

**MT. PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Board of Education**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on September 14, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom, <https://zoom.us/j/93935422633>

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Board Members Absent:**

None

**Administration Present:**

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

**Guests:**

Panelists: Debra Ervin, Joyce Castellon The following names are guest names provided via their Zoom identity: Audra Drain, Jessica Jernigan, Wiline Pangle, Glenn, Jacqueline Roberge, Lauren Stewart, whoyle, 12314927298, Dr. Riley Justis, Hillary DiMaggio, Miriam Bigelow, Cathy Kennedy, Verna Holley, Quana Hoffman, Margarita Wilson, DB, Sulynn Sommers, Tyler Morkin, Michelle Leiter, Sarah Hicks, Laurie Steed, Kendra Asher, Delayne Schutt, Movies, Angela Skonieczny, Heather Allen, Tracey McDonald, Michelle Rupe, Stefanie Sedlar, Wendy Epple, Miss Pat, Lisa Aucker, Michelle Morey, Shawn, Amanda Carey, Beth Sorenson-Prince, KB, Melissa Isaac, Jessica Lapp, Brynn Gudeman, Wendy, Timothy Nieporte, Diane Falsetta, Stephanie Terpstra, Lori Lillie, Tanya Bork, Natural Woowoo, Katie Rinke, Josh Rhodes, Daniel Weber, Jennifer Loveberry, Catherine Schafer, Andrea, JS, Courtney, Brandy Brewer, April Scott, Nicole Rinke, Belinda, Mindy Wischmeyer, Sara, RL, DeeDee, Layla Spencer, Josh Ayerdi, Erin King, Martha Miller, Andra Pietrantonio, Pick11pm, Lisa Yarnick Litwiller, Chrissy, Katie, Bryant Greiner, Theresa Morgan, Terri Hale, Breyanna Wing Brenner, Jeremy Stembridge, Stefanie Hall

**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.

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## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved by general consent.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **Board Minutes**

Amy Bond moved to approve the minutes from the August 17, 2020 Regular Meeting. Shiela Murphy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Amy Bond, Brandon McQueen, John Mozurkewich, Sheila Murphy,  
Tim Odykirk, Courtney Stegman

**NAYES:** None

Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Retirement**

John Mozurkewich moved to accept the retirement of Robin Ervin, 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher at Vowles Elementary, effective August 31, 2020, with regret and much appreciation. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Amy Bond, Brandon McQueen, John Mozurkewich, Sheila Murphy,  
Tim Odykirk, Courtney Stegman

**NAYES:** None

Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

### **Resignation**

Sheila Murphy moved to accept the resignation of Andrea Kistler, Spanish teacher at MPHS, effective August 15, 2020, as presented, with regret and much appreciation. Brandon McQueen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Amy Bond, Brandon McQueen, John Mozurkewich, Sheila Murphy,  
Tim Odykirk, Courtney Stegman

**NAYES:** None

Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

### **New Hires**

Amy Bond moved to approve the employment of the following individuals, as presented:

- Marisa Ballad, School Social Worker, at Step 9 of the M.A. level pay scale
- Meghan Phelps, Spanish teacher, at Step 2 of the B.A. level pay scale
- Samantha Schopfer, ELA teacher at MPMS, at Step 1 of the B.A. pay scale
- Autumn Slusser, Special Education teacher at Fancher, at Step 1 of the B.A. pay scale
- Samantha Snow, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at McGuire Elementary, at Step 1 of the B.A. pay scale
- Isabel Stanton, Kindergarten teacher at Pullen Elementary, at Step 1 of the B.A. pay scale
- Samantha Stobbe, 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher at Pullen Elementary, at Step 1 of the B.A. pay scale
- Breyanna Wing-Brenner, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Fancher Elementary, at Step 1 of the B.A. pay scale, and
- Karen Zileski, 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher at Pullen Elementary, at Step 2 of the B.A. pay scale

Brandon McQueen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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**AYES:** Amy Bond, Brandon McQueen, John Mozurkewich, Sheila Murphy,  
Tim Odykirk, Courtney Stegman

**NAYES:** None

Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

**Ratification of the Mt. Pleasant Education Association (MPEA) Letters of Agreement**

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger presented two letters of agreement between the MPPE and Mt. Pleasant Board of Education which addresses the Return to School Plan and Music & Movement for the 2020-21 school year. Discussion followed.

Brandon McQueen moved to adopt the Letters of Agreement above, as presented. Amy Bond seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Amy Bond, Brandon McQueen, John Mozurkewich, Sheila Murphy,  
Tim Odykirk, Courtney Stegman

**NAYES:** None

Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

**Ratification of the Mt. Pleasant Support Personnel Association (MPSPA) Letter of Agreement**

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger presented a Letter of Agreement between the Mt. Pleasant Support Personnel Association and the Mt. Pleasant Board of Education which addresses the Return to School Plan for the 2020-21 school year. Discussion followed.

Sheila Murphy moved to adopt the Letter of Agreement between the MPSPA and the Mt. Pleasant Board of Education, as presented above. Brandon McQueen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Amy Bond, Brandon McQueen, John Mozurkewich, Sheila Murphy,  
Tim Odykirk, Courtney Stegman

**NAYES:** None

Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

**MPPS Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Goal**

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger presented the proposed Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Goal Reporting 2020-2021 to the Board of Education. Discussion followed. The MPPS Board of Education members do not need to approve this plan, the GI-RESD will review and approve it.

**Board Candidate Interviews and Appointment**

The following candidates were interviewed for the current vacant board member seat: Audra Drain, Jessica Jernigan and Wiline Pangle. All three candidates were presented with the same questions. Discussion followed the interviews. This term will expire on December 31, 2022.

Brandon McQueen moved to appoint Wiline Pangle to the vacant board member seat with the term expiring December 31, 2022. Courtney Stegman seconded the motion. Discussion followed. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Amy Bond, Brandon McQueen, John Mozurkewich, Sheila Murphy,  
Tim Odykirk, Courtney Stegman

**NAYES:** None

Motion passed unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.

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**Oath of Office Given to Newly Appointed Board Member Wiline Pangle**

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed board member Wiline Pangle.

**CITIZENS REQUEST TO ADDRESS BOARD**

President Tim Odykirk asked if anyone would like to address the Board of Education. Michelle Morey and Jessica Jernigan addressed the Board of Education members.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION**

Mid Michigan College Discussion – President Tim Odykirk and Superintendent Jennifer Verleger presented information regarding an annexation proposal that will be brought before the voters of Isabella and Gratiot Counties this November. This would decrease tuition for Isabella and Gratiot County students. Discussion followed.

President Tim Odykirk stated that correspondence had been received by Alexander DeMattei and Shannon Recker. All board members have had a chance to read the correspondence.

Secretary John Mozurkewich asked how the social distances is working in the schools. Superintendent Jennifer Verleger responded.

Trustee Sheila Murphy asked that they be kept abreast with regard to the blended classrooms and stated if they can help in any way to let them know.

Trustee Wiline Pangle stated her concerns over the online option, she has heard complaints.

President Tim Odykirk thanked the Student Senators for the “Words of Advice for Freshman” video, it was very well done. He also thanked the students and families for showing grace and patience for MPPS staff. He also thanked the new staff members for joining our team.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. by general consent.

**APPROVED:**

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**Secretary, Board of Education**

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**Recording Secretary**

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