



# Public Schools of Petoskey

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## REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 18, 2019  
7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Keith Szajnecki, Mary Ling, Frank Lamberti, Jessica Shaw-Nolff, Kathy Reed  
Members Absent: None

### CALL TO ORDER

President Szajnecki called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Szajnecki led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

**Regular Meeting Minutes, March 13, 2019**  
**Special Meeting Minutes, April 1, 2019**  
**Closed Session Meeting Minutes, April 1, 2019**  
**Special Meeting Minutes, April 8, 2019**  
**Special Meeting Minutes, April 9, 2019**  
**Special Meeting Minutes, April 15, 2019**

AYES: Szajnecki, Ling, Lamberti, Shaw-Nolff, Reed

NAYS: None

**Motion was Declared Adopted**

[APPROVAL OF WARRANTS](#)

Motion by Trustee Lamberti and supported by Trustee Reed that the warrants paid, as submitted by the administration, be approved in the amount of \$ 2,761,472.22.

AYES: Szajnecki, Ling, Lamberti, Shaw-Nolff, Reed  
NAYS: None

**Motion was Declared Adopted**

[PRESENTATION: VAL MEYERSON – LIBRARY SERVICES](#)

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

[RESOLUTION: RENTAL AGREEMENT FOR BACCALAUREATE 2019](#)

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 Ling 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 19, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. per the attached contract agreement.

AYES: Szajnecki, Ling, Lamberti, Shaw-Nolff, Reed  
NAYS: None

**Motion was Declared Adopted**

[RESOLUTION: SUBURBAN BID](#)

Mr. Cartwright gave a brief overview of the bid received and recommended the Board's approval.

Motion by Trustee Lamberti and supported by Trustee Shaw-Nolff to accept the bid of \$45,648.45 from Dave Kring Chevrolet for the purchase of a 2019 4-wheel drive Suburban.

AYES: Szajnecki, Ling, Lamberti, Shaw-Nolff, Reed

NAYS: None

**Motion was Declared Adopted**

[RESOLUTION: PICK-UP TRUCK WITH DUMP BODY BID](#)

Mr. Cartwright gave a brief overview of the bids received and recommended the Board's approval.

Motion by Trustee Reed and supported by Trustee Lamberti to accept the bid of \$41,936.00 from Signature Ford for the purchase of a 2019 Ford F-350 4x4 chassis with dump body.

AYES: Szajnecki, Ling, Lamberti, Shaw-Nolff, Reed

NAYS: None

**Motion was Declared Adopted**

[EDUCATIONAL REPORTS](#)

Mrs. Thola spoke for the elementary schools.

- Unifying all four buildings so that they are all doing the same things
- All 4<sup>th</sup> grades in the area are participating in the biking initiative in May
  - This is the third year our students have participated
  - Many volunteers are what make this initiative work
  - All kids are tested beforehand
- Community involvement with the Mindfulness Grant
  - Central and Ottawa have completed the instruction training
  - Lincoln and Sheridan are starting the instruction training
  - Partnership with Petoskey Schools and the Health Department
  - Funded by Petoskey Harbor Springs Foundation
- Camp Daggett support and partnership
  - All fifth graders, from all four elementary schools, attend together in May
  - A core group of middle school students attend as mentors
- FOSS Science
  - great things happening in the classroom
  - good follow-up with the teachers
- Fundamentals Phonics program
  - all are trained
  - now following up, making sure everyone knows how to use the program
  - modeling and coaching from the Literacy Coaches
- ROV project
  - Going down to the waterfront in May
- Kindergarten Round-Up is coming up
  - Seeing good numbers, 174 enrolled so far

Mr. Dohm presented for the Middle School.

- Winter Olympics was a huge success
- April 23, 2019, Nathan Harmon will present on anti-bullying/self-esteem at the middle and high school
- April 26, 2019, Heather Giammalva will be recognized at the Child Abuse Prevention and Education Council Spring Conference
- Parent Alliance will do some landscape work around the middle school
- PSAT was taken for the first time by 8<sup>th</sup> graders
- M-Step coming up

Dr. Stewart spoke for the high school.

- Building Trades – Skills USA – 2<sup>nd</sup> in Carpentry Division in the State
- DECA – 20 students to Internationals
- Robotics – to the Worlds
  - Selected for the State Engineering Inspiration Award out of 550 teams
- Lauren Liebler, Megatronics and CAD teacher, was selected as an Excite Award finalist. She will go to MIT for a program during the summer and then will compete for incentive awards to support the Megatronics Program.
- Hospitality – named to the 2019 Elite 50
- Poppy, the Therapy Dog, has her own Facebook page, Becoming a Therapy Dog
  - Poppy will arrive in Petoskey in about a month

Dr. Slanec noted:

- Spring needs assessments K-12
  - Meetings with teacher leaders and PLC's
  - Where are we now and where do we want to be
  - Staff always put students first

## [BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS](#)

Trustee Ling noted

- PEF has received 29 applications for scholarships
  - These are handed out at the honors night
- Thursday, May 2, 2019 is the PEF Dinner
  - Celebrating Children's Literacy
  - Our Literacy Coaches were the Special Place for Everyone award winner and will be honored at the dinner
- Pizza Pizzazz broke records this year
  - Over \$1,000.00 was raised for PEF
  - Pizza Pizzazz took place on a snow day

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Scholten gave his superintendent's report.

- Handed out the District Newsletter to the Board
  - Lots of positive articles
- April 22, 2019, People's Choice Awards Night, 7:00 p.m., PHS Auditorium
  - Great program
- CharEm has changed Professional Development from November 6, 2019 to November 1, 2019.
- Biking Program through the Trails Council
  - 75% full but if you would like to volunteer contact Dr. Scholten
  - All volunteers will go through a one hour training
    - April 24, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. and April 25, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.
- Road work on Atkins and the McDougal extension
  - The County will be taking trees down and dealing with some drifting issues
- NCMC graduation will be on May 10, 2019, 7:30 p.m.
  - We have 25 5<sup>th</sup> year cohort students graduating
  - Let Dr. Scholten know, by Friday, if you will be attending

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

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

- There is a bill, regarding Snow Day relief, that has gone through the House, waiting on the Senate
  - We would have to make up one day without it
  - June 10, 2019 would be the last day if no reprieve
- 40% growth rate is through the Senate, waiting on the House
- Budget is not formalized

## AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

## ADJOURNMENT

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

AYES: Szajnecki, Ling, Lamberti, Shaw-Nolff, Reed  
NAYS: None

**Motion was Declared Adopted**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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Kathy Reed, President

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Frank Lamberti, Secretary

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Lori Lewis, Recording Secretary