

**MT. PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Board of Education**  
**Organizational Meeting Minutes – January 4, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.**

The Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education was held on January 4, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., via Zoom, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86931751410>.

**Board Members Present:**

Amy Bond, Dana Calkins, Jessica Jernigan, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk, Wiline Pangle, Courtney Stegman

**Board Members Absent:**

None

**Administration Present:**

Panelists: Superintendent Jennifer Verleger, Asst. Superintendent Linda Boyd, CFO Ginger Faber

**Guests:**

Panelist: Deb Ervin. The following are names provided via their Zoom identity: Stacey Starr, Quana Hoffman, Bridgette Bridget, Brooke Helm, ckohn, Abbie Lewandowski, Kelly, Miss DiMaggio, Josh Rhodes, Betsy, Kurt Clingenpeel, Delayne Schutt, megan williams, Christie, Colette, Sarah Keehbauch, MaryAnn, Laurie, Alexia Torres, Michelle Wilson, Wendy Epple, Erin King, [afox@mp.edzone.net](mailto:afox@mp.edzone.net), Belinda, Andrea, Erica Haggstrom, Margarita Wilson, Heather, allykaniski, Kelly Kjolhede, Nick Wilson, Michael Yarger, Becky Hansen, Laura Gourlay, mwelsh, Pickens-Loose, Janel (PBC), Margie Dexter, Kaelah Werth, Julie Jackson, Aimee Murphy, Heather Ramsey, april scott, Melissa Isaac, whoyle, Gabriel Goodrich, Stephanie Gerth, Ashleigh Begres, Joelle Snyder, E. Blahnik, Katrina Coe, Amanda, Eric, bryantgreiner, Ashton Wirgau, Amanda Carey, Stephanie Terpstra, Lisa Auker, Chris, shelley, Josh Ayerdi, Frim Ampaw, Alex Crowley, Jamie Pierson, MG, Courtney, Tara, Dayna J, malika posey, Breyanna Wing-Brenner, bjp.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Tim Odykirk called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL**

Tim Odykirk called the roll.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved by general consent.

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**APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON**

Sheila Murphy moved to appoint Superintendent Jennifer Verleger as Temporary Chairperson. Wiline Pangle seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken:

**AYES:** Amy Bond, Dana Calkins, Jessica Jernigan, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk,  
Wiline Pangle, Courtney Stegman

**NAYES:** None

Motion carried unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**President**

Tim Odykirk moved to nominate **Amy Bond** for President. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Amy Bond, Dana Calkins, Jessica Jernigan, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk,  
Wiline Pangle, Courtney Stegman

**NAYES:** None

Motion carried unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote. **Amy Bond** was elected as President for the 2021 calendar year.

**Vice-President**

Sheila Murphy moved to nominate **Tim Odykirk** for Vice-President. Amy Bond seconded the motion. Jessica Jernigan moved to nominate **Courtney Stegman** as Vice President. Amy Bond seconded the motion. Nominees stated their rationale to become Vice-President. A roll call vote was taken for the candidates

**AYES for Tim Odykirk:** Amy Bond, Dana Calkins, Jessica Jernigan, Sheila  
Murphy, Tim Odykirk, Wiline Pangle

**AYES for Courtney Stegman:** Courtney Stegman

**Tim Odykirk** was voted in as Vice-President for the 2021 calendar year with a 6 – 0 vote.

**Secretary**

Amy Bond moved to nominate **Courtney Stegman** for Secretary. Wiline Pangle seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Amy Bond, Dana Calkins, Jessica Jernigan, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk,  
Wiline Pangle, Courtney Stegman

**NAYES:** None

Motion carried unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote. **Courtney Stegman** was elected Secretary for the 2021 calendar year.

**Treasurer**

Amy Bond moved to nominate **Sheila Murphy** for Treasurer. Dana Calkins seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Amy Bond, Dana Calkins, Jessica Jernigan, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk,  
Wiline Pangle, Courtney Stegman

**NAYES:** None

Motion carried unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote. **Sheila Murphy** was elected Treasurer for the 2021 calendar year.

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**CITIZENS REQUEST TO ADDRESS BOARD**

President Amy Bond asked if anyone would like to address the Board of Education with respect to Agenda items. Hearing no response, she continued on with the meeting.

