



# Public Schools of Petoskey

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Spitler Administration Building  
1130 Howard Street  
Petoskey, MI 49770  
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## ORGANIZATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 17, 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 7:00 p.m.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

### RESOLUTION: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

#### ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Motioned that Trustee Reed be elected to serve as President of the Petoskey Board of Education for the 2018 calendar year.

Moved by: Trustee Lamberti  
Supported by: Trustee Ashley

AYES: Reed, Ling, Szajnecki, Ashley, Lamberti

NAYS: None

#### ELECTION OF FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Motioned that Trustee Ling be elected to serve as First Vice-President of the Petoskey Board of Education for the 2018 calendar year.

Moved by: Trustee Szajnecki

Supported by: Trustee Lamberti

AYES: Reed, Ling, Szajnecki, Ashley, Lamberti

NAYS: None

#### ELECTION OF SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

Motioned that Trustee Szajnecki be elected to serve as Second Vice-President of the Petoskey Board of Education for the 2018 calendar year.

Moved by: Trustee Ashley

Supported by: Trustee Lamberti

AYES: Reed, Ling, Szajnecki, Ashley, Lamberti

NAYS: None

#### ELECTION OF SECRETARY

Motioned that Trustee Lamberti be elected to serve as Secretary of the Petoskey Board of Education for the 2018 calendar year.

Moved by: Trustee Szajnecki

Supported by: Trustee Ling

AYES: Reed, Ling, Szajnecki, Ashley, Lamberti

NAYS: None

#### ELECTION OF TREASURER

Motioned that Trustee Ashley be elected to serve as Treasurer of the Petoskey Board of Education for the 2018 calendar year.

Moved by: Trustee Lamberti

Supported by: Trustee Szajnecki

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

**The Motions were Declared Adopted.**

[RESOLUTION: DESIGNATION OF REGULAR MEETING TIME](#)

Moved by Trustee Ling and supported by Trustee Ashley that the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education for the Public Schools of Petoskey be held on the third Thursday of each month (commencing in March) in the Board Meeting Room of the Spitler Administration Building at 7:00 p.m. for the calendar year 2018. Furthermore, the February Board of Education meeting will be held on the third Wednesday, February 21, 2018.

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

**Motion was Declared Adopted**

Trustee Reed noted that the Board will need to get together to discuss the Board Governance Standards. Board members agreed that the Standards would be good to integrate as applicable. They also agreed that it would be a good review of their own duties and would help to do a self-evaluation.

[ADJOURNMENT](#)

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

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

**Motion was Declared Adopted**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

## REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

### CALL TO ORDER

President Reed called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Ashley and supported by Trustee Lamberti that the written minutes of the following meeting be approved as recorded.

#### **Regular Meeting Minutes, December 21, 2017**

AYES: Reed, Ling, Szajnecki, Ashley, Lamberti

NAYS: None

#### **Motion was Declared Adopted**

### APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Motion by Trustee Ashley and supported by Trustee Szajnecki that the warrants paid, as submitted by the administration, be approved in the amount of \$ 2,431,891.89.

AYES: Reed, Ling, Szajnecki, Ashley, Lamberti

NAYS: None

#### **Motion was Declared Adopted**

### RESOLUTION: EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION – HIGH SCHOOL INTERIM ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dr. Scholten informed the Board that High School Assistant Principal, Sean Byram, has resigned. Due to the timing, the Administration noted that it would be appropriate to hire an interim assistant principal for the remainder of the school year. Dr. Scholten recommended the Board's approval to hire Mike Hill as the interim assistant principal. Dr. Scholten gave an overview of Mike Hill's background. Mr. Hill would begin February 1, 2018 and continue through the remainder of the 17/18 school year. The position will be posted in the spring.

Motion by Trustee Ashley and supported by Trustee Ling that Michael Hill be appointed to the position of High School Interim Assistant Principal in the Public Schools of Petoskey for the remainder of the 2017/2018 school year.

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

**Motion was Declared Adopted**

[RESOLUTION: 2017/2018 GENERAL FUND FIRST REVISION BUDGET](#)

Mr. Cartwright discussed budget revisions and fielded questions from the Board.

Motion by Trustee Szajnecki and supported by Trustee Ling that this resolution shall be the appropriations for the Public Schools of Petoskey for the fiscal year 2017/2018: A resolution to make appropriations for expenditures and provide for the disposition of their fund incomes received by the Public Schools of Petoskey, per the enclosure.

General Fund:	\$31,163,828
Capital Project Funds:	\$ 2,698,184
Debt Service Funds:	\$ 4,746,376

Be it Further Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools is hereby charged with general supervision of the execution of the budgets, and shall hold the appropriate administrators and/or supervisors responsible for the performance of their responsibilities within the amounts appropriated by the Board of Education and in keeping with the budgetary statements adopted by the Board.

