



Public Schools of Petoskey

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Petoskey, MI 49770
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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 20, 2018
7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Kathy Reed, Mary Ling, Keith Szajnecki, Mark Ashley, Frank Lamberti
Members Absent: None

CALL TO ORDER

President Reed called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Ling and supported by Trustee Ashley that the written minutes of the following meetings be approved as recorded:

Regular Meeting Minutes, November 15, 2018

AYES: Reed, Ling, Szajnecki, Ashley, Lamberti
NAYS: None

Motion was Declared Adopted

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Motion by Trustee Ashley and supported by Trustee Lamberti that the warrants paid, as submitted by the administration, be approved in the amount of \$3,262,060.52.

AYES: Reed, Ling, Szajnecki, Ashley, Lamberti

NAYS: None

Motion was Declared Adopted

EDUCATIONAL REPORTS

Mr. Oberman spoke for the elementary schools.

- Very busy and exciting time of year
- Successful winter concerts
- All four schools welcomed the Steel Drum Band and the Madrigals
- Movie day this week for the schools
- Lots of donations for the community were collected and distributed
- The support from the community for families in need is appreciated

Mr. Wilcox spoke for the middle school.

- November 30, 2018 was the annual Student Council Lock-In
 - Heather Giammalva, Lisa Leavy, John Boyer and Cheryl Downey all stayed overnight with the student council members
 - Staff from Camp Daggett was there to help students belay
 - The Student Council students put positive quotes on every locker
 - This program helps develop leaders
- Putting together a middle school parent alliance group to help beautify the outside of the middle school
- G3 Robotics competed in the state competition
- January 10, 2019 is the next Hot Topics for Parents of Teens
 - Dinner at 5:30
 - Program at 6:00
 - Topic: Understanding the Teenage Brain
- On January 16 and 17, 2019, all eighth graders will visit the CTE programs at the high school

Dr. Stewart spoke for the high school.

- The music programs have been busy
 - The Madrigals and the Steel Drum Band have been performing all around the communities
- Leadership of Little Traverse visited the high school
 - Highlighted the mental health initiative
 - REACH Higher Grant
 - Hot Topics for parents
 - Impressed with the support available for students
 - CTE program simulators were showcased

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

- Trustee Lamberti
 - Attended the Poetry Out Loud Competition, very nice program
 - Madrigals will be performing at St. Francis Friday morning at 9:30 for their students
- Trustee Szajnecki
 - Asked the students what happened on March 3, 1922?
 - This is the day the first superintendent started in Petoskey
 - There have only been 5 superintendent's in almost 100 years
 - Would support a visual tribute to the superintendents that have served our school system
 - Board members agreed that this was a good idea and should look to form a committee to work on a tribute
- Trustee Ling
 - Little Traverse Leadership
 - Very impressed with the programs in the schools
 - Lots of volunteer in the schools
 - Pride ourselves in that we educate the whole child
 - The community is very giving
- Trustee Reed
 - Would like to recognize and thank Trustee Ashley for his years of service on the School Board. This is his last Board meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Class counts are available if the Board would like them
- Little Traverse Leadership was very impressed during their visit. Kudos to Dr. Stewart and her staff.
- Hot Topics program/information is being shared and replicated in other schools
 - Dr. Stewart and Mr. Wilcox have been working very hard behind the scenes
- The Mindfulness Grant was received
 - Ottawa and Central will participate first and then Lincoln and Sheridan
 - Effective program to help students under stress
- Great Lakes Performing Arts Center and Heather Russell
 - Programs are available at reduced rates
 - GLPAC provided complimentary tickets to students in 6th and 8th grade to two different programs
- Kudos to Trustee Ashley and Trustee Ling (PEF Board Members and School Board Members)
 - Using Full Value fund to purchase the book "Wonder" for all fifth grade students
 - The books will be purchased through Maclean and Eakin
- The office will be closed during Winter Break, open on January 2, 2019

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

- The Chamber has invited Community Leaders to come and welcome Lee Chatfield, Speaker of the House, State Representative Triston Cole, House Majority Floor Leader, and Senator Wayne Schmidt, Assistant Senate Majority Leader
 - Stafford's Bay View Inn, Petoskey
 - January 25, 2019
 - 11:30-1:00
 - Lunch provided
 - \$20.00
- The Legislature is continuing through the Lame Duck time period
 - Many items appear to be rushed through
 - A-F Grading system has gone through both chambers
 - This is the third time in 3 years that the grading system has changed
 - This was pushed through at 3:00 AM
 - Raid on School Aide Act
 - Income tax shift
 - Monies that are supposed to go to school aid is shifted to go to roads and water
 - Possible impact for Petoskey is a loss of approximately \$604,000 over 2 years

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Trustee Ashley and supported by Trustee Lamberti to adjourn.

AYES: Reed, Ling, Szajnecki, Ashley, Lamberti
NAYS: None

Motion was Declared Adopted

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Kathy Reed, President

Frank Lamberti, Secretary

Lori Lewis, Recording Secretary