**SCHEDULE OF 2021 BOARD MEETINGS RESOLUTION**

Tim Odykirk moved to approve the Board of Education Regular Meetings Resolution as presented. Amy Bond seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Amy Bond, Dana Calkins, Jessica Jernigan, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk,  
Wiline Pangle, Courtney Stegman

**NAYES:** None

Motion carried unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

**VOCATIONAL CAREERS, INC. APPOINTMENT**

Tim Odykirk moved to appoint **Dana Calkins** as the Mt. Pleasant Public Schools’ Board of Education Representative to the Vocational Careers, Inc. Board. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Amy Bond, Dana Calkins, Jessica Jernigan, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk,  
Wiline Pangle, Courtney Stegman

**NAYES:** None

Motion carried unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

**PEACEMAKING REPRESENTATIVE**

Amy Bond moved to appoint **Courtney Stegman** as the Board Representative on the Peacemaking Committee, effective February 1, 2021 through January 31, 2022. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Amy Bond, Dana Calkins, Jessica Jernigan, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk,  
Wiline Pangle, Courtney Stegman

**NAYES:** None

Motion carried unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

**MPPS SEX EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD (SEAB) MEMBER**

**Jessica Jernigan** moved to nominate herself to the MPPS Sex Education Advisory Board. Dana Calkins seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Amy Bond, Dana Calkins, Jessica Jernigan, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk,  
Wiline Pangle, Courtney Stegman

**NAYES:** None

Motion carried unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

**ANTI-BULLYNG TASK FORCE**

Amy Bond moved to appoint **Courtney Stegman** as the Board Representative on the MPPS Bullying Prevention Task Force. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Amy Bond, Dana Calkins, Jessica Jernigan, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk,  
Wiline Pangle, Courtney Stegman

**NAYES:** None

Motion carried unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

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**PROFESSIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE (PSC)**

Sheila Murphy moved to appoint **Dana Calkins** as the Board Representative on the Professional Study Committee (PSC). Wiline Pangle seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Amy Bond, Dana Calkins, Jessica Jernigan, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk,  
Wiline Pangle, Courtney Stegman

**NAYES:** None

Motion carried unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

**STUDENT REINSTATEMENT COMMITTEE**

Amy Bond moved to appoint **Sheila Murphy** and **Dana Calkins** to the Student Reinstatement Committee. Courtney Stegman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Amy Bond, Dana Calkins, Jessica Jernigan, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk,  
Wiline Pangle, Courtney Stegman

**NAYES:** None

Motion carried unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

**TOUCHSTONE**

The following Board Members agreed to write articles for the designated Touchstone publications:

February, 2021 – Courtney Stegman

April, 2021 – Jessica Jernigan

June, 2021 – Tim Odykirk

August, 2021 – Amy Bond

November, 2021 – Wiline Pangle

February, 2022 – Dana Calkins

**ELECTION COORDINATOR DESIGNEE**

Sheila Murphy moved to appoint **Debra Ervin**, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, as the Election Coordinator Designee for the 2021 calendar year. Tim Odykirk seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Amy Bond, Dana Calkins, Jessica Jernigan, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk,  
Wiline Pangle, Courtney Stegman

**NAYES:** None

Motion carried unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

**GIRESD SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY REPRESENTATIVES**

Jessica Jernigan moved to appoint **Stefanie House**, Special Education Director, and **Linda Boyd**, Assistant Superintendent, as the Gratiot-Isabella RESD Special Educational Advisory Representatives. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Amy Bond, Dana Calkins, Jessica Jernigan, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk,  
Wiline Pangle, Courtney Stegman

**NAYES:** None

Motion carried unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

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**NEOLA REPRESENTATIVE**

Courtney Stegman moved to appoint the **MPPS Superintendent** as the District's NEOLA Representative. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Amy Bond, Dana Calkins, Jessica Jernigan, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk,  
Wiline Pangle, Courtney Stegman

**NAYES:** None

Motion carried unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

**CULTURAL & RECREATIONAL COMMISSION (CRC) REPRESENTATIVE**

Sheila Murphy moved to re-appoint **Brittany Knopp** as the School District's Representative to the Cultural & Recreational Committee, a three year term to expire December 31, 2023. Amy Bond seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Amy Bond, Dana Calkins, Jessica Jernigan, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk,  
Wiline Pangle, Courtney Stegman