This act is to take effect on January 17, 2018.

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

**Motion was Declared Adopted**

[RECOGNITION: TRUSTEES, BOARD OF EDUCATION](#)

Dr. Scholten noted that January is School Board Appreciation Month, which is being celebrated across the State of Michigan. He shared the high points of Governor Snyder's proclamation. Administrators presented the Board members with small tokens of appreciation from their staff and students. Dr. Scholten thanked the Board for their service.

The Board thanked the buildings for their appreciation.

## EDUCATIONAL REPORTS

Mr. Prins spoke on behalf of the elementary buildings.

- All elementary buildings are working on mid-year assessments
- MLK day was celebrated this week.
- All buildings are working together to focus on the Full Value Agreement and what each part means (work as a team/speak up/be safe). Posters were made to help the students understand the meaning behind each part, to try and be proactive instead of reactive.
- Central has a blood drive on February 5, 2018, in the cafeteria, from 1:00-6:45. Call the school office to make an appointment or go online.

Mr. Wilcox gave some highlights about the middle school.

- The last day before Winter Break was a half day of school. Staff wanted to get the students more engaged on this half day. Meagan Neal and Becky Smith set up 8 different STEM labs for students to progress through on that half day. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive.
- Last Friday there was RADD training. Teachers have been trained for the last 8 years.
- The wrestling team went to the Dundee tournament this past Saturday. Mr. Wilcox noted that there were many positive comments about how Petoskey's students behaved.
- On Monday, both the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball teams won the Cheboygan tournament.
- The Middle School will have a blood drive on January 29<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-7:00.

Dr. Stewart gave updates regarding the high school.

- Exams are going on this week.
- Snowcoming is next week, the basketball game is Friday and the dance is on Saturday.
- Mike Hill's first day will coincide with parent teacher conferences.
- Each year for Board Appreciation the staff at the high school try to utilize the career tech classes for their gifts. This year the Board gifts came from the School Store.
- Mr. Schulte, a new staff member, is trying to expand the product in the School Store by trying new and different products. He is doing a great job modeling, to the students, how to speak to people and how to dress when working in a store.
- The First Annual Carl Vanderwall Wrestling for a Cause Tournament took place this past week. The monies raised are going toward a Petoskey student's parent that has been diagnosed with ALS.

Dr. Slanec gave an update on our new Literacy Coaches.

- We have 1 ½ + Literacy Coaches for the district.
- They have only been on the job for two months but the things they have worked on with staff and students is amazing.
- Gave a brief overview of what they have done so far and what their goals are moving forward.
- They have been collaborating with ISD coaches and are meeting again with them tomorrow.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

- Trustee Ashley noted that he was wonderfully trained by Trustee Ling for “Try-It Tuesday.” He has learned how to not “yuck” someone else’s “yum”.
- Trustee Reed informed the Administration of a couple of events going on in the community.
  - Youth Mental Health First Aid, sponsored by the Health Department and CharEm ISD. This is a free event and they do have an evening session.
  - The Child Abuse Prevention and Education Council has their annual conference on April 27 at North Central Michigan College. CharEm will cover the admission price for teachers and administrators. This year’s focus is substance abuse.
- Trustee Ashley noted that PEF has their annual LaSenorita night on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.

## SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- The United Way “A Toast to Literacy” Mardi Gras Party will take place on February 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The Jazz Band will be performing at two boys and two girls’ basketball games this season.
- County Transit Meeting, January 23, 6:00, Iron Horse Café, NCMC.
- Northmen Night will be held on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

- MASB – Adequacy Study
  - Michigan students are still shortchanged with funding and resources.
  - Where do we plan to go from here?
  - Recommendations
    - Use the study
    - Come up with an adequacy based funding system
    - Look at different district characteristics, can’t be “one size fits all”
    - Student and taxpayer equity
    - Transportation
    - How retirement costs are managed and unfunded liabilities
  - Summary
    - Estimated that funding should be at \$9,590.00 per pupil. This is considerably higher than where we are at right now.
    - Need to look at the cost of Special Education, English Language Learners, kids that are living in poverty, along with career and technology education costs.
  - January Revenue Consensus Meeting
    - It is early, but they anticipate continued, slow growth
    - School Aid Fund is expected to grow by 3.1% while the General Fund is not expected to see such growth.
    - SAF is anticipated to be up more than \$114 million from earlier expectations
  - A lot of work is needed to be done.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

AYES: Reed, Ling, Szajnecki, Ashley, Lamberti

NAYS: None

**Motion was Declared Adopted**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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Kathy Reed, President

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Frank Lamberti, Secretary

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Lori Lewis, Recording Secretary