hackett, Rorik, Nicole Mozurkewich, Nicole Cowles, Bryan Dole, Donna, Bobbie, Tmbor, Nikki Smith, Gretchen Papazian, Mary Martinez, Sara Araway, Cathy Willermet, Krista Houghton, Gabby, Ashley Miller, Tangi Oswald, Becky, Marcy, Kim Chapman, bethbirgy, JS, Sara, Audra Drain, Jen Pasanski, Katy MacWilliams, Heather Allen, Daelyn Zanatta, Sarah Muscott, A. Fieg, Becky, JM, Brandy Brewer, BP, Roxanne Fler, Angela Skonieczny, Stefanie Terpstra, Sarah Henning, Madisyn Auker, Brandi, Thoms Bromell, RDH, Tara, Kelli Strom, Keith Foote, Theresa, Mppsmom, Steph, Lisa, Erica Haggstrom, Brinn, Scott Georgia, Dany Sineway, Lisa Davis, Lexi Mielke, Kimberly Wyche, Belinda, Angie Moss, Michelle Rupe, Madison Wood, annagilbert, jessicatrawick, Kristen Jacobs, Matt Cozzie, Marco Fornari, Craig Surbrook, Lisa DeMeyer, Katrina Rhymer, Amy Jo, Sophia, Margie, Burke, Nikota Mottin, Kelli, Jfidler, Mike, Michelle Wilson, Julie Pepper, SafetyFirstParent, Tracy, Michelle Keeler, Galaxyj2, Martha Miller, Swelling, Brandon Martinez, Galaxys20ultra5g, Erica Garwood, ericlinton, Jody Thompson, kfaber, LeeAnn Arens, Sarah Riley, Jayme, Amber Stanaway, anneliesefox, Taylor, Mrs. Ferry, Vance, Erin King, Julie Kyle Ash, Wendy Langworthy, Jessica Jernigan, Wendy Ullery, Cara Lange, Sarah Winchell, Xantha Karp, Michelle Kissell, Laurie, Aaron Wang, Johanna, Margarita Wilson, Denise McBride, Elissa Gagne, W Malish, Tracey Wood, Heather VanConant, Timothy Nieporte, X Charge, Tim Briggs, Anita Brown, jessicatrawick, GalaxyS8, Chris, Elaine, Jim, Kaylee VanderBaan, Parent, Brandi Nixon, Laurie, Melissa, Heather, Laura Gourlay, Brandy, Cathy Kennedy, Heather, Heather Ramsey, 460018, John Burnett, II, Sarah, Chris Ogozaly, Kay McArthur, Rachel Jaksa, anoyle, Ginny Nemchek, Stacia Robinson, Amber, Ann Marie Horseman, KB, Diane Falsetta, Carey Chadwell, Roy Schalk, Jennifer Brigham, Amanda Thompson, Angela, Kimberly Funnell, Gordy Houser, Ginger Kaufman, Jackie Mullikin, RosebushUnitedMethodistChurch, Nicole, Rowley, Abbey, Zanders, Wylie, Matt Lovely, Chrissy, Tesss, 198957282330, Tangi Oswald, Breanne Jensen, gonza1mm, cpbunt, Nicole, Andy Schoenborn, Henry, Sandy Harnick, Mindy, Alex's Aristo5, myah, Smith, Deb Linton, Tiffany Teeple, Kristin, Alicia Debuss, Shelly, Julie Mauer, Brown, T.C., Hoeft, Rachele E., Tara, Joe Wilmes, Frimampaw, Rong Kohtz, Julie Sowle, Marcy Stout, Aimee Murphy, Heather Devereaux, guest, Breyanna Wing-Brenner, Mink Family, Shawna Stevens, kmakjudd, Erin Ulrich, 19897631971, DEM, Jillian Tenhave, Aarons, Steve Gorsich, Shannon Jablonski, 19893302932, 19896215376, Cassandra Mistrzak, Eric Clark, B Lawrence, Ervin Cudjoe, Julie Allen, cstudley, Wes Wockes, Lisa Diaz, Danielle White, Damien Lada, Desiree McCormick, Seally, Johanna, S, pixel2x1, Kain, Ross, Amy Shaner, Amie Loya, Danielle Bole, Bridgette, Becky Trombley, Jense1ac, Sarah B, Dana Calkins, Nicole Green, Rachel Eaton, Josh Ayerdi, Jason Lundin, Waldo, Matt Hewitt, Alexa Kalinski, malika posey, Holli, Erin Ulrich, Dayna J, Zach Cresswell, Julie Zuo, cnunn, Luke Epple, Ryan Anderson (all names may not have been captured)

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.

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ROLL CALL

John Mozurkewich called the roll.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by general consent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

John Mozurkewich moved to approve the July 27, 2020, Special Meeting Minutes, as presented. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYES: None

Motion passed unanimously with a 7 - 0 vote.

