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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 19, 2018
7:00 p.m.

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

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting Minutes, March 15, 2018
Special Meeting Minutes, March 19, 2018
Closed Session Meeting Minutes, March 19, 2018

AYES: Reed, Ling, Szajnecki, Ashley, Lamberti
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 \$ 3,944,816.02.

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

Motion was Declared Adopted

PRESENTATION: VOCATIONAL MILLAGE, MAY 8, 2018

Dr. Scholten provided information to the Board regarding the Vocational Millage that will take place on May 8, 2018. He noted that this is not an increase. The current number of mills will remain the same for the four year renewal.

RESOLUTION: RENTAL AGREEMENT WITH GENESIS CHURCH

Dr. Scholten gave a brief overview of the rental agreement with Genesis Church for the annual Baccalaureate program. He recommended the Board's approval.

Motion by Trustee Szajnecki and supported by Trustee Lamberti that Genesis Church be allowed to rent the auditorium and related facilities at Petoskey Middle School for the evening of May 20, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. per the attached contract agreement.

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

Motion was Declared Adopted

RESOLUTION: AWARD PHS INDOOR TRACK REPLACEMENT BID

Dr. Scholten explained the changes to the track replacement bid. He recommended the Board's approval.

Motion by Trustee Ashley and supported by Trustee Lamberti to accept the bid of \$157,600 from Grand Traverse Construction for the PHS Indoor Track Replacement project.

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

Motion was Declared Adopted

EDUCATIONAL REPORTS

Mrs. Thola spoke for the elementary schools.

- Parents are pleased with the new buzzer system. They have not received any complaints.
- Kindergarten Round-up is under way and going well.
- NWEA (K-5) and M-Step (3-5) testing is going fairly smoothly.
- The fourth graders will participate in the 2nd annual Fourth Grade Bike Trip. All fourth graders have been trained how to ride safely. Support and assistance will be provided as needed.

Mr. Wilcox presented for the Middle School.

- Standardized testing is underway. Staff appreciates the support from the Technology Department.
- This week kicked off the PMS Kindness Challenge. Anthony Ianni, former MSU basketball player spoke to our students. He is the first NCAA basketball player to be diagnosed with autism. He spoke on how to treat others kindly. Students will be doing activities in their homeroom each week for 30 days.
- Tracy Deering, 7th grade ELA teacher, received the Rotary Teacher of the Year Award.
- Eighth grade will have a busy month! Some will attend an Ecology Seminar, all will go to Camp Daggett and the eighth grade band students will head to Chicago.

Dr. Stewart spoke for the high school.

- Spring sports have had a lot of indoor practices
- Academic World Quest won the State Competition and is now going to Nationals in Washington DC
- DECA is going to Internationals
- Robotics won the Chairman's award at their last competition.
- Grace Garver won the State Poetry Out Loud competition. She will be going to Washington DC to compete. The program will be live streamed at poetryoutloud.org on April 24 from 1:00-4:00.
- People's Choice Awards are April 23 at 7:00 in the PHS Auditorium

Dr. Slanec noted:

- The Elementary Literacy Night was hosted by Sheridan Elementary on April 18.
- Thank you for the PEF grant used to purchase Drones for STEAM activities.
- Thanked the Board and noted that the FOSS kits have arrived and are going out to buildings. Professional Development has already started.

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Trustee Lamberti stated that he has been in a few of the buildings and talked to the office staff. The new buzzer systems are running smoothly. The staff noted it is going well. Classroom doors are closed. Trustee Lamberti also noted that volunteers are still needed for the 4th grade bike ride. The spots open are non-bike riding positions. Try-It Tuesday was good! No "yucks" were heard!

Trustee Szajnecki thanked the school for being proactive with the buzzer system. He also noted that he spoke with Senator Schmidt and he invited him to tonight's Board meeting.

Trustee Ling commented that PEF sponsored the Kindergarten Round-Up t-shirts this year. The PEF annual dinner will be next week. Scholarship applications have been turned in and are ready to be reviewed. She also thanked the Administrators for sending their newsletters to the Board. The Board enjoys reading them and finds them informative.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Scholten gave his superintendent's report.

- The District Newsletter will go home in elementary folders. Each Board member received a copy.
- Congratulated Tracy Deering as the Rotary Teacher of the Year.
- The middle school received a retired telescope from NASA. The telescope will be in Elsa Martin's classroom.
- NCMC college graduation will take place on May 4, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. The Board will need to let Dr. Scholten know if they will attend by April 27, 2018.
- Thanked Trustee Szajnecki for speaking with Senator Schmidt.
- Feedback from the new buzzer system has been positive. The plan is to keep classroom doors closed and locked.
- Attended a safety and security prep meeting for a planned mock bus accident. The mock up will happen on Saturday, April 21, 2018. Volunteer NHS students will participate.
- Rotary tree planting will be delayed until next Saturday due to the snow. They will have 200 trees to plant on the school grounds.
- He recognized and let the Board know how much he appreciates the Petoskey Rotary Club. The School and the Rotary Club have done a lot of collaboration and great projects together over the years. The Rotary Club is very supportive of the school system.
- The Madrigals volunteered to perform at the Petoskey Rotary Club luncheon. The Rotary recognized Julie Saunders, Madrigals Director, with the Paul Harris Award. This is a prestigious award where \$1,000.00 is donated toward worthy causes and international efforts. The award was donated in Julie's name.
- Spring sports have managed to have a couple games. They are requesting some leniency for scheduling and would like to allow games on Sundays. All of Northern Michigan is in the same dilemma because of the snow. This will help allow the athletes to get their games in.

MHSAA governs how many games are allowed in a week. MHSAA is considering allowing 4 games per week due to the snow, but a decision has not been made yet. The Athletic Director would like to at least get the conference games in. Games on Sunday would be a last resort. Coaches will talk with parents and players about this contingency.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Dr. Scholten gave a brief update on what is happening in the legislature.

- The House and Senate are lining up well on school aid
- 2X funding appears solid
- 31A Accountability will increase
- Career Tech line items were noted

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 7:55 p.m.

Kathy Reed, President

Frank Lamberti, Secretary

Lori Lewis, Recording Secretary