

**MT. PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Board of Education**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes – August 5, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on August 5, 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; John Mozurkewich, Secretary; Brandon McQueen, Treasurer; Amy Bond, Trustee; Sheila Murphy, Trustee; Courtney Stegman, Trustee (arrived at 6:37 p.m.)

**Board Members Absent:**

None

**Administration Present:**

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger, Asst. Superintendent Linda Boyd, Chief Financial Officer Ginger Faber, Pullen Principal Diane Falsetta, State and Federal Grant Coordinator Kim Funnell

**Guests:**

Debra Ervin, Patrick Heitman, Jerry Winkler, Judy Winkler, Marie Johnston, John Winkler, Joyce Castellon, Cathy Schafer, Andrea Kistler, Margie Dexter, Mindy Wischmeyer, Amy McGillvary, Lisa Davis, Lisa Johnson, Kelly Simon

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Tim Odykirk called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

President Tim Odykirk appointed Beth Sorenson Prince as interim Secretary.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL**

Beth Sorenson Prince called the roll.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

President Tim Odykirk administered the Oath of Office to John Mozurkewich who was appointed by the Board at the July 15, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved by general consent.

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### **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.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **Board Minutes**

Sheila Murphy moved to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2019, Regular Meeting. Amy Bond seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 6 - 0 vote.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Appointment of Board Secretary**

Sheila Murphy moved to appoint **John Mozurkewich** as the Board Secretary. Brandon McQueen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

#### **Resignation**

Sheila Murphy moved to accept the resignation of **Lisa Gatti**, effective August 5, 2019, with much appreciation and regret, as presented by the administration. Amy Bond seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

#### **New Hires – Administration**

Sheila Murphy moved to approve the employment of **Cathy Schafer** as the Transportation Director for MPPS for the 2019/20 school year at Step 1 of the Transportation Director pay scale, as presented by the administration. Brandon McQueen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

Amy Bond moved to approve the employment of **John Winkler** as the MPHS Principal for the 2019/20 school year at Step 3 of the Mt. Pleasant High School Principal pay scale, with the initial contract of employment with MPPS through June 30, 2020, and will be renewed annually for a two year period, as presented by the administration. Beth Sorenson Prince seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

#### **New Hires – Certified Staff**

Brandon McQueen moved to approve the employment of **Anneliese Fox** as a Counselor for the 2019/20 school year at Step 1 of the B.A. level pay scale and **Andrea Kistler** as a secondary Spanish Teacher for the 2019/20 school year at Step 10 of the M.A. #30 level pay scale, as presented by administration. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

### **REPORTS/UPDATES**

#### **Board Reports**

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger shared the current Board Reports and Presentations for 2019 and asked that Board Members review it and give feedback as to whether there are any additional reports/programs that they would like to hear from.

#### **Technology Report**

Joyce Castellon, Core Academic Technology and Data Coach, presented the annual Technology Report on behalf of Joe Judge. The report included information such as the transition to Google, the success of the Spring, 2019 testing season, the new format coming for M-Step and WIDA, that chromebooks continue to replace classroom desktop computers thereby allowing testing in the classroom. Future plans include rolling out the new GoGuardian software, the new RESD-

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wide finance and payroll system, a new PA systems at the Middle School and High School, and upgrading technology at the High School and Pullen Elementary. The Board Members were encouraged to contact Joe Judge if they have any questions regarding the presentation.

**District Improvement Plan**

Kim Funnell, State and Federal Grant Coordinator, presented the annual District Improvement Plan. Her report included, but was not limited to, district plan components, improvement plan stakeholder involvement, general goals together with academic and system goals, and information on the Michigan Integrated Continuous Improvement Process (MICHIP). Questions and answers followed the presentation.

**2018 McKinney-Vento District Summary**

Kim Funnell, State and Federal Grant Coordinator, presented the 2018 McKinney-Vento District Summary. Her presentation included, but was not limited to, McKinney-Vento Educational Rights, a description of who is homeless, warning signs of homelessness, and educational barriers of homeless children and youth. For the 2018/19 school year Mt. Pleasant Public Schools identified 157 youth as homeless which is up by six from 2017/18. The presentation also included the different school services that are offered to our homeless youth. Questions and answers followed the presentation.

**Balanced Calendar**

Diane Falsetta, Pullen Elementary Principal, presented information on the Balanced Calendar Program. The first day of school for Balanced Calendar at Pullen and McGuire is Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, with the last day of school being June 18, 2020. There are six classrooms in the Balanced Calendar Program – Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, with 121 students currently enrolled. Ms. Falsetta shared the benefits of this program, which includes theme-based learning opportunity intersessions. Questions and answers followed the presentation.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION**

President Tim Odykirk stated that the first day of school for the traditional calendar is Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**APPROVED:**

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**Secretary, Board of Education**

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**Recording Secretary**

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