



Public Schools of Petoskey

Every Opportunity.

Regular School Board Meeting
Thursday, December 16, 2021 7:00 PM Eastern

Petoskey High School
1500 Hill St.
Petoskey, MI 49770

Mark Ashley: Present
Mary Ling: Present
Denise Petoskey: Present
Kathy Reed: Present
Jessica Shaw-Nolff: Present
Present: 5.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance

President Ling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience Participation

Logan Grosse

You left peers and loved ones in fear after the Dec. 5th threat on the bathroom wall.

- You said cops would be in the hallways, but they were not, you hid in your comments saying they would be in classrooms and hallways for us.
- There are students who are sole-less and unstable with bad home lives. These are the kids who need help.

Sommer Poquette, Petoskey

- More can be done by partnering with parents. We are offering our help. Together, as a

collective parent group, we want to address our concerns about drugs, alcohol, fighting and bullying.

- There has only been one lockdown drill done this year and this is not enough.
- School safety should be the concern when using Covid funding. It should be the number one priority in our children's social, emotional and mental well-being.

Beth Flynn, Petoskey

- There are drugs at Petoskey High School. My son says anything can be bought in the science room.
- Locker Rooms smell like vape smell
- Kids drink in the parking lot before school and go from car to car to vape or drink.
- Bathrooms are locked on a rotating basis.

Jamie McGuinness, Petoskey

Suggested the following to help with the issues at Petoskey High

1. Parent volunteers in the hallways, bathrooms and parking lots
2. Vape detectors, metal detectors
3. Addiction or substance abuse services
4. Full-time liaison officer at HS and MS
5. Narcotic detection dogs
6. Morning announcements and mandated all school assemblies
7. Access to coaching, mentoring and coping
8. Door boots
9. Students on the school board

Brenda Kulbeda, Petoskey

- Forced mask wearing is taking a toll on kids.
- Kids are not getting mask breaks
- The health department does not do anything to keep our kids safe.

Annabelle Wilder, Petoskey

- PHS Senior who fell victim to abuse and power and has been sexually harrassed
- Does not feel safe being near administration
- Principal Mrs. Gamble knew about this and it's still happening.
- We have tried to tell counselors, Mrs. Gamble, school officer and others and there are just marks on the record
- What is being done about this? I am advocating for students who don't know how to stand up for themselves.

Lilly Harris, Petoskey

- Petoskey High school has been told not to post things on social media, yet administrators post things and they don't get suspended. Why don't you listen? It's a failing policy.
- I am ashamed to go to PHS. I do not feel safe at school.
- You need to look into certain school administration issues. There is abuse of power and I have been sexually harassed and searched
- There is a rumor about stopping the honors program.
- The board needs to stand up for the victims.

Ashley Boda, Petoskey (from the audience, not the podium)

- Why can't they go to you? (To the board)

Kelsey Lucier, Brutus

- Has a freshman and senior @ PHS

The school has no security on hand, my kids can get their asses beat at school.

- You need to evaluate what you need to do, your administration is sick and failing the system.
- I run security at Emmet County courthouse and can help you.

Haylee Desrosier, Petoskey

- Girls in school don't feel safe

- I am ashamed to be a member of this student body.
- A football player sexually harrassed someone and the administration was told but said nothing would be done because he's a football player.
- A lot of reporting to Ok2say ??

Autumn Conklin, Petoskey

- Tired of coming to school in fear
- I love school but I dread it now.
- Kids have mental health issues
- There is sexual harassment with students and administration
- We need help, this is a cry for help.
- The mental health of students should be the #1 focus now and we need your help.

Ashley Boda, Petoskey (from the audience, not the podium)

- Do elementary schools have lock-down procedures?

Nikki, Petoskey

- PHS Senior
- A friend who couldn't eat because she had an eating disorder was yelled at for eating in the Pit, an argument started with administration and the student was suspended for insubordination.
- Does not feel safe at school because of the threat written on the bathroom wall
- Living in fear and anxiety is really bad.

