

MT. PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Special Board Meeting Minutes – August 13, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was held on August 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81175795954#success>.

Board Members Present:

Tim Odykirk, President; Amy Bond, Vice-President; Brandon McQueen, Treasurer; John Mozurkewich, Secretary; Sheila Murphy, Trustee; Beth Sorenson Prince, Trustee; Courtney Stegman, Trustee

Board Members Absent:

None

Administration Present:

Panelists: Superintendent Jennifer Verleger, Asst. Superintendent Linda Boyd, CFO Ginger Faber; MPHS Principal John Winkler, GI-TEC Principal Mary Kay Voeks, MPMS Principal Darby Weaver, Vowles Principal Kim Bishop, Fancher Principal Katie Rinke, MPCE/WAY/GSRP Director Kim Funnell

Guests:

Panelists: Deb Ervin. The following names are guest names provided via their Zoom identity: Quana Hoffman, Shari Norman, Kellie Dziuk, Sarah Hicks, Jennifer Loveberry, Jennifer Klein, Andrea, Jessica Lapp, Tyler Morkin, Jolene Priest Schultz, Brandy Brewer, KW, JN, Jennifer Chandler, Bryan Dole, J Molyneux, Amanda Carey, Aimee Murphy, Christie Brennan, Wiline Pangle, Dany Sineway, Bryant Greiner, Nicole Rinke, Jessica Champman, Verna Holley, Cynthia View, Heather Ramsey, Kendra Asher, Lesa Peterson, Delphine Rossignol, Melissa Sweet, Heather, Nicole Koch, Kristin Wiley, Courtney, Jamie, E. Blahnik, Adrienne Mitchell, Dawn Haggart, Pat Heitman, WHoyle, Mindy Miller, Ali LaPreze, Sue Hoeft, Riley Justis, Wendy Epple, David Durfee, Red Bloom Yoga, Dan Weber, Sarah Greaves, Josh Rhodes, Catherine Schafer, Rachel Jaksa, Becky Hansen, Colette, Matt Taton, RL, Michelle Rupe, Timothy Nieporte, Rebecca Vandersys, Sarah Muscott, BP, C Bryant, Sarah Phillips, Vance, Stacie Zeien, 19896215380, Stacey Starr, Kay McArthur, Lisa Aucker, Jennifer Galloway, 19896212974, Tonya Bourke, Sarah, Stefanie Hall, Josh Ayerdi, 19896210096, Kelli, Julie Wilson, Joelle Snyder, Theresa Morgan, Jamie Pierson, Justin, Michele Keeler, Anna Gilbert, Robin Dennis, Donna, Thomas Bromell, Kerrie Struck, Danielle Bruursema, Michelle Leiter, Lori and Ryan Lillie, Stefanie Terpstra, Jennifer, Judith Lakamper, Sarah B., Laurie, Lisa Yanick Litwiller, Camille, Miriam Bigelow, Amanda Rissley, Rudert, Eric Clark, Rachel Chess, Erica Haagstrom, Carlie Lux, Jake, Zimmer, Frim Ampaw, Diana Covarrubias, Stefanie Girth, Laura H., Michelle Kisell, Karrie Whitaker, Heather VanConant, Katie, Megan Stembridge, Minde' Lux, Nikki Smith, Brian Schafer, Heather Allen, Niicole Mozurkewich, Eric Beckman, Nikota Mottin, Sara, Nzimm1973, Dani Formsma, Laura Gourlay, Dayna J., Eric, Jill Jakubowski, Ethan Gott, Michelle Morey, Kevin Dush, Catrina Landen Yarger, Lisa Diaz, Kathy N., Jlfid, Init. _____

Ryan Greaves, Jessica Trawick, Cindy Araway, Lauren Stewart, Susan Renaud, April, Stefanie Sedlar, Lisa Northrup, Kristin Jacobs, Diane Falsetta, Delayne Schutt, Mike PJ, Colette Hamlin, Bryan, Crina, Stefanie Hall, Brent Fidler, Shara Wohlscheid, Melinda, Melissa Ferry, Katy Flint, Andra, Bre, Amanda, Ginger Kaufman, KN, Angela Skonieczny, Kelli, Amy, Brandi Nixon, Desiree McCormick, Robin Ervin, Maria Gonzalez, Gifty, Julie, Cheryl Lobert, Ervin Cudjoe, Nicole F., Shelley Dixon, Cheryl, Belinda, Kacie Barbay, Erin King, Aboyle, Heather E., Movies, Cynthia Damer, Andrea Millis, Kaylee VanderBaan, Jack, JM, Mrs. Ash, Audra Drain, gracerollins, Brooke Helm, Brian Assmann, DeeDee, Vance, Erin Alrich, Kristin Bridges, Megan, Nicole, Lexi Mielke,

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Amy Bond moved to approve the August 3, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented. John Mozurkewich seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Amy Bond, Brandon McQueen, John Mozurkewich, Sheila Murphy,
Tim Odykirk, Beth Sorenson Prince, Courtney Stegman

NAYES: None

Motion passed unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN

Gratiot-Isabella Technical Education Center (GI-TEC)

Mary Kay Voeks, Director of GI-TEC, presented the GI-TEC Return to School Plan. After sharing information regarding the format for a return to school plan, Ms. Voeks recommended that GI-TEC students be allowed to return “Face to Face, five days a week” allowing MPHS students to attend five days a week. Discussion followed the presentation.