PRESENTATION OF RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger presented the “MPPS Return to Learn Plan 2020” which expands on the presentation from the July 27, 2020 Special Board of Education meeting. The plan includes, but is not limited to, Michigan’s Safe Start Phases, survey results, and three basic options: Pathway 1 – Face to Face; Pathway 2 – Oilers Online; and/or Pathway 3 – Hybrid. Fancher Principal Katie Rinke reviewed in detail the main areas of focus for the DK-5th grade buildings and Mt. Pleasant Middle School Principal Darby Weaver reviewed details regarding the Middle School. Questions and answers followed the presentation.

MPHS Principal John Winkler, MPHS Associate Principal Jeff Platte, and MPHS teachers Sue Hoeft and Alex Wagner shared the MPHS Return to School Roadmap. The options at the MPHS are Option A: Choice of Full-Time In-Person or Oilers Online; Option B: Choice of Hybrid Program or Oilers Online; or Option C: All Students Oilers Online. Questions and answers followed the presentation.

Ms. Verleger completed the presentation by sharing “things to think about when making this decision” and “continuous work for MPPS staff”. It was also stated that the deadline to sign up for “Oilers Online” is August 10th. She also presented the **Memorandum of Understanding** between the Mt. Pleasant Education Association and the Mt. Pleasant Board of Education regarding **“Required Expectation Modifications due to the 2020-2021 Return to School Roadmap.”**

CITIZENS REQUEST TO ADDRESS BOARD

President Tim Odykirk asked if anyone would like to address the Board of Education. The following people addressed the Board of Education regarding a format for return to school in the fall: Aimee Murphy, Wiline Pangle, B. Lawrence, Jessica Lapp, Heather Ramsey, Riley Justis, Colette Hamlin, Burke, Therese Lunsford, Kelli Strom, Annie Ramirez, Michelle, Cara Lange, Alexia Torres, Nicole Green, Eric Beckman, Rorik, Erin King, Betsy, Mary Ann, Cynthia View, and Audrey Johnson.

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger read emails received by the Board of Education from numerous community members.

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APPROVAL OF RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN

Courtney Stegman moved to start the school year with the format of “Oilers On-Line” only. Brandon seconded the motion. Discussion followed. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Courtney Stegman, Brandon McQueen, Beth Sorenson Prince

NAYES: Amy Bond, John Mozurkewich, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk

Motion failed with a vote 3 – 4.

John Mozurkewich moved to start the school year with the option of “**Face to Face**” or “**Oilers Online**” for grades **K-8**, with a limited number of students in the classrooms based on the square footage of the classroom and highly encouraging students to participate in the “Oiler On-Line” program. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. Discussion followed. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Amy Bond, John Mozurkewich, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk

NAYES: Courtney Stegman, Brandon McQueen, Beth Sorenson Prince

Motion passed with a 4 – 3 vote.

Brandon McQueen moved to allow teachers the option to choose the format that they are comfortable with and have the option for unpaid leave until next trimester. Discussion followed. This motion was not considered because it wasn’t seconded by another board member.

John Mozurkewich moved to start the school year with the choice of the “**Hybrid Program or Oilers Online**” at the Mt. Pleasant High School with a limited number of students in the classrooms based on the square footage of the classroom, including the GI-TEC. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion was tabled by unanimous consent.

John Mozurkewich removed the previous motion from the table, moved to amend it by starting the school year with the choice of the “**Hybrid Program or Oilers Online**” at the **Mt. Pleasant High School** with a limited number of students in the classrooms based on the square footage of the classroom and highly encouraging students to participate in the “Oilers Online” program. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. Discussion followed. A roll call vote was taken on approving the motion as amended.

AYES: Amy Bond, John Mozurkewich, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk

NAYES: Courtney Stegman, Brandon McQueen, Beth Sorenson Prince

Motion passed with a 4 – 3 vote.

Discussion followed regarding the start of the school year for the Gratiot/Isabella Technical Education Center (GI-TEC). GI-TEC Director Mary Kay Voeks presented additional information regarding the program.

Amy Bond moved to have our students participate in the “Hybrid Program or Oilers Online” model and area school students attend as their respective district approves. MPPS students may choose to attend all five days, but would need to provide their own transportation. John Mozurkewich seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

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Sheila Murphy moved to table the above motion and to table the decision regarding attendance at GI-TEC until further information can be gathered. Brandon McQueen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYES: None

Motion passed unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION

President Tim Odykirk stated that if any parent has questions regarding their child’s respective school to feel free to contact the school, all offices are open now. Mr. Odykirk also thanked the staff of MPHS for the wonderful graduation celebration and our local businesses that supported the graduation celebration. Ms. Verleger stated that attendance was great and we only had 20 diplomas that were not handed out. Congratulations to all MPHS graduates!

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 11:57 p.m. by general consent.

APPROVED:

Secretary, Board of Education

Recording Secretary

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