

**MT. PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Board of Education**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes – June 8, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on June 8, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82974971553?pwd=NFpPQ2dlbDJibHdmSUJLMXRacVhZQT09>

**Board Members Present:**

Tim Odykirk, President; Amy Bond, Vice-President; John Mozurkewich, Secretary; Brandon McQueen, Treasurer (Joined at 6:57 p.m.); Sheila Murphy, Trustee; Courtney Stegman, Trustee

**Board Members Absent:**

Beth Sorenson Prince, Trustee

**Administration Present:**

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger, Asst. Superintendent Linda Boyd, Chief Financial Officer Ginger Faber, CIO Joe Judge,

**Guests:**

Debra Ervin. The following people attended virtually - Laura Gourlay, Amanda Rissley, Chris Weber, Eric Rohman, Kristin Willey, Stacey Starr, Jamie Pierson, Rachel Jaksa, Hillary DiMagio, Susan Renaud, Katie Hoyle, Lisa Johnson, Kelly Bechtel, Jen Pasanski, Pat Heitman, Anna Gilbert, Wendy Epple, Wendy Hoyle, Megan Stenbridge, Christy Rudert, Andrea, Amanda, Cheryl Nerowski, Kim, Laurie, Kelley, Josh Rhodes, Becky Hanson, Courtney Russell, BP, SG, April Scott, Cathy Schafer, Josh Ayerdi, Dan Weber, Heather Ellenwoow, Emily Blahnik, Kim Funnell, Delayne Schutt, Heather, Ashley Buckley, Erin King, Kendra Asher, Monica Ervin, Tracy McDonald, Barb Valicevic, Chelsea Ouellette, Christie Brennan, Darby Weaver, Jill Jakubowski, Lisa Auker, Adrienne Mitchell, Molly Berry, John, Amy, Jeannie Fidler, Maggie Binder, Alex DeMattei, Heather Allen, Abbi Lewandowski, David Durfee, Nicole Koch, Sarah Starrs, Diane Falsetta, EP, Matt Taton, Kyle, Jason Russell, Julie Wilson, and Matt Lovely

**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 amended to add: **IX – Board Statement on Inclusion**. The amended agenda was approved by general consent.

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**CITIZENS REQUEST TO ADDRESS BOARD**

President Tim Odykirk asked if anyone would like to address the Board of Education. Laura Gourlay, Mt. Pleasant resident, addressed the Board of Education regarding the “Black Lives Matters” movement.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Board Minutes**

John Mozurkewich moved to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2020 Regular Meeting. Sheila Murphy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

**NAYES:** None

Motion passed unanimously with a 5 - 0 vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Retirement**

Sheila Murphy moved to accept the retirement of Terry Horrocks, Elementary Music Teacher, effective September 1, 2020, with much regret and appreciation, as presented. Amy Bond seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

**NAYES:** None

Motion passed unanimously with a 5 - 0 vote.

**New Hire**

John Mozurkewich moved to approve the employment of Allison Riedel as a Special Education Teacher at step 1 of the MPEA pay scale for the 2020/21 school year. Amy Bond seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

**NAYES:** None

Motion passed unanimously with a 5 - 0 vote.

**Donation**

Sheila Murphy moved to accept the donation of 1,600 face masks from the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation valued at \$800.00, as presented. Amy Bond seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

**NAYES:** None

Motion passed unanimously with a 5 - 0 vote.

**Mt. Pleasant Education Association Tentative Agreement Ratification**

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Ms. Verleger presented a memo and Tentative Agreement between Mt. Pleasant Education Association (MPEA) and the Mt. Pleasant Board of Education. This agreement includes a 0% wage increase and calendars for the 2020/21 school year. Discussion followed the presentation.

John Mozurkewich moved to approve the above Tentative Agreement as presented by the administration. Amy Bond seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

**NAYES:** None

Motion passed unanimously with a 5 - 0 vote.

### **Southwest Foodservice Excellence, LLC Contract Renewal**

CFO Ginger Faber presented the Southwest Foodservice Excellence contract renewal to the Board of Education. The renewal contract is the first of four allowable one-year extensions of SFE's contract with Mt. Pleasant Public Schools. The contract reflects no increase for the Management Fee or the Administrative Fee.

Amy Bond moved to approve the one year contract renewal with Southwest Foodservice Excellence as presented by the administration. John Mozurkewich seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

**NAYES:** None

Motion passed unanimously with a 5 - 0 vote.

### **ESS Contract Renewal**

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger presented the 2020/21 ESS Contract Renewal. The contract extension between EES and Mt. Pleasant Public Schools for the 2020/21 school year has no changes to the contractual language or rates as compared to the 2019/20 contract.

Sheila Murphy moved to approve the 2020/21 ESS Contract Renewal as presented. Amy Bond seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

**NAYES:** None

Motion passed unanimously with a 5 - 0 vote.

### **2020 Tax Rate Request**

As suggested by CFO Ginger Faber, this agenda item has been tabled and will be presented at the June 22, 2020 MPPS Regular Board Meeting.

### **Resolution Regarding Funding to Preserve Educational Services for Children**

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President Tim Odykirk presented the Resolution Regarding Funding to Preserve Educational Services for Children. Discussion followed.

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

**NAYES:** Sheila Murphy

Motion passed unanimously with a 5 - 1 vote.

### **REPORTS/UPDATES**

#### **November 3, 2020 School Board Election Information**

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger shared the Board of Education School Board Candidate Election 2020 information. MPPS currently has three – six year terms available at the November 3<sup>rd</sup> elections. The filing date deadline is July 21, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. Petitions may be picked up at the Isabella County Clerk's office at 200 S. Main Street, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.

#### **Summer Program Update**

Superintendent Jennifer Verleger spoke about summer programs. At this point only limited outdoor conditioning for sports and drivers education may be permitted as of June 15<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Verleger is waiting for more guidance on this from Thrun Attorneys. The school buildings remain closed to the public. When we do open our buildings, we will follow the guidelines presented by MDE and CMHS and provide very clear guidance to our staff and families. Discussion followed.

#### **Budget Discussion**

CFO Ginger Faber shared a presentation that included the projected fund balance at the end of 2019/20 and 2020/21 school years. With the projected \$1,300 per pupil reduction, projected 5% loss of pupils, and budget cuts as presented, MPPS would end the 2020/21 school year with a \$3,189,020 (5%) fund balance. Discussion followed. Board Members would like to see figures if we would incur a \$1,400 per pupil reduction and 3% loss of pupils. The Board of Education will be asked to approve the 2019/20 and 2020/21 school year budgets at the June 22, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

### **BOARD STATEMENT ON INCLUSION**

President Tim Odykirk presented a statement regarding Mt. Pleasant Public Schools' position on our inclusive school community. This statement was read and discussed. Further discussion and revisions to the statement will take place before it is presented to the public.

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION**

President Tim Odykirk stated that he enjoyed visiting with the retirees when they personally delivered the retirement clocks.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. by general consent.

### **APPROVED:**

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**Secretary, Board of Education**

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**Recording Secretary**

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