



# Public Schools of Petoskey

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Regular School Board Meeting  
Thursday, March 18, 2021 7:00 PM Eastern

High School Auditorium  
1500 Hill Street  
Petoskey, MI 49770

Mark Ashley: Present  
Mary Ling: Present  
Denise Petoskey: Present  
Kathy Reed: Present  
Jessica Shaw-Nolff: Present  
Present: 5.

## 1. REVISED

2. Call to Order and Roll Call  
Called to order at 7:02PM.

3. The Pledge of Allegiance  
President Ling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Audience Participation  
There was no audience participation.

5. Resolution: Approval of Minutes  
Moved that the written minutes be approved as recorded. This motion, made by Jessica Shaw-Nolff and seconded by Mark Ashley, Passed.  
Mark Ashley: Yea, Mary Ling: Yea, Denise Petoskey: Yea, Kathy Reed: Yea, Jessica Shaw-Nolff: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Mr. Parker recommended the Board's approval.

6. Resolution: Approval of Warrants  
Moved that the warrants paid, as submitted by the administration, be approved in the amount of \$ 2,476,333.49. This motion, made by Jessica Shaw-Nolff and seconded by Denise Petoskey, Passed.  
Mark Ashley: Yea, Mary Ling: Yea, Denise Petoskey: Yea, Kathy Reed: Yea, Jessica Shaw-Nolff: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Mr. Parker recommended the Board's approval.

7. Resolution: O.P.I.E. Recognition

Moved that the O.P.I.E. Recognition Resolution honoring Carey Strong and Karen Mazzoline be approved as submitted. This motion, made by Kathy Reed and seconded by Jessica Shaw-Nolff, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea, Mary Ling: Yea, Denise Petoskey: Yea, Kathy Reed: Yea, Jessica Shaw-Nolff: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Congratulations to the recipients of this year's Outstanding Person in Education:

- Carey Strong - Secretary, Lincoln Elementary - PESPA
- Karen Mazzoline - Art / Music Teacher, Middle School - PEA

8. Resolution: Set Special Meeting for Board Goals and Board Self Evaluation.

Moved to schedule a Special Meeting on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. at the Spitler Administration Building for a Board Self-Evaluation and to discuss Board of Education Goals. This motion, made by Kathy Reed and seconded by Mark Ashley, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea, Mary Ling: Yea, Denise Petoskey: Yea, Kathy Reed: Yea, Jessica Shaw-Nolff: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

It is requested that a Special Meeting be scheduled for April 9, 2021 at 1:00 for a Board Self-Evaluation and to discuss Board of Education Goals.

9. Discussion: Outdoor Stage Purchase

Discussion took place and questions were fielded from the Board. The Board requested that the Administration move forward with requesting bids.

10. Resolution: Award Partial Re-Roofing Bid at PHS

Moved to award the high-school partial re-roofing bid to G. Freeland Roofing Co. in the amount of \$121,870. This motion, made by Denise Petoskey and seconded by Jessica Shaw-Nolff, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea, Mary Ling: Yea, Denise Petoskey: Yea, Kathy Reed: Yea, Jessica Shaw-Nolff: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

The resolution was recommended for approval.

11. Resolution: Award High School Gymnasium Floor Bid

Moved to award the High School gymnasium floor bid to Kuhn Specialty Flooring in the amount of \$23,900. This motion, made by Jessica Shaw-Nolff and seconded by Kathy Reed, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea, Mary Ling: Yea, Denise Petoskey: Yea, Kathy Reed: Yea, Jessica Shaw-Nolff: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Discussion took place, questions were fielded from the Board and the resolution was recommended for approval.

12. Resolution: Extended Learning Plan Reconfirmation

Moved to reconfirm the Extended Learning Plan as presented. This motion, made by Mark Ashley and seconded by Denise Petoskey, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea, Mary Ling: Yea, Denise Petoskey: Yea, Kathy Reed: Yea, Jessica Shaw-Nolff: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Mrs. Akins presented the Extended Learning Plan to the Board. Mrs. Akins fielded questions from the Board. There were no comments from the public. The Extended Learning Plan Reconfirmation was recommended for approval.

### 13. Presentation: Enhancement Millage Update

Mr. Wheeler provided an Enhancement Millage Update and discussion took place.

### 14. Presentation: Special Education Update-Data Review

Mrs. Ringle gave a presentation of current special education data from Fall NWEA, 2018-19 PSAT/SAT, and a breakdown of educational environment percentages. This presentation also outlined the response to the data and next steps for action. Questions were fielded from the Board.

