

MT. PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting Minutes – September 16, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on September 16, 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

Board Members Absent:

Courtney Stegman, Trustee

Administration Present:

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

Guests:

Debra Ervin, Patrick Heitman, Kristen Weber, Peter Lindsay, Lizzy Richards, Kristen Rhodes, Mindy Wischmeyer, Eric Rohman, Logan Loya, Iris Hwang, Stephanie Hall, Lisa Johnson, Amanda Carey, Justin Carey, Matt Taton, Kelly Crossno, Amy Shaner, Lisa Davis, Jennifer Chandler Conner, Lisa Systema

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.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by general consent.

CITIZENS REQUEST TO ADDRESS BOARD

Kristen Weber, Mt. Pleasant resident, addressed the school Board Members regarding applying for a grant to construct a playground at MPMS.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student Representatives Logan Loya and Iris Hwang shared with the Board of Education events happening at Mt. Pleasant High School, specifically regarding Homecoming events taking place the week of October 1st.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mt. Pleasant Aquatic Center Presentation (Swim Friends)

Lisa Sytsema, on behalf of Swim Friends of Mid-Michigan, presented information regarding the feasibility study for a Mt. Pleasant Aquatic Center. Ms. Sytsema shared a 175 page document detailing the programming, design and financial analysis of the aquatic center. There was also a resolution produced asking for support in exploring the creation of a recreational authority as a means to advance community dialogue regarding an aquatic center. Questions and answers followed the presentation.

Donations from patrons of Red Bloom Yoga and Planet Fitness

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger shared information regarding school supply donations for our classrooms that our district received from the patrons of Red Bloom Yoga and Planet Fitness. The district is very thankful for these donations from our community members.

Superintendent Evaluation

Superintendent Verleger shared a superintendent evaluation rubric with the Board Members. She also shared a proposed timeline that has been placed in the shared drive. It is planned to revisit the rubric at the October 14th Regular Meeting.

Project AWARE Update

Superintendent Verleger reported on Project AWARE events coming up: Dr. Stephanie Grant, September 18th, 7-8:30 p.m., Mt. Pleasant High School Auditorium, and the "Feel Good" Wellness Tailgate September 20th, 5-7:00 p.m. in the Mt. Pleasant High School Gymnasium.

Call for School Board Meeting

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger shared a "Call for School Board Meeting" form wherein the meeting will be held on October 14, 2019, 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room at 720 N. Kinney Ave. She also shared that the October 7th and 21st board meetings have been canceled.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Chief Financial Officer Ginger Faber presented the general fund revenue and expenditure comparison report for the month ending August, 2019 and 2018, 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 19, 2019, Regular Meeting minutes, and the bills payable from August 9, 2019, through September 12, 2019, amounting to \$1,460,089.38. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 6 - 0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

MPHS Marching Band Competition

Matthew Taton, MPHS Band Director, presented information regarding the Marching Band Competition to take place in Indiana, November 13-15, 2019. Questions and answers followed his presentation. Beth Sorenson Prince moved to approve the MPHS Marching Band Competition field trip to Indianapolis, Indiana, November 13-15, 2019, as presented. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 6 - 0 vote.

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New Hires

Brandon McQueen moved to approve the employment of the following people: **Jennifer Chandler Conner** as a Health Occupations teacher at GI-TEC at Step 3 of the B.A. level pay scale for the 2019/20 school year; **Jamie Hall** as a Special Education teacher at McGuire Elementary at Step 10 of the B.A. level pay scale for the 2019/20 school year; and **Ashley O'Neil** as a Kindergarten teacher at Pullen Elementary School at Step 10 of the M.A. level pay scale for the 2019/20 school year. Amy Bond seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

New Activity Account – MPHS

Brandon McQueen moved to approve the Class of 2023 new activity account as presented. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

Mt. Pleasant Aquatic Center Resolution

Sheila Murphy moved to adopt the Resolution in Support of Exploring the Creation of a Recreational Authority as a Means to Advance Community Dialogue Regarding an Aquatic Center, as presented by Superintendent Jennifer Verleger, and discussed earlier in the meeting. Brandon McQueen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Amy Bond, Brandon McQueen, Sheila Murphy, John Mozurkewich, Tim Odykirk, and Beth Sorenson Prince
NAYES: None

Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

Board Member Appointment to Aquatic Center Study Committee – “Swim Friends of Mid Michigan”

Brandon McQueen moved to appoint **Sheila Murphy** to the Aquatic Center Study Committee - “Swim Friends of Mid-Michigan”, term to expire 12/31/19. John Mozurkewich seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

MDOT High Street Project

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger presented information from the State of Michigan Department of Transportation regarding consent to construct/reconstruct sidewalk and consent to grade drive on MPPS property located in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan (Fancher Elementary School area/High Street). Discussion followed. Brandon McQueen moved to authorize the superintendent to sign consent agreements requested by the Michigan Department of Transportation that allow the Department to construct/reconstruct sidewalks on district property and grade the drive at Fancher Elementary School in conjunction with an upcoming highway project along M-20, as presented. Amy Bond seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

Donation – Ganiard

John Mozurkewich moved to accept an anonymous donation of \$3,000 to Ganiard Elementary School, as presented by Superintendent Jennifer Verleger. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

Appointment of Delegates for the MASB Annual Leadership Conference

Sheila Murphy moved to appoint **Tim Odykirk** and **Courtney Stegman** as Delegates at the MASB Annual Leadership Conference to be held on Friday, November 8, 2019, at 5:30 p.m., and further to appoint **Amy Bond** as an alternate. Beth Sorenson Prince seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

Student Reinstatement Committee Recommendation – Student #S6-2017/18

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger shared a memo from the Student Reinstatement Committee recommending granting student **#S6-2017/18** admission to the MPPS WAY Forward Program,

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effective September 17, 2019. Sheila Murphy moved to approve the admission of Student S6-2017/18 to the MPPS WAY Forward Program, effective September 17, 2019. Brandon McQueen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION

President Tim Odykirk is appreciative of our community connections, partners, and donations.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m. by general consent.

APPROVED:

Secretary, Board of Education

Recording Secretary

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