



Public Schools of Petoskey

Every Opportunity.

Regular School Board Meeting

Thursday, March 16, 2023 7:00 PM

Spitler Administration Building, 1130 Howard Street, Petoskey, MI 49770

Mark Ashley: Present
Jenni Attie: Present
Beth Flynn: Present
Denise Petoskey: Present
Kathy Reed: Present

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
Called to order at 7:00PM.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance
President Ashley led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Audience Participation
There was no audience participation.
4. Resolution: Approval of Minutes
Dr. Leslie recommended the Board's approval of the below minutes.
 - Regular Meeting Minutes, February 14, 2023

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

Mark Ashley: Yea
Jenni Attie: Yea
Beth Flynn: Yea
Denise Petoskey: Yea
Kathy Reed: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

5. Resolution: Approval of Warrants

Dr. Leslie recommended the Board's approval.

Moved that the warrants paid, as submitted by the administration, be approved in the amount of \$2,545,657.68. This motion, made by Denise Petoskey and seconded by Kathy Reed, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea

Jenni Attie: Yea

Beth Flynn: Yea

Denise Petoskey: Yea

Kathy Reed: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

6. Resolution: OPIE Recognition

Recipients of this year's Outstanding Person in Education awards are:

- Carey Strong - Secretary, Lincoln Elementary - PESPA
- Pam Tracy - Special Education Teacher, Central Elementary - PEA

Dr. Leslie recommended the Board's approval.

Moved that the O.P.I.E. Recognition resolution honoring Carey Strong and Pam Tracy be approved as submitted. This motion, made by Beth Flynn and seconded by Jenni Attie, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea

Jenni Attie: Yea

Beth Flynn: Yea

Denise Petoskey: Yea

Kathy Reed: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

7. Resolution: Delegation of Authority, Chief Election Officer

Dr. Leslie recommended the Board's approval.

Moved that the Director of Finance be delegated the authority of the school district's Chief Election Officer in instances where the Secretary of the School Board cannot fulfill the

appropriate election duties. This motion, made by Jenni Attie and seconded by Denise Petoskey, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea

Jenni Attie: Yea

Beth Flynn: Yea

Denise Petoskey: Yea

Kathy Reed: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

8. Resolution: Approval - Board Policies

Dr. Leslie reviewed the policies, fielded questions from the Board and recommended their approval.

Moved to approve the revisions to policy #3116 and the addition of policy #3117A. Policies #3119 and #3120 will not be adopted. This motion, made by Denise Petoskey and seconded by Beth Flynn, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea

Jenni Attie: Yea

Beth Flynn: Yea

Denise Petoskey: Yea

Kathy Reed: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

9. Resolution: Approval - School Wellness Program Requirements

Carley Cooper, Alcona Health Center, gave a presentation regarding the School Wellness Program. Ms. Cooper fielded questions from the Board. The resolution was recommended for approval.

Moved that the School Wellness Program letter to the District be approved as written. This motion, made by Denise Petoskey and seconded by Kathy Reed, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea

Jenni Attie: Abstain (With Conflict)

Beth Flynn: Yea

Denise Petoskey: Yea

Kathy Reed: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

10. Resolution: Approval - Little Northmen Pre-School Programming Changes

As part of our continuous Curriculum Review cycle, Becky Smith, Director of Teaching and Learning, presented a proposal for Little Northmen pre-school programming changes to the District Teaching and Learning committee (DTLC) on February 8, 2023 and March 8, 2023.

The DTLC gave positive, constructive feedback regarding the programming changes presented and supported the recommendations being presented to the Board of Education for approval. If approved, the changes would begin at the start of the 2023/2024 school year.

The recommended programming changes are:

- Eliminate GSRP
- Adjust the hours of operation to match elementary hours of operation
- Add an additional day of school to the schedule (4 days to 5 days)
- Add before and after school wrap around services (pre-school students only)
- Implement a competitive tuition increase with a reduced rate option
- Possible application fee

The resolution, Little Northmen Preschool Programming Changes, is recommended for approval.