**NAYES:** None

Motion carried unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

**MID MICHIGAN AQUATIC RECREATIONAL AUTHORITY COMMITTEE**

Sheila Murphy moved to appoint **Lisa Diaz** to represent MPPS on the Mid Michigan Aquatic Recreational Authority Board, term to expire December 31, 2021. Dana Calkins seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Amy Bond, Dana Calkins, Jessica Jernigan, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk,  
Wiline Pangle, Courtney Stegman

**NAYES:** None

Motion carried unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

**GI-RESD PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)**

Tim Odykirk moved to appoint **Scott and Katrina Harrington** as the School District's Representative to the GI-RESD Parent Advisory Committee. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Amy Bond, Dana Calkins, Jessica Jernigan, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk,  
Wiline Pangle, Courtney Stegman

**NAYES:** None

Motion carried unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

**CONDUCTING OF SCHOOL BUSINESS**

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger recommended that the Board of Education authorize school personnel to conduct school business in the following areas:

1. Administer all Master Contract Agreements as ratified by the Board of Education.
2. Authorize the Superintendent to enter into and execute all contracts and agreements in the usual and customary course of the school district's business.
3. Checks drawn on General Fund operational accounts, Debt Retirement Funds accounts, and Capital Project Funds accounts shall be authorized or signed by the Superintendent, Chief Financial Officer, or Superintendent's designee. All Checks over \$30,000.00 must carry two signatures or authorizations.
4. Checks drawn on General Fund special purpose accounts, or Food Service Funds accounts shall be authorized or signed by the Chief Financial Officer, the

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- Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee. All checks over \$30,000 must carry two signatures or authorizations.
5. All school district banking or investment transactions shall be authorized or signed by the Superintendent, Chief Financial Officer or Superintendent's designee.
  6. School district's purchase orders shall be authorized or signed by the Chief Financial Officer, Superintendent or Superintendent's designee.
- B. That the Board of Education authorize the following depositories for School Funds: **TCF Bank, Comerica Bank, PNC, Mercantile Bank, Isabella Bank, Isabella Community Credit Union, Michigan School District Liquid Asset Fund (MILAF), Independent Bank, Northern Trust (Safekeeping), Smith Barney, Standard Federal, Bank of New York, Michigan CLASS Pool, Bank of America, Fifth Third Bank, Central Michigan Community Federal Credit Union and Huntington National Bank.**
- The Superintendent or Chief Financial Officer shall authorize deposit of school funds in depositories not listed, if it is in the best interest of the school district.
- C. That the Board of Education approve the annual retainer contracts with the following law firms: Thrun Law Firm, P.C. and Clark Hill PLC, and
  - D. That the Board of Education approve the continuation of the agreement with Yeo & Yeo Auditing Firm.

Sheila Murphy moved to approve the above as presented. Tim Odykirk seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Amy Bond, Dana Calkins, Jessica Jernigan, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk, Wiline Pangle, Courtney Stegman

**NAYES:** None

Motion carried unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT AUTHORITY TO SUSPEND/EXPEL (Policy #5610)**

Dana Calkins moved to grant the authority to make decisions regarding student suspension and recommendation for expulsion to the Superintendent of Schools. Tim Odykirk seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Amy Bond, Dana Calkins, Jessica Jernigan, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk, Wiline Pangle, Courtney Stegman

**NAYES:** None

Motion carried unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

#### **SAGINAW CHIPPEWA INDIAN TRIBE (SCIT) – CREATION OF EX OFFICIO BOARD REPRESENTATIVE**

Dana Calkins moved to create an Ex Officio Representative to the Mt. Pleasant Public Schools' Board of Education from the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, appointed annually by the SCIT Counsel. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Amy Bond, Dana Calkins, Jessica Jernigan, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk, Wiline Pangle, Courtney Stegman

**NAYES:** None

Motion carried unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

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**ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION NORMS**

After discussion, Board Members committed to sign the Board of Education Norms.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Special Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. by general consent.

**APPROVED:**

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**Secretary, Board of Education**

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**Recording Secretary**

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