

MT. PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting Minutes – September 7, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on September 7, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in Performing Arts Center, 1155 S. Elizabeth Street, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

Board Members Present:

Amy Bond, President; Tim Odykirk, Vice-President; Sheila Murphy, Treasurer; Dana Calkins, Trustee; Wiline Pangle, Trustee

Board Members Absent:

Courtney Stegman, Secretary; Jessica Jernigan, Trustee

Administration Present:

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger, Asst. Superintendent Linda Boyd, Chief Financial Officer Ginger Faber, CIO Joe Judge, Athletic Director Jim Conway, Vowles Principal Kim Bishop

Guests:

Debra Ervin, Matt Wernett, John Klak, Pat Onstott, Breane Moeggenberg, Mary B. Pappas, Nancy Pappas, Katerina Marcinehova, Michael Heitman, Pat Heitman, Archita Sarhiya, Dan Weber, Kirsten Weber, Karena Verona, Josh Ayerdi, Mark Perry, Laura Gourlay, Tyler Morkin, Joelle MacDonald-Snyder, Daniel Ruhle, Cindy Poole, Daelyn Zanatha, Jessica Lapp, Nicole Hagle, Alice Roberser, Caitlin Nunn, Jason Un, Alex Dematrey, Joshua Hicks, Eric Chercover, Danny McQuarters, Maureen N. Eke, Amy Ford, Claudia Pastorelly, Corie Beard, Malika Posey, Finnea Kohtz, Maria Perry, Kelly Fountain

CALL TO ORDER

President Amy Bond called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Tim Odykirk was appointed interim Secretary for the purpose of this meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

President Amy Bond read the Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement.

ROLL CALL

Tm Odykirk called the roll.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by general consent.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

MASB Fall Leadership Conference

MASB Fall Leadership Conference information was presented which will be held in November. Board Members are to let Deb Ervin know as soon as possible if they would like to attend the conference, either in person or virtually. At the September 20th Board of Education meeting we will appoint two delegates to represent MPPS at the Delegate Assembly that will take place on Thursday, November 11th at 6:00 p.m.

Southwest Foodservice Excellence Donation

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger shared that SFE donated 41 gallons of milk to the Isabella County Soup Kitchen, on August 18th, valued at \$326.52.

PSC Update

Assistant Superintendent Linda Boyd presented a PSC update. Discussion followed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Minutes

Sheila Murphy moved to approve the August 16, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. Dana Calkins seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 5 - 0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

MHSAA Cooperative Team Agreement – Hockey

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger presented information regarding the proposed MHSAA Cooperative Team Agreement – Hockey. If approved, this agreement would support a cooperative hockey team between Mt. Pleasant, Beal City, Clare, Ithaca, Sacred Heart, and Shepherd schools, and would be an agreement through at least June 30, 2023. Tim Odykirk moved to approve the MHSAA Cooperative Team Agreement for Hockey, as presented. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 5 – 0 vote.

New Hire

Dana Calkins moved to employ **Kimberly Pluff** at a DK-2 Computer and At-Risk Interventionist for the District, with her salary being established at Step 10 of the MPEA pay MA pay scale for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented. Wiline Pangle seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 5 - 0 vote.

Donations

Sheila Murphy moved to accept the following donations: 5,208 face masks valued at \$26,664.00 from **Merchandise Outlet**; \$337.00 from **MJ Murphy Beauty College** to Jason Russell's classroom; and student supplies and hand sanitizer valued at \$1,890.00 from the **Community Partners of Staples**, as presented. Wiline Pangle seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 5 - 0 vote.

Student Reinstatement Recommendation – Student #S2-2018/2019

Sheila Murphy moved to grant admission for Student #S2-2018/2019 to the WAY Program, effective September 8, 2021, as presented by Superintendent Jennifer Verleger. Tim Odykirk seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 5 - 0 vote.

Masking Policy

President Amy Bond opened up a discussion regarding the current MPPS masking policy and the possible need to have a general policy and what that policy may look like. Discussion followed, including reviewing a "Proposed MPPS Mask Protocols". The Proposed MPPS Mask Protocols includes the Level of Community Transmission and MPPS Mask Protocol. Isabella County is

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currently in the position of High Transmission which would require all students and staff to wear masks at all times inside.

Wiline Pangle moved to implement universal masking while our county is in high transmission. Dana Calkins seconded the motion. Further discussion took place. Tim Odykirk moved to modify the above stated motion adding weekly review by the Superintendent and giving the Superintendent the authority to make changes in the policy in emergency situations. Wiline Pangle seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4 – 1 vote, with Sheila Murphy placing the dissenting vote.

CITIZENS REQUEST TO ADDRESS BOARD

The following individuals addressed the Board of Education: Breane Moeggenberg, Maria Perry, Kelly Fountain, Laura Gourley, Cindy Poole, Jessica Lapp, Eric Chercover, Maureen N. Eke, Corie Beard

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION

No discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m. by general consent.

APPROVED:

Secretary, Board of Education

Recording Secretary

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