Moved to approve the recommended programming changes to Little Northmen pre-school for the 2023/2024 school year. This motion, made by Kathy Reed and seconded by Jenni Attie, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea

Jenni Attie: Yea

Beth Flynn: Yea

Denise Petoskey: Yea

Kathy Reed: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

11. Resolution: Approval - Elementary STEM Curriculum Resources

As part of our continuous Curriculum Review cycle, our elementary STEM teachers presented a proposal for the curriculum resources, Lego Spike Essentials and Sphero Indi, to the District Teaching and Learning committee (DTLC) on March 8, 2023.

The DTLC gave positive, constructive feedback regarding the presentation and supported the recommendations being presented to the Board of Education for approval. If approved, the

resources would be immediately purchased and initial implementation would begin in the spring of the 2022/2023 school year.

The resolution, Elementary STEM Curriculum Resources, was recommended for approval.

Moved to approve the purchase of Lego Spike Essentials and Sphero Indi resources in the amount of \$34,000.00 for use in all Petoskey elementary schools beginning in the spring of the 2022/2023 school year. This motion, made by Beth Flynn and seconded by Denise Petoskey, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea

Jenni Attie: Yea

Beth Flynn: Yea

Denise Petoskey: Yea

Kathy Reed: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

12. Resolution: Approval - High School AP Weighted Grades

As part of our continuous Curriculum Review cycle, our PHS counselors presented changing GPA calculations from unweighted to weighted for AP course offerings to the District Teaching and Learning committee (DTLC) on February 8, 2023.

The DTLC gave positive, constructive feedback regarding the presentation and supported the recommendations being presented to the Board of Education for approval. If approved, the grade calculation change for AP courses will be scheduled to begin in the 2023/2024 school year.

Sarah Maclean, high school counselor, explained the difference between weighted grades and unweighted grades. She fielded questions from the Board. The recommendation was recommended for approval.

Moved to approve the recommendation to change GPA calculations from unweighted to weighted for AP course offerings at Petoskey High School beginning in the 2023/2024 school year. This motion, made by Denise Petoskey and seconded by Beth Flynn, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea

Jenni Attie: Yea

Beth Flynn: Yea

Denise Petoskey: Yea

Kathy Reed: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

13. Resolution: Approval - Construction Management Services

Recently, the administration and two board members held interviews with two construction management companies. The District is seeking the services of a construction management company to assist in determining facility needs and to assist with the preparation for a possible bond election.

The interview process contained a short company presentation and a question and answer session. The administration also checked references. Dr. Leslie gave a background of the company, fielded questions from the Board and recommended their approval to hire Owen-Ames-Kimball Co, O.A.K., as our construction manager.

Moved to approve Owen-Ames-Kimball Co. as the district's construction management company and to authorize the administration to develop and execute the contract for these services. This motion, made by Jenni Attie and seconded by Kathy Reed, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea

Jenni Attie: Yea

Beth Flynn: Yea

Denise Petoskey: Yea

Kathy Reed: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

14. Resolution: Approval - Architectural Firm Services

Recently, the administration and two board members interviewed one architectural firm and requested to interview a second firm who declined the interview. The district is seeking the services of an architectural firm to assist in determining facility needs and to assist with the preparation for a possible bond election.

The interview process contained a short company presentation and a question and answer session. Dr. Leslie gave a background of the company, fielded questions from the Board and recommended their approval to hire TowerPinkster as our Architect.