### 15. Educational Reports

#### Elementary Update:

- Parent teacher conferences are finishing up
  - The Zoom conferences are going well
  - Staff have noted that having conferences via Zoom has helped keep conferences on time
- Data is being reviewed
- Looking at gaps and working to get the students where they need to be
- Promoting reading in all buildings
- Kindergarten round up - plans are being reviewed
  - Possible Zoom meetings with parents in April
  - Possibly meet with students in May
- Getting ready for spring testing
- Reviewing staffing needs
- Receiving parent input regarding placements
- Spring Break coming soon
- Students are doing a great job wearing masks

#### Middle School Update:

- Proud of students and staff
  - Working through the challenges
  - Positive attitudes
  - Eighth graders are finishing up their transition plans
  - Athletics
    - Wrestling has wrapped up
    - Basketball ends next week
    - Track will start after spring break

- PSAT testing will start after spring break
- Northmen Drive rewards were handed out last week
  - Parents and students also have the opportunity to nominate students

## High School Updates:

- In full swing with extra-curricular programs
  - DECA
    - 28 students competed virtually
    - Over half of the students received first place
    - Nationals will be held virtually
  - Forensics
    - Started the program last year
    - Five students competed virtually
    - They will compete again this Saturday
  - Musical
    - Two performances for parents
    - Created a video
      - Will be able to share the video with community
    - Sang and danced while masked
  - Athletics
    - Boys ski team received first in states
    - Girls District will start Monday
    - Hockey Regionals will take place on Saturday
    - The new football coach has met with students
    - There is a new electronic ticketing system
- Staff
  - Focusing on implementing the new student support systems
  - Last month all staff had a mini conference with a struggling student
    - Will review the data individually and as a group
    - Will all work together to support each student
- Graduation
  - Working with the city to have a parade again this year
  - Hope to have a graduation ceremony

## 16. Board of Education Reports

- Very nice to be in person for this meeting
- Very proud to be a part of our school district

## 17. Superintendent's Report

- Introduced Mr. Milbourn, our new Technology Director
  - Finishing up week four
  - Doing a great job
  - Is all around the district
  - Started a twitter account with technology updates

- March is Reading Month
  - Exciting to see how the buildings are celebrating reading
  - Almost every kindergarten student has read to Mr. Parker
    - There are some amazing readers
  - Teaching students to read is hard
    - Students are learning to read via Zoom
    - Their technology skills are outstanding
  - Kindergarten reading skills are very predictive as to how students will do later
- COVID-19
  - There was not a COVID notification text message tonight
  - We have not had student to student sickness in classrooms
  - Possible change to three-foot social distancing in the future
  - Understand parent frustrations with quarantine
- Zoom conversation with Dr. Meyerson, Health Department
  - Cautiously optimistic
  - Will see more cases with the influx of tourism
- Expecting to come back in the fall completely in person
  - Unsure about masks
  - Planning for a more normal start of the school year
- Great year to add a School Wellness Program
  - Misty Jakeway has been instrumental with athletics rapid testing
- Michigan Department of Education has requested a waiver
  - We will do a spring benchmark assessment
- Habitat for Humanity
  - Exploring the possibility of partnering with Building Trades
  - Great potential opportunities
- COVID relief dollars
  - Will make sure that we are reviewing the expenses and applying funds accordingly
- Kindergarten enrollment is low
  - It is low statewide
    - Average loss is 13,000 students per year
    - This year the loss is 62,000 students
  - We are graduating a big class and the incoming kindergarten class is low so far
  - Projecting 81 fewer students next year
    - This is a big hit to the budget
    - COVID dollars are one time monies
    - Enhancement monies are earmarked for specific categories
- Spoke with the Governor regarding childcare
  - Will keep an eye on childcare regulations
- Thank you to Lauren Liebler
  - Zooming in with students to meetings with our Architect
- Thank you to the Chamber
  - Setting up a virtual job fair for high school students
- Spring Musical was fantastic
  - The lead was remarkable

- So much talent
- Athletics are going well
  - Boys and girls sports are both going well
  - Looking forward to spring sports
- Robotics have a virtual competition this Saturday
- People have gone above and beyond to help students this year
  - We have done a lot of really good things
  - Attendance has been good for staff and students

#### 18. Audience Participation

There was no audience participation.

#### 19. Adjournment

Moved to adjourn the meeting. This motion, made by Mark Ashley and seconded by Jessica Shaw-Nolff, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea, Mary Ling: Yea, Denise Petoskey: Yea, Kathy Reed: Yea, Jessica

Shaw-Nolff: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

The meeting adjourned at 8:34PM.