

MT. PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting Minutes – March 21, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on March 21, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Mt. Pleasant High School Cafeteria, 1155 S. Elizabeth Street, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

Board Members Present:

Amy Bond, President; Tim Odykirk, Vice-President; Courtney Stegman, Secretary; Dana Calkins, Treasurer; Jessica Jernigan, Trustee; Sheila Murphy, Trustee; Wiline Pangle, Trustee

Board Members Absent:

None

Administration Present:

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger, Asst. Superintendent Linda Boyd, Chief Financial Officer Ginger Faber, Mt. Pleasant Middle School Principal Darby Weaver, Mt. Pleasant Middle School Assistant Principal Matt Walderzak, GI-Tec Director Mary Kay Voeks

Guests:

Delayne Schutt, Pat Onstott, Margie Dexter, Alexis Cain, Susan Heoft, John Chiodini, Pat Heitman, Bree Moeggenberg, Linda Richardson, Jessica Lapp, Wendy Epple, Katie Hoyle, Carol Sobieski Gall, Laura Gourlay, Maureen Eke, Ken Schafer, Adam Reid, Katie Reid, Emma Fuller, Lisa Johnson, Josh Ayerdi, Pat Birgey, Kristin Willey, Craig Willey, Nicole Hagle, Ricky Theunissen

CALL TO ORDER

President Amy Bond called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

President Amy Bond read the Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement.

ROLL CALL

Courtney Stegman called the roll.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by general consent.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mt. Pleasant Middle School Presentation

Superintendent Verleger turned the floor over to Mt. Pleasant Middle School Principal Darby Weaver and Mt. Pleasant Middle School Assistant Principal Matt Walderzak. Ms. Weaver and Mr. Walderzak shared a PowerPoint presentation on the Multi Tiered System of Support (MTSS) at the Middle School. Questions and answers followed their presentation.

PSC Presentation

Assistant Superintendent Linda Boyd introduced Katie Hoyle, Chair of the Professional Study Committee (PSC), and turned the floor over to Ms. Hoyle. Ms. Hoyle shared a PowerPoint presentation to explain the PSC and the process used to review and implement the new curriculum. Questions and answers followed the presentation.

Bond Project Update

Superintendent Verleger gave an update on the Bond Projects and gave an outline of the upcoming projects.

GI-Tec Update

GI-Tec Director Mary Kay Voeks shared a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the achievements and accomplishments of the students enrolled in the GI-Tec program. Following the presentation, Board Members offered comments of appreciation for the program.

COVID Update

Superintendent Verleger indicated that the current cases of COVID are way down. The new protocols were reviewed. The district will continue with our current COVID actions through the end of April.

Staff Code of Conduct

Superintendent Verleger shared a PowerPoint presentation relating to accessing the District's Board Policies/Guidelines regarding Code of Conduct for employees. This information was presented in response to a Citizens Request to Address the Board comment at the March 7, 2022, Board Meeting.

MPHS Safety Update

In response to a comment at the March 7, 2022, Board Meeting, Superintendent Verleger shared information on the availability of the restrooms at the High School.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Chief Financial Officer Ginger Faber presented the general fund revenue and expenditure comparison report for the month ending February, 2022 and 2021, the Treasurer's Report and the 2016 Capital Projects Fund Report. Questions and answers followed her presentation.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received correspondence from Carol Sobieski-Gall and Xantha Karp.

CITIZENS REQUEST TO ADDRESS BOARD

President Amy Bond asked if anyone would like to address the Board of Education. The following individuals addressed the Board of Education: Carol Sobieski-Gall, John Chiodini, Jessica Lapp, Bree Moeggenberg, Emma Fuller, Maureen Eke

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CONSENT AGENDA

Board Minutes

Tim Odykirk moved to approve the March 9, 2022, Special Board Meeting Minutes. Wiline Pangle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Financials

Sheila Murphy moved to approve the bills payable from January 14, 2022, through February 17, 2022, amounting to \$2,799,657.28. Jessica Jernigan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

New Activity Account

CFO Ginger Faber presented information on a New Activity Account Request for First Robotics. Wiline Pangle moved to approve the New Activity Account Request for First Robotics. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal for Overnight/Extended Student Trip

Superintendent Verleger invited Ken Schafer to speak to the Board regarding the request for an overnight field trip for the Robotics Team to travel to Novi, Michigan, on April 9, 2022, to compete in the First Robotics Competition to be held at Walled Lake Central High School. Dana Calkins moved to approve the motion. Jessica Jernigan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION

Wiline Pangle gave an update on the DEI task force. She indicated that applications should be available in April.

Sheila Murphy indicated that the applications for the Parent Committee should also be available soon.

Ms. Murphy would like information on the phone policy in our district as addressed by a citizen.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. by general consent.

APPROVED:

Secretary, Board of Education

Recording Secretary

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