Moved to approve TowerPinkster as the district's architectural firm and to authorize the administration to develop and execute the contract for these services. This motion, made by Denise Petoskey and seconded by Jenni Attie, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea
Jenni Attie: Yea
Beth Flynn: Yea
Denise Petoskey: Yea
Kathy Reed: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

15. Educational Reports

Elementary Updates presented by Jodi Schreiber:

- March is "Reading" month.
 - Thank you to all of the guest readers
 - The students have enjoyed hearing others read, but also sharing their reading skills with others.
- Winter Carnivals:
 - Sheridan just had their winter carnival and it was a great turn out. A huge thank you to the Sheridan PTO and teachers.
 - Central's was also well attended and families had a great time playing games! A huge thank you to Jenny Greer and our PTO and all of the volunteers who helped make it successful. We had students from the National Honor Society, the Kindness Crew, and the high school and middle school Youth In Government programs volunteer their time to run games. The elementary students loved it.
 - Ottawa had their carnival in February with a great turnout as well. A huge thank you to all of the parent volunteers, PHS students, and to the PTO carnival committee for organizing another amazing event. A great time was had by all!
 - Lincoln will have their carnival on April 14, 2023!
- Parent & Teacher Conferences - March 14 & 16, 2023
- The Crooked Tree Arts Center Youth Art Show begins March 18, 2023, from 11:00AM – 1:00PM and continues through May 4, 2023.
 - Artwork from students at all four elementary schools will be displayed.
 - The event is free and open to the public.
 - An awards ceremony will be held on April 19, 2023, from 7:00 - 8:30PM.
- PBIS Updates:
 - We continue to recognize students who are following the Full Value Agreement.
 - PEF provided a grant to support PBiS K-12.
 - Our PBiS committees recognize students through specific praise and a ticket system.
 - Students are recognized for their accomplishments by earning brag tags, stickers, and more.

- Student Clubs & Leadership:
 - All four elementary schools have clubs and student leadership roles. The students have really enjoyed being a part of clubs and teams at their schools.
 - Safety Patrol
 - Student Council
 - 4th Grade Kids Biking Initiative (KBI) Pedaling with a Purpose
 - Mindfulness with Health Department - Amy Janssens & Lynn Demoore
 - Ski Club (Sheridan)
- Upcoming Events:
 - March 21: World Down Syndrome Awareness Day
 - “Rock Your Socks Day” and “Wear Blue & Yellow Day”
 - April 11: Central is planning a STEAM night from 5:00PM to 7:30PM.
 - Dinner is provided by the Commercial Foods program. The board is encouraged to attend.
 - April 12: Ottawa Family Fun Night from 5:00PM to 6:00PM.
 - "Learning Through Games" theme
 - April 14: Lincoln Carnival Night
 - April 25: Elementary Daddy Daughter Dance organized by the high school Madrigals
 - May 16 & 18: Kindergarten Round Up
 - May 16 @ Sheridan & Central
 - May 18 @ Lincoln & Ottawa
 - Appointment only

Middle School Updates presented by Jon Wilcox:

- PBIS
 - DRIVE tickets - have shown a decline in discipline referrals since the ticket system started
- Athletics
 - 102 kids are participating in track
- February 24, 2023- Max Stossel's presentation went well
- March 2, 2023 - Band received all division one ratings
- Field trips
 - 7th Grade - Avalanche Bay
 - 8th Grade - Skiing at the Highlands
 - Ninety 8th grade students attended the Washington DC trip
- 8th Grade Career Day went really well
 - Forty community members attended
 - Students attend four different sessions

- St. Patrick's Day dance
- Next Thursday is the End of Winter Olympics
 - The Board is welcome to attend
 - March 23, 2023 at 1:30PM

High School Updates presented by Rob Harris:

