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

Wednesday, February 21, 2018
7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Kathy Reed, Mary Ling, Keith Szajnecki, Frank Lamberti, Mark Ashley
Members Absent:

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

Sommer Poquette, 2877 Cemetery Road, Petoskey – Expressed concerns over school safety.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Organizational and Regular Meeting Minutes, January 17, 2018

AYES: Reed, Ling, Szajnecki, Lamberti, Ashley
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 \$3,708,800.59.

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

Motion was Declared Adopted

RESOLUTION: SPECIAL MEETING FOR PURPOSE OF SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION UPDATE

Motion by Trustee Lamberti and supported by Trustee Ashley to schedule a Special Meeting on Monday, February 26, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. to take place at the Spitler Administration Building for a Superintendent Evaluation Update.

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

Motion was Declared Adopted

RESOLUTION: SPECIAL MEETING FOR PURPOSE OF SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION

Motion by Trustee Ling and supported by Trustee Lamberti to schedule a Special Meeting on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. to take place at the Spitler Administration Building to discuss the Superintendent's Evaluation and Board of Education Goals.

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

Motion was Declared Adopted

RESOLUTION: PURCHASE OF SCIENCE CURRICULUM

Motion by Trustee Ashley and supported by Trustee Lamberti to approve the purchase of the Full Option Science System (FOSS) as presented and attached in the amount of \$60,185.00.

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

Motion was Declared Adopted

EDUCATIONAL REPORTS

Dr. Slanec gave an update for the District.

- The District has received the FOSS science kits: Life Science, Earth Science and Physical Science. The kits have STEM/STEAM embedded in them.
- All middle school teachers will receive FOSS training on March 16, 2018 to become a trainer.
- Specific K-5 Teachers will receive FOSS training on May 25, 2018 to become a trainer.
- The middle and elementary teachers that were trained will meet again with FOSS for more training on June 11, 2018.
- The District has received grants that will allow teachers to go to conferences. Twenty-seven teachers, four academic coaches and four administrators will attend the Michigan Council of Exceptional Children conference, the MACUL Technology conference, the Michigan Reading Association conference and the Michigan Science Association conference. Staff will bring the information back to the District to share with co-workers.

Mr. Frampus spoke for the elementary schools.

- The elementary schools have been teaming up with local organizations working as a team.
 - Fourth Grade bike safety with the Trails Council
 - Third Grade water safety with the Charlevoix Pool
 - Students wrote Valentines for the Friendship Center
 - Fifth graders made posters for Pizza Pizzazz

Mr. Wilcox gave an update for the middle school.

- PMS hosted, and Julie Sisson organized, the CharEm Spelling Bee. A Petoskey student was the spelling bee champion and there are four Petoskey students moving on to the state level.
- Yellow Ribbon presented to the seventh grade
- Eighth grade went on a ski trip
- Sixth grade went on a show shoe trip
- The annual 8th grade trip to DC/New York will be the week of March 5-9
- On March 12th Ok to Say will present to the eighth grade on social media usage
- On March 14th the eighth grade will attend Career Day
- The middle school received a generous donation to replace the entire weight room. Mr. Racignol has been overseeing this process and it has been completed.

Dr. Stewart gave an update for the high school.

- Ok to Say will present to 9th through 12th graders on March 13th
- PMS/PHS Band Festival is taking place at this moment
- March 6th – PHS Blood Drive
- Boys and Girls Basketball teams both won the Big North Conference
- The Ski teams are going to Regionals
- The Blue Crew is a finalist in the Battle of the Fans through MHSAA
- DECA had Senator Schmidt visit their program
- David Paquette is the first ever winner of the MHSAA Scholar Athlete award. He is also a National Merit finalist.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

Trustee Szajnecki noted that he was invited to present at Career Day at the middle school. He is excited to be participating.

Trustee Ling noted that the Petoskey Education Foundation handed out \$5,000.00 in mini grants.

Trustee Reed noted that there is a free screening of “Resilience” on March 8, 6:00-8:00 p.m.. This program is about how to help children deal with adverse events.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Pizza Pizzazz Day is February 26. One dollar from every pizza purchased will go back to the Petoskey Education Foundation.

Northmen Night is March 3, 6:00-10:00 p.m. at the Perry Hotel. It will be a tailgate theme. Raffle tickets are available.

Kayak for a Cause raffle tickets are available. The drawing will happen on April 24th.

Career Day, March 14th, 8:30-11:00 a.m., is co-sponsored by the Noon Rotary. Dr. Scholten will be presenting. Carlin Smith is the keynote speaker. Lunch will be provided to the presenters.

Dr. Scholten spoke on school safety regarding the processes and procedures that are in place.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

- School Aid Budget – the Governor is supporting the 2X funding. Petoskey would see an increase of \$240/pupil.
- In order to see the full \$240.00, will require the legislature reducing programs like shared time instruction and cyber schools.
- A-F grading of the schools being pushed.
- The Guns in Schools bill is currently stalled with everything going on in Florida
- Enhancement Millage – legislation just passed that will require sharing such revenue with Charter schools upon renewals and future millages.

PRESENTATION: VAL MEYERSON – LIBRARY SERVICES

Dr. Scholten introduced Val Meyerson. Ms. Meyerson gave a presentation on new and continuing services the Petoskey District Library provides to the community and our schools. She handed out the Library’s annual report to the Board.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Jeffrey Walker, 803 Hayner Drive, Petoskey – voiced concern over open carry and concealed carry gun laws.

Jessica Shaw Nolf, 517 East Lake Street, Petoskey – requested information on the procedure if someone open carries in the school.

Sommer Poquette, 2877 Cemetery Road, Petoskey – voiced concern over policy and procedure regarding school safety.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Motion was Declared Adopted

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Kathy Reed, President

Frank Lamberti, Secretary

Lori Lewis, Recording Secretary