



# Public Schools of Petoskey

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Regular School Board Meeting  
Thursday, May 19, 2022 7:00 PM Eastern

High School Auditorium  
1500 Hill Street  
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  
Called to order at 7:00PM.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance  
President Ling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Audience Participation  
There was no audience participation.

4. Resolution: Approval of Minutes

- Special Meeting Minutes, April 8, 2022
- Special Meeting Minutes, April 15, 2022
- Closed Session Meeting Minutes, April 15, 2022 (walked in)
- Regular Meeting Minutes, April 21, 2022
- Special Meeting Minutes, May 5, 2022
- Special Meeting Minutes, May 13, 2022

Moved that the written minutes for the April 15, 2022 Closed Session Meeting, the April 21, 2022 Regular Meeting, the May 5, 2022 Special Meeting, and the May 13, 2022 Special Meeting be approved with the corrections requested by Trustee Reed. The Special Meetings on April 8, 2022 and April 15, 2022 will be tabled for further review. This motion, made by Kathy Reed and seconded by Mark Ashley, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea, Mary Ling: Yea, Denise Petoskey: Yea, Kathy Reed: Yea, Jessica Shaw-Nolff: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Trustee Reed noted that the April 8, 2022 Special Meeting minutes and the April 15, 2022 Special Meeting minutes are missing some information and are in need of multiple text corrections (punctuation, grammar, formatting). Trustee Reed suggested tabling approval of those two sets of minutes until those corrections can be made. Trustee Reed requested that the April 21, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes note under "Resolution 13: Acceptance of Superintendent's Evaluation" that Mr. Parker was offered the opportunity for a Closed Session to discuss his evaluation, and he declined. Trustee Reed also requested that the May 5, 2022 Special Meeting minutes reflect that all board members were in attendance.

#### 5. Resolution: Approval of Warrants

Moved that the warrants paid, as submitted by the administration, be approved in the amount of \$5,134,943.76. This motion, made by Jessica Shaw-Nolff 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

Mr. Wilcox recommended the Board's approval.

#### 6. Presentation: Staff and Student Recognitions

Mrs. Gamble recognized five students for a Commended National Merit Award.

- Jean-Pioerre Broz
- Anna Cockfield
- William Goelz
- Colin McLintock
- Leif Owen

Mr. Prins recognized Sara Jonker, our Rotary Teacher of the Year recipient.

Mr. Wilcox recognized Kathy Slack, recipient of the Miller-Van Winkle Trout Unlimited Appreciation Award.

#### 7. Presentation: Little Northmen Preschool

Mr. Wilcox introduced Lisa Oehring and DeDe Wilcox, classroom teachers and Co-Directors for Little Northmen Preschool. Ms. Oehring and Mrs. Wilcox presented an overview of the Little Northmen Preschool.

#### 8. Resolution: 2022-2023 Employment Recommendations

Moved that the candidates be appointed to their corresponding position for the 2022-2023 school year. 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

Mr. Wilcox introduced the new hires for the 22/23 school year and recommended the Board's approval.

- Shae Luch - Secondary Social Studies Teacher,
- Jason Stolarski - Secondary Social Studies Teacher,

- Hayley Propst - Secondary English Teacher,
- David Propst - Secondary Science Teacher,
- Kristen Stevens - Secondary Art Teacher,
- Arhely (Ellie) Mendoza - Secondary Science Teacher,
- Kristy Benson - Elementary Teacher,
- Shelley Kennedy - Elementary Teacher,
- Elizabeth Sherman - Elementary Special Education Teacher,
- Amy McMullen - Instructional Support Specialist,
- Mike McKillip - Head Hockey Coach,
- Jim Webb - Head Football Coach, and
- Jason Latz - Lincoln Elementary Principal

9. Resolution: Food Service Management Renewal

Moved to accept the Chartwells School Dining contract renewal of \$0.0685 per meal and \$6,849.72 per month for school food service management in fiscal year 2022-2023. This motion, made by Mark Ashley 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

Mr. Wilcox recommended the Board's approval. The Board expressed appreciation to Beth Kavanaugh, Director of Food Service.

10. Resolution: 2022-2023 MHSAA Membership

Moved that the resolution for membership with MHSAA for 2022/2023 be approved as attached. 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

Mr. Wilcox recommended the Board's approval.