- School Improvements
- PBIS
- Athletics
 - Boys Ski Team - State Champs Nolan Walkerdine and Wyatt Mattson won individual championships.
 - Girls Ski Team - State Runner up Marly Spence won two individual State Championships.
 - Wrestling - Trevor Swiss State Championship at 150lbs. First ever undefeated season state champion here at Petoskey.
 - Girls Basketball Back to Back BNC Champions
 - Northmen Night was a great success!
- Spring Musical
 - Over 900 tickets sold
- Madrigals Concert
 - Sunday, March 19, 2023, 5:00PM at the high school
- Youth in Government
- Quiz Bowl
 - Won Char-Em tournament at North Central Michigan College
- DECA
 - 19 State Champions and six Runner-ups
- Band
 - Performed in three parades at Mardi Gras in New Orleans
 - The high school wind ensemble and symphony took all "1's" at MSBOA band festivals (highest score possible)
 - The high school jazz band will be attending the Jazz Festival at Alma College on March 17, 2023
 - The Steel Drum Band will be performing at Nubs Nob for their Mardi Gras event on March 18, 2023
- Robotics
 - Petoskey Paladins competed in the FIRST Robotics event in Lansing
 - Placed 10th out of 36 during qualifying rounds
 - Climbed up to 4th place during playoffs

- SAFE
 - Students set an all-time record for raising money with their paper airplane fundraiser during a basketball game

Teaching and Learning Updates presented by Becky Smith:

- February professional development day
 - 92% of staff surveyed felt positive about the day
- March professional development day, March 17, 2023
 - Elementary staff will attend a half day
 - Secondary staff will attend a full day
- MACUL conference
 - STEM staff members attended
 - The focus is on computers and technology in the classroom
- Reviewed projected student enrollment, staffing and class sizes

16. Board of Education Reports

Trustee Reed

- Attended Northmen Night
 - Very nice evening
 - Very generous community

Trustee Petoskey

- Attended Shrek the Musical

Trustee Attie

- Attended the first grade music informances at Sheridan
- Attended all three Max Stossel presentations

Trustee Flynn

- Attended Central Carnival
- Reading to the students at the schools and having kids read to her
- So impressed with all the staff, seeing the love and care, very grateful to be a part of the district
 - Thank you!

Trustee Ashley

- Try It Tuesday started
- Attended a question/answer session with the Youth In Government program
- Attended Northmen Night
 - The professional auctioneer did a great job
 - Well attended
- PEF - Third round of Mini Grants are completed

- PEF scholarship applications are due on April 17, 2023
 - Senior scholarships available
 - High school and middle school scholarships are available

17. Superintendent's Report

- PEA resignations
 - Early Retirement Incentive
 - Dirk Esterline
 - Lisa Rasmussen
 - Kathleen Shafer
 - Senior Teacher Program Retirement
 - Jenny Greer
 - Laurie Lewis
 - Pam Tracy
 - Resignation
 - Lisa Oehring
- Building trades house - bidding will start after spring break
- Thank you to the Kroeger Mainland Family Fund donation
 - Each elementary school will receive two book vending machines
- Navigate360 training for all staff tomorrow
 - Thank you to Dr. Harris for spearheading the training
- Shrek the Musical was awesome
- April 14, 2023 - a group of administrators will be going to SA Morman in Grand Rapids
- The high school inspection is March 28, 2023
 - Front doors will be open when we return from spring break
- Attended Mardi Gras with the Steel Drum Band
- Washington DC trip - received great feedback

18. Audience Participation

Jodi Adams, Petoskey

- Feeling grateful and excited
 - Weighted grades will motivate students
 - Security upgrades are moving forward
- Let's go!!

Joel Kato, Petoskey

- Thank you
- There is a wonderful level of engagement by the Board and Superintendent
- Nice job!!

19. Resolution: Closed Session

Moved that the Board of Education meet in closed session for the purpose of considering a periodic personnel evaluation of an employee as permitted in Section 8(a) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. A roll call vote will be taken. This motion, made by Kathy Reed and seconded by Jenni Attie, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea

Jenni Attie: Yea

Beth Flynn: Yea

Denise Petoskey: Yea

Kathy Reed: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

The Board entered into Closed Session at 9:37PM.

The Board returned to Open Session at 10:38PM.

20. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:38PM.

Moved to adjourn the meeting. This motion, made by Denise Petoskey and seconded by Beth Flynn, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea

Jenni Attie: Yea

Beth Flynn: Yea

Denise Petoskey: Yea

Kathy Reed: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0