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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 15, 2018
7:00 p.m.

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

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

Stacy Schlueter, 3091 Charlevoix Avenue, Petoskey – Asked for consideration in regards to what students are exposed to.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting Minutes, February 21, 2018
Special Meeting Minutes, February 26, 2018
Special Meeting Minutes, March 5, 2018
Closed Session Meeting Minutes, March 5, 2018

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

Motion was Declared Adopted

[APPROVAL OF WARRANTS](#)

Motion by Trustee Szajnecki and supported by Trustee Ashley that the warrants paid, as submitted by the administration, be approved in the amount of \$ 2,523,177.31.

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

Motion was Declared Adopted

[RESOLUTION: O.P.I.E RECOGNITION](#)

Dr. Scholten congratulated the 2018 O.P.I.E. Award recipients: Rick Bellmer, custodian at Central Elementary School (PESPA) and Jeff Greene, Mathematics Teacher at Petoskey Middle School (PEA). Dr. Scholten recommended their approval.

Motion by Trustee Ashley and supported by Trustee Ling that the O.P.I.E. resolution honoring Rick Bellmer and Jeff Greene be approved as submitted.

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

Motion was Declared Adopted

[RESOLUTION: FOSS CURRICULUM MATERIALS](#)

Motion by Trustee Szajnecki and supported by Trustee Ashley to approve the purchase of the Full Option Science System (FOSS) materials as presented and attached in the amount of \$58,150.59.

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

Motion was Declared Adopted

[RESOLUTION: EXTENSION OF SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT](#)

Trustee Reed noted that the Board recently met for the purpose of Dr. Scholten's evaluation. She read a summary of the Board's evaluation and noted the Board rated Dr. Scholten's performance

as “Highly Effective”. Based on this evaluation, she recommended extending Dr. Scholten’s contract through June 30, 2021.

Motion by Trustee Reed and supported by Trustee Ling to extend Superintendent Scholten’s contract for an additional year through June 30, 2021.

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

Motion was Declared Adopted

Dr. Scholten noted that it is a pleasure and an honor to work with this School Board and our community. He also noted that the Board went through quite a lengthy training on how to use the evaluation instrument. He thanked the Board for their support and the opportunity to serve this District.

[EDUCATIONAL REPORTS](#)

Dr. Scholten noted that the elementary school principals are at their building conferences so are not in attendance.

Mr. Wilcox gave a few highlights for the middle school.

- March 1st - The middle school had their first Arts Night. Student art work was on display, pot luck dinner was available and students performed skits.
- There were 112 8th grade students that went on the Washington DC/New York trip.
- March 9th – Seventh graders went to Avalanche Bay.
- March 12th – Ok to Say presentation to the eighth graders. Next year, the middle school would like to have the presentation earlier in the school year and also have the seventh grade participate. Students are able to opt out.
- March 14th – Career Day – There were over 40 presenters with 38 different sessions for the students to attend. The whole program went really well.
- March 22nd – The Board is invited to the End of Winter Olympics, 1:40 in the gymnasium.

Dr. Stewart commented for the high school.

- March 13th – Ok to Say also presented to 9th through 12th grades. This program is recommended by the Attorney General. It is free and age appropriate.
- Grace Garver won Poetry Out Loud for the State of Michigan and is moving on to Nationals.
- DECA had teams make internationals.
- Robotics is competing this weekend.
- Youth in Government, Model UN, Sports Teams etc...it is a very active March.
- Academic Awards are next Tuesday at 7:00
- SAT, M-Step and WorkKeys testing will start after Spring Break

Becky Smith noted that the Title II grant funding that has been received has been unprecedented. It has been a long time since we have been able to send teachers to conferences. This funding is set up to send teachers to professional development. Becky thanked the Board for their support.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

Trustee Szajnecki noted that he spoke at Career Day. He enjoyed the program. It was well organized and it was a good day all around.

Trustee Ashley noted that the PEF has a dinner coming up on April 26th.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Scholten gave updates on the following:

- Pizza Pizzazz raised over \$600.00 for the Petoskey Education Foundation. The student poster contest winners will be in the Petoskey News Review.
- Northmen Night had a profit of over \$43,000.00.
- Arbor Day project – the three Petoskey Rotary Clubs are purchasing 175 Spruce trees. The trees will be planted on our school campus on April 21st.
- Kindergarten Round-Up is coming up. The class of 2031 will be entering next year. Round-ups will be April 17 and April 24. The Petoskey Education Foundation will be sponsoring the kindergarten t-shirts.
- We will be hosting the Class C Quarterfinal game on Tuesday. Glen Lake vs. Iron Mountain.
- The District Newsletter will be coming out Saturday, April 14th.
- Spring Break starts March 23. Students and staff will return on April 3rd.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Dr. Scholten commented on a few things.

- A-F grades are getting traction
- Budget talks continue

Dr. Scholten gave a review/update of safety procedures that are in place and will soon be in place.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Sommer Poquette, 2877 Cemetery Road, Petoskey

- Thanked Dr. Scholten and Trustee Reed for meeting with her.
- Noted that parents also need to take responsibility.

- Complimented the middle school teachers that took the 8th grade students on the Washington DC/New York trip.
- The computers set up for district/building surveys during conferences are great.

Stacy Schlueter, 3091 Charlevoix Avenue, Petoskey

- Noted that the book “Lost at School” by Ross Green would be beneficial to parents.
- Noted that she would like to see some of the Enhancement Millage monies go to the gifted and talented program.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Motion was Declared Adopted

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Kathy Reed, President

Frank Lamberti, Secretary

Lori Lewis, Recording Secretary