11. Resolution: Sale of Building Trades House

Moved to accept the bid of \$97,501 from Robert & Deena Woods, for the purchase of the 2021-2022 building trades house. This motion, made by Denise Petoskey 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

Mr. Wilcox recommended the Board's approval.

12. Resolution: 2022 Tax Request (L-4029)

Moved that the Board of Education approve the 2022 Tax Rate Request (on form L-4029) for submission to the Emmet County Clerk's Office, including additional copies to the County Equalization Departments and municipal clerks. This motion, made by Kathy Reed and seconded by Mark Ashley, Passed.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Mr. Wilcox recommended the Board's approval.

### 13. Resolution: Superintendent Search Proposals

Moved that President Ling will contract with Michigan Leadership Institute in regards to moving forward with the superintendent search. This motion, made by Mark Ashley 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

President Ling presented two proposals for a superintendent search; one from Michigan Leadership Institute (MLI) and one from the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB). Mr. Ashley stated that he would lean more towards Michigan Leadership Institute because of the existing relationship with the representative from MLI. Trustees Reed and Shaw-Nolff both agreed with Trustee Ashley's statements.

### 14. Educational Reports

#### **Elementary Update:**

- All four elementary schools are completing NWEA testing.
- Kindergarten Round-up was held this week.
  - Appreciation to the Board for adding an eighth section of kindergarten.
  - Thank you to Ms. Oehring and Mrs. Wilcox for administering social / emotional screeners to the incoming kindergarten students.
- All fourth graders will participate in a STEM day at Central Elementary.
- All fourth graders will participate in the bike ride sponsored by Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council.
- The Steel Drum Band will visit and perform in all the elementary buildings.

#### **Middle School Update:**

- Students have just wrapped up taking NWEA tests in math, language arts, and science. We have seen a lot of student growth from the initial scores in the fall.
- 17 students recently spent four days at the Greenwood Foundation in Wolverine for the Ecology Seminar. Teachers Meagan Neal, Brian Forster and Elsa Martin, along with three high school students, chaperoned the trip. Students spent time at the Cheboygan Dam with the DNR capturing lampreys, as well as lots of hiking, orienteering and studying of organisms and their environmental impact.
- Industrial arts students recently participated in the MITES competition. Industrial Arts teacher, Jeff Brey, submitted 15 projects to regionals, of which 9 qualified for states, including first place for Jacob Morency, and second place ribbons for Charles Olson, Eliza Rogier and Seth Hall. Student projects included chess sets, Co2 cars, puzzles and rubber band cars.
- All 8th grade students attended Camp Daggett last week. Many new staff were able to belay for the first time with veteran Daggett staff. Students worked on problem solving and team work with low elements. They were also encouraged to try out the high elements course. Teachers noted it was great to see the Full Value Agreement in action.

- Petoskey Middle School students competed in the Michigan Social Studies Olympiad for the first time. Students worked independently or in groups on projects related to the theme, "Who are we and what unites us." Results included:
  - Stock Market Challenge - 1st place (Avery Armstrong, Julio Avila, Josie Peterman & Dezi Plichta)
  - Stock Market Challenge - 2nd place (Henry Burris & Sander Cole)
  - Original Drama - 2nd place (Annie Benson, Emily Kurzawa, Ellamae Pennell)
  - Original Song - 1st place (Brielle Burris, Josie Bielaczyc, Emily Kurzawa & Greta Meisel)

## **High School Update:**

### Student Recognitions

- Scholarship Night - 58 Scholarships worth over \$109,000 were awarded.
- The National Honor Society Induction Ceremony was last week. 36 new members were inducted into the organization.
- Academic Awards and Decision Day will take place tomorrow from 9:30-11:00AM.

### Athletics

- Cody Hibbler set the school record in the 200 meter race.

