

MT. PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Organizational Meeting Minutes – January 6, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

The Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education was held on January 6, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., in the Kinney Conference Room, 720 N. Kinney Ave., Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

Board Members Present:

Amy Bond, John Mozurkewich, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk, Beth Sorenson Prince, Courtney Stegman

Board Members Absent:

Brandon McQueen

Administration Present:

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

Guests:

Deb Ervin, Michael Heitman

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

Beth Sorenson Prince called the roll.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by general consent.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON

Sheila Murphy moved to appoint Superintendent Jennifer Verleger as Temporary Chairperson. Beth Sorenson Prince seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President

Beth Sorenson Prince moved to nominate Tim Odykirk for President. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. **Tim Odykirk** was elected President for the 2020 calendar year by a 6 – 0 vote.

Vice-President

Tim Odykirk moved to nominate Amy Bond for Vice-President. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. **Amy Bond** was elected Vice-President for the 2020 calendar year by a 6 – 0 vote.

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Secretary

Sheila Murphy moved to nominate John Mozurkewich for Secretary. Beth Sorenson Prince seconded the motion. **John Mozurkewich** was elected Secretary for the 2020 calendar year by a 6 – 0 vote.

Treasurer

Amy Bond moved to nominate Brandon McQueen for Treasurer. John Mozurkewich seconded the motion. **Brandon McQueen** was elected Treasurer for the 2020 calendar year by a 6 – 0 vote.

CITIZENS REQUEST TO ADDRESS BOARD

President Tim Odykirk asked if anyone would like to address the Board of Education with respect to Agenda items. Hearing no response he continued on with the meeting.

SCHEDULE OF 2019 BOARD MEETINGS

Sheila Murphy moved to approve the Board of Education Regular Meetings Resolution as presented. John Mozurkewich seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Amy Bond, John Mozurkewich, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk,
Beth Sorenson Prince, Courtney Stegman
NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously with a 6– 0 vote.

VOCATIONAL CAREERS, INC. APPOINTMENT

Beth Sorenson Prince moved to appoint **John Mozurkewich** as the Mt. Pleasant Public Schools' Board of Education Representative to the Vocational Careers, Inc. Board. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

PEACEMAKING REPRESENTATIVE

Sheila Murphy moved to make the Peacemaking Representative position effective February 1st through January 31st. John Mozurkewich seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

Sheila Murphy moved to appoint **Tim Odykirk** as the interim Peacemaking Representative, effective through January 31, 2020. Beth Sorenson Prince seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

Sheila Murphy moved to appoint **Amy Bond** as the Board Representative on the Peacemaking Committee, effective February 1, 2020 through January 31, 2021. Beth Sorenson Prince seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 6– 0 vote.

MPPS SEX EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

John Mozurkewich moved to appoint **Beth Sorenson Prince** to the MPPS Sex Education Advisory Board. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

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ANTI-BULLYNG TASK FORCE

Sheila Murphy moved to appoint **Brandon McQueen** as the Board Representative on the MPPS Bullying Prevention Task Force. Beth Sorenson Prince seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

PROFESSIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE (PSC)

Sheila Murphy moved to appoint **Courtney Stegman** as the Board Representative on the Professional Study Committee (PSC). Amy Bond seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

STUDENT REINSTATEMENT COMMITTEE

John Mozurkewich moved to appoint **Sheila Murphy** and **Amy Bond** to the Student Reinstatement Committee. Beth Sorenson Prince seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

TOUCHSTONE

Sheila Murphy moved to appoint the following Board Members to write articles for the designated Touchstone publications:

- February, 2020 – John Mozurkewich
- April, 2020 – Brandon McQueen
- June, 2020 – Beth Sorenson Prince
- August, 2020 – Tim Odykirk
- November, 2020 – Amy Bond
- February, 2021 – Courtney Stegman

Motion was supported by John Mozurkewich. Motion passed unanimously with a 6 - 0 vote.

ELECTION COORDINATOR DESIGNEE

Sheila Murphy moved to appoint **Debra Ervin**, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, as the Election Coordinator Designee for the 2020 calendar year. John Mozurkewich seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

GIRESD SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY REPRESENTATIVES

Sheila Murphy moved to appoint **Stefanie House**, Special Education Director, and **Linda Boyd**, Assistant Superintendent, as the Gratiot-Isabella RESD Special Educational Advisory Representatives. Beth Sorenson Prince seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

NEOLA REPRESENTATIVE

Sheila Murphy moved to appoint the **MPPS Superintendent** as the District's NEOLA Representative. John Mozurkewich seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

CHIPPEWA RIVER DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEE

John Mozurkewich moved to appoint Courtney Doyle to the CRDL Board of Trustees with a term expiring on December 31, 2024. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

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SWIM FRIENDS OF MID MICHIGAN – MT. PLEASANT AQUATIC CENTER

John Mozurkewich moved to appoint **Sheila Murphy** to the Swim Friends of Mid Michigan committee. Amy Bond seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 6 – 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 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 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.

Furthermore, the Board of Education authorizes the following depositories for School Funds:

Chemical 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, and

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, and

The Board of Education shall approve the annual retainer contracts with the following law firms:
Thrun Law Firm, P.C. and Clark Hill PLC, and

The Board of Education shall approve the continuation of the agreement with Yeo & Yeo Auditing Firm.

Sheila Murphy moved to approve the above as presented. Beth Sorenson Prince seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

SUPERINTENDENT AUTHORITY TO SUSPEND/EXPEL (Policy #5610)

Sheila Murphy moved to grant the authority to make decisions regarding student suspension and recommendation for expulsion to the Superintendent of Schools. Amy Bond seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION NORMS

After discussion, present Board Members signed the Board of Education Norms.

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ADJOURNMENT

The Special Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. by general consent.

APPROVED:

Secretary, Board of Education

Recording Secretary

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