Mt. Pleasant Community Education (MPCE) and Oasis/WAY

Kim Funnell, Director of MPCE and WAY, presented the Return to School Plan for these two programs. The presentation included safety precautions for both programs, MPCE would attend face to face M-F and the WAY program would have the option to attend face to face M-TH with remote learning on Fridays. The recommendation that they return face to face, and with an online option, as presented. Discussion followed.

Great Starts Readiness Program (GSRP)

Kim Funnell, GSRP Director, presented the Return to School Plan for the GSRP. The presentation includes safety precautions and the recommendation that they return to face to face

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education four days a week with the first day of school being October 5, 2020. Discussion followed.

Update on Previously Approved Return to School Plan

Mt. Pleasant Middle School

Mt. Pleasant Middle School Principal Darby Weaver presented information regarding safety precaution obstacles that they may meet with a five day a week, face to face, return to school. Two other options were presented. A **Cohort Model** or **Hybrid Model**. Detailed information was shared on both models. Ms. Weaver recommends the **Cohort Model** wherein students would attend 7:35-11:36 face to face M-F and online learning in the afternoon which would include elective/exploratory classes. Discussion followed.

District Start Date Discussion

Asst. Superintendent Linda Boyd and Fancher Principal Katie Rinke presented an option of a four day delay in our student start date. A few of the benefits to this delay would allow additional time to: Communicate with families and staff; prepare safety and training of COVID-19 protocols; distribution of student technical devices; hiring/staffing process for both face to face and Oilers Online; training of new staff; and schedule transportation routes for hybrid students.

Work in Progress

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger shared “work in progress” which included employee and student screening protocols, the lunch program and transportation. It was also stated that the Oilers Online option is still open for enrollment. Discussion followed.

CITIZENS REQUEST TO ADDRESS BOARD

President Tim Odykirk asked if anyone would like to address the Board of Education with respect to Agenda items. The following people addressed the Board of Education regarding a format to return to school in the fall: Michelle Morey, Crina, Maria Gonzalez, Ashley, Miriam Bigelow, Nicole F., Julie Maxon, Jennifer Klein.

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger acknowledged that the Board Members had received and read correspondence from the following individuals: Daniel Weber, Michelle Funk and Kristyn Pearen.

Gratiot Isabella Technical Education Center (GI-TEC)

Sheila Murphy moved to approve that students be allowed to attend GI-TEC face to face, five days a week, allowing MPHS students to attend five days a week, as presented. Amy Bond seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Amy Bond, John Mozurkewich, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk

NAYES: Courtney Stegman, Brandon McQueen, Beth Sorenson Prince

Motion passed with a vote of 4 – 3.

Mt. Pleasant Community Education (MPCE) and Oasis/WAY

John Mozurkewich moved to approve the return to school for the MPCE and WAY programs, face to face, as presented. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Amy Bond, Brandon McQueen, John Mozurkewich, Beth Sorenson Prince, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk

NAYES: Courtney Stegman

Motion passed with a vote of 6 – 1.

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Great Starts Readiness Program (GSRP)

Sheila Murphy moved to approve that the Great Starts Readiness Program return to school October 5, 2020, face to face, as presented. Amy Bond seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Amy Bond, Courtney Stegman, Brandon McQueen, John Mozurkewich, Beth Sorenson Prince, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk

NAYES: None

Motion passed unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

Mt. Pleasant Middle School

Sheila Murphy moved to modify the schedule at the Mt. Pleasant Middle School to allow for the Cohort Program with face to face, Monday – Friday instruction, and Oilers Online, as presented. Amy Bond seconded the motion.

AYES: Amy Bond, John Mozurkewich, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk

NAYES: Courtney Stegman, Brandon McQueen, Beth Sorenson Prince

Motion passed with a 4 – 3 vote.

Start Date for Instruction

Courtney Stegman moved to delay our face to face start of school with everyone online until after Labor Day at which time programs already approved would start. Brandon McQueen seconded the motion. Discussion followed. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Courtney

NAYES: Amy Bond, Brandon McQueen, John Mozurkewich, Beth Sorenson Prince, Sheila Murphy, Tim Odykirk

Motion failed 1 – 6.

Brandon McQueen moved to accept the four day delay in instruction with the first day with students of school being August 31, 2020. Amy Bond seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Amy Bond, Brandon McQueen, John Mozurkewich, Beth Sorenson Prince, Sheila Murphy, Courtney Stegman, Tim Odykirk

NAYES: None

Motion passed unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

Approval of Return to School Roadmaps (COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan – MPPS and GSRP)

Brandon McQueen moved to approve the COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan for Mt. Pleasant Public Schools and Great Starts Readiness Program, as presented. John Mozurkewich seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Amy Bond, Brandon McQueen, John Mozurkewich, Beth Sorenson Prince, Sheila Murphy, Courtney Stegman, Tim Odykirk

NAYES: None

Motion passed unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

Board of Education Discussion

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Brandon McQueen stated he would like us to continue to highly encourage our students to enroll in the Oilers Online program. He would also like the administration to look into the possibility of taking students' temperatures when entering our buildings.

Tim Odykirk stated he is impressed with the protocols that CMU has put into place regarding the safety of the CMU students. They have put a lot of time into training the staff and students regarding their health safety. He also stated he continues to be thankful for our staff. Their hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed. Beth agrees with what Tim stated.

ADJOURNMENT

The Special Board Meeting was adjourned at 10:06 p.m. by general consent.

APPROVED:

Secretary, Board of Education

Recording Secretary

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