### CTE Program competitions

- Auto Program Classes
  - Students competed last week in the Michigan Automotive Teachers Association Troubleshooting Competition at Ferris State University.
  - Reese Marvin placed First in Brake Systems, Suspension and Steering, and placed second in Engine Measurement.
  - Wade Schlappi placed second in Service Information Lookup.
- Drafting and CAD Classes
  - On Friday, May 6, 2022, high school drafting students participated in the MITES Regional Competition. Students submitted projects in Architecture, Interior Design and Mechanical Engineering. There were 76 projects that placed 1st-4th at the Regional level, which allowed them to advance to the State Competition held at the Lansing Center. Projects were judged by representatives from various industries. 3,892 projects were submitted to the State competition in total and approximately 200 Michigan schools were represented. Of the 76 projects submitted by our high school students, 50 placed in the top ten. 18 students placed in the top three.
  - In addition, Lia Iacoangeli won a Divisional Award. Her Divisional Award was judged as the most outstanding architectural project in the state for grades 9-12 for students who had class for two hours or more.
  - Stevie McKigney, Rowan Kuhn, and Katelyn Wodek all participated in the live CAD Competition at States. Each student was given a complex drawing to complete in CAD within a set time frame. Rowan took 4th place for Mechanical

Drawing - Single Part, Stevie took 3rd place for Mechanical Drawing - Assembly, and Katelyn took 3rd place for Architectural Drawing.

### Graduation and Decision Day

- Signs are out for our seniors to recognize their decisions for the next step in their lives. We will be honoring those decisions tomorrow at Decision Day.
- Graduation parade - Once we realized our original plan for having the parade after graduation would not work, we worked with the city to have the senior parade on Friday night at 5:00PM.

### PBIS Update

- The PBIS committee has finalized their behavior expectation matrix with feedback from staff, parents and students.
- We are starting to build weekly 15 minute lessons/conversation starters centered on these behavior expectations.
- The last piece is identifying two key behaviors next year that staff and students feel cause students to be less successful than they could be. We have received feedback from staff, students and parents, so the team will be finalizing those soon. The top behavior is cell phones in the classroom, so there will be a new policy for electronic usage when in class.
- There is one more PBIS meeting this school year and then we will continue working on lessons over the summer.

### Staffing

- We are excited to welcome new English-Language Arts, Science and Social Studies teachers to the team. We are working on filling the Math position and have just posted a Special Education position, so I am hoping to finalize those positions by the end of the school year.
- We have highly qualified teachers in all areas, so all AP courses will continue to be offered by current or new staff members.
- A survey went out to staff and parents today for feedback on the top characteristics they would like in an Assistant Principal. That posting closes on Sunday, so we will begin that hiring process soon as well.

### 15. Board of Education Reports Trustee Shaw-Nolff

- Participated in a MASB seminar.
- Attended two rounds of screening interviews for principal positions.

### Trustee Reed

- Attended the salmon release.
- Looking forward to attending the bike ride with the fourth graders.

## Trustee Ling

- Attended the scholarship night - the Petoskey Education Foundation awarded \$20,000 worth of scholarships.
- Attended the middle school band concert.
- Noted that the Board continues to tackle the list of priorities.

## 16. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wilcox thanked the Board for their confidence in hiring him as the acting superintendent. He can't promise to be perfect, but he can promise to do his best. He also thanked everyone at Spitler for welcoming him. Thank you to the Board for approving all the new hires. Thank you to all the staff, parents, and board members who were on the interview committees.

## 17. Audience Participation

Jodi Adams, 1226 Hill Street, Petoskey

- Trust is an area that needs to improve.
- What can we do to improve? Would suggest that the non-regularly scheduled Board meetings be posted on the website in a location that is quick and easy for people to find.
- Typically, a working session is scheduled during the day, but this time of day causes mistrust. If possible, the meeting should be held when it is convenient for most people.

Michael Schulte, 911 Blackbird, Petoskey

- Spoke to the Board about his situation with the school.
- Would like the Board to look into district office staff for corrective actions even though there is new administration.

Trista Carver, 4324 Evergreen Trail, Petoskey

- Spoke regarding her daughters' issues at school.
- When she withdrew her daughter, there was no follow-up from the school.
- The counselors should not be called counselors, they are more like advisors.

Beth Flynn, 3718 Lorraine Drive

- It is great to hear the positive things going on at the schools.
- She agrees with Mrs. Adams about the Board meeting notices.
- She wants "hope" to come back to the schools, to our parents, to our teachers.

## 18. Adjournment

Moved to adjourn the meeting. 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 meeting adjourned at 8:29p.m.