Blake Howard, Petoskey

- Understands why we didn't shut down school after the bathroom wall threat, because kids usually just want a free school day off
- Feels our lockdown procedures are weak
- We should do training like urban cities do for lockdown drills. Knows this is up north but it doesn't matter - we need better safety procedures

Charlene Bacon

- Middle school staff member, feels for both students and staff
- Appreciated the presence at the middle school today after an Ok2say was reported
- Loves the suggestion of a parent group to help our schools
- Students don't feel heard and thank the students for speaking up.

Meadow Backus

- Has a freshman and senior at PHS
- Heard there was a 6th grader sexually assaulted on a bus.
- Teachers have been making inappropriate comments for years.
- Her kids feel uncomfortable at PHS.
- Kids shouldn't be afraid. Young women should not be afraid of teachers and students.

Loreli Grisby, Oden

- Applaud comments from students
- Harassment takes a toll and affects you for life. I was harassed when I went to PHS

These kids need help

4. Resolution: Approval of Minutes

Moved that the written minutes be approved as recorded. This motion, made by Mark Ashley and seconded by Kathy Reed, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea, Mary Ling: Yea, Denise Petoskey: Yea, Kathy Reed: Yea, Jessica Shaw-Nolff: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

The resolution was recommended for approval.

5. Resolution: Approval of Warrants

Moved that the warrants paid, as submitted by the administration, be approved in the amount of \$3,220,100.47. This motion, made by Jessica Shaw-Nolff and seconded by Denise Petoskey, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea, Mary Ling: Yea, Denise Petoskey: Yea, Kathy Reed: Yea, Jessica Shaw-Nolff: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

The resolution was recommended for approval.

6. Presentation: District Financial Audit

7. Resolution: Approval of Esser III Spending Plan

Resolution: Approve Esser III Spend Plan. This motion, made by Denise Petoskey and seconded by Kathy Reed, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea, Mary Ling: Yea, Denise Petoskey: Yea, Kathy Reed: Yea, Jessica Shaw-Nolff: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

8. Resolution: Bid Award for Summer 2022 Projects

Resolution: Bid Award Award Summer 2022 projects. This motion, made by Mark Ashley and seconded by Denise Petoskey, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea, Mary Ling: Yea, Denise Petoskey: Yea, Kathy Reed: Yea, Jessica Shaw-Nolff: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

9. Resolution: Into Literature Purchase

Resolution: Into Literature Purchase. This motion, made by Kathy Reed and seconded by Jessica Shaw-Nolff, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea, Mary Ling: Yea, Denise Petoskey: Yea, Kathy Reed: Yea, Jessica Shaw-Nolff: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

10. Educational Reports

Elementary - Mr. Prins

- There is great collaboration between students and the community.
- Teams work together on behavior systems. When they are taught and what is needed •
- The festival of the book is going on and there are virtual events with an author. • Letter drives are happening now and kids are writing to senior citizens.

Middle School - Mr. Wilcox

- The last boys basketball game is tomorrow.
- The ski team has started
- Hot Topics for parents was held on Dec 2nd covering the topic of social media. The next hot topics meeting is on Jan 26th.
- Hoops for holidays raised over \$1,200 for families in need

High School - Mr. Szukala

- Little Traverse Robotics competed and 2 students (Alex Feely and Nate Campbell) from PHS were on the team that took the state championship.
- A pop can returnable drive is going on and the \$ will support a PHS family in need.
- There are student leadership holiday activities all week.
- Quiz Bowl on Dec 3rd and took 2nd out of 16 teams

11. Board of Education Reports

There are no updates from the board.

12. Superintendent's Report

- Chirs Parker will reach out to students who spoke up and he appreciates them doing so
- I will schedule a meeting with the parents who are interested in talking about the parent committee.
- We need to do better and we need to help make kids feel safe here.
- School superintendents and emergency managers are meeting on a regular basis regarding lockdown drills and procedures within the district.

13. Audience Participation

Beth Flynn, Petoskey

- You need to take advantage of the parents who say they can help you.
- I care about kids and hope you consider a PTO or PTA in the future.

Brin Bennett

- Student at PHS
- Students should feel safe in school
- Guns can get into buildings
- You should not say you "want" to keep us safe, you just should!
- We had a school zoom meeting and were asked to reach out with questions and we did but nobody answered us. Listen to us and take action

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at **8:49 p.m.**