



Public Schools of Petoskey

Every Opportunity.

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

High School Auditorium
1500 Hill Street
Petoskey, MI 49770

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
Called to order at 7:01 PM.

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

3. Audience Participation
Brenda Kulbieda, Petoskey

- Discussed the new Health Department athletic and performing arts mandate that was amended on Nov. 9th regarding Covid testing. Objects to School agreeing to this mandate.
- Testing on school grounds is breaking our children's medical rights and privacy rights.
- The school is not a medical facility.
- The flu epidemic is going on now. Will we be testing our children to be tested at schools now for the flu?
- All of these decisions are based on fear. Natural immunity is best.

Tammy Brose, Petoskey

- Michigan has the highest number of Covid cases right now and Florida has the lowest. Could the lack of sunshine be a contributor to the Covid issue in Michigan.
- Getting vaccinated does not mean you can't catch Covid, you just can't spread it.
- The CDC states that the survival rate under the age of 65 is good.
- Kids have a 99.8% survival rate. Numerous studies show that kids are not super spreaders. No teachers in our nation have died from catching Covid.
- Allowing kids not to wear a mask during sports is great, but allowing weekly testing only has one purpose.

4. Resolution: Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes from October 16th Board Meeting. Made by. 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

Mr. Parker recommended the Board's approval.

5. Resolution: Approval of Warrants

Moved that the warrants paid, as submitted by the administration, be approved in the amount of \$3,996,810.35. Made by. 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.

6. Discussion: ESSER III Stakeholder Survey Results

Mr. Parker, Mrs. Akins and Mr. Wheeler fielded questions from the board.

7. Resolution: Annual Summer Tax Collection

To accept the attached Annual Summer Tax Resolution as presented. 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

8. Resolution: Banking Services

To bid the District's banking services for the Debt, Capital Projects, General, Student Activity, and Food Service bank accounts. Made by. 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

9. Resolution: After School Child Care Incentive

To enter into a contract with the Y-Center of Northern Michigan, beginning on January 3, 2022 and ending June 10, 2022, to provide a \$5.00 per hour incentive for all hourly after-school child care employees serving the Public Schools of Petoskey, not to exceed \$15,000. Made by. 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 fielded questions from the board.

10. Resolution: NWEA License Renewal

To accept the quote from North Western Evaluation Services (NWEA) of \$28,641 for the renewal of the annual testing subscription renewal. Made by. This motion, made by Denise Petoskey 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

11. Discussion: Wellness Weekend

Mary Ling thanked Mr. Parker and Mrs. Akins for the idea of Wellness weekend and stated that our teachers always go the extra mile and everyone needs to enjoy some time to themselves.

12. Educational Reports

Elementary Schools from Mr. Oberman:

- We have had a lot of positive feedback from parent meetings on some of our new programs, from reading to eureka pushing.
- Weekly elementary principal team meetings to share and bounce things off each other have been great.
- In the face of the pandemic, we have moved ahead and the kids have moved ahead of the pandemic. Kids are going home to teach parents what they are learning now.
- Hats off to our teachers who have managed, as the pieces have all fallen into place being back in session full time.
- IXL has been amazing for our students, with a higher level of engagement and kids are adapting to it.
- PD days for development & coaching are happening and very helpful to staff. This is a wonderful growth opportunity.
- Enrichment Choir just happened and it was really nice to see kids performing together again.

Middle School from Mr. Wilcox:

- Parent-teacher conferences are happening now.
- Kindness day went well and the kids and teachers had fun.
- The boys' basketball and ski teams have started.
- Fall show auditions were last week. All of the students who auditioned had a part and no student was left out. Thank you to Mrs. Mazzoline for the last 9 years in taking on the show.
- The "Hot Topics" committee meeting for parents of teens has started back up. The first one was about "how to communicate with your teen" and information is on our website listed under the parent section. The next one is scheduled for December 2nd.

High School from Mr. Szukala:

- Things are going well at the High School.
- Fall sports have ended. The girls XC team took 3rd place in the state and the boys finished in 9th. Winter sports have started. Two girls were able to join the wrestling team this year. The spring musical has started.
- Parent-teacher conferences are happening this week.
- The National honors society ran a blood drive and collected 100 pints of blood, which exceeded their goal. The next blood drive is January 19th.
- The day of kindness went well. Our social studies department raised over \$1,100 for the American Legion by a walk-a-ton that they started.

- Our counselors have been busy and in the month of October submitted 380 senior college applications so far this year. The November push is to try and get 80% of seniors to complete the fafsa form. We have support from the ISD to help with this. There is a fafsa flock of flamingos on display at the HS to try and make the application process fun for students.

13. Board of Education Reports

Denise Petoskey

Denise will be meeting with our Title 6 coordinator tomorrow and will check out her classroom to discuss Indian education planning.

Kathy Reed

Kathy enjoys seeing the kindness signs in front of Sheridan Elementary school every morning on her walk. The messages are from kids and not something an adult would say so it makes it even more special.

Mark Ashley

Awarded 8 mini-grants in the total amount of \$4,000 to make learning more exciting.

14. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Parker provided an update on the following monthly initiatives:

- Kids are doing great things and teachers are doing great things.
- The CTE audit was done and it went well.
- Hats off to high school principals for filling in while Mrs. Gamble is out. Substitute teachers' positions are hard to fill but the team has been stepping in and covering.
- The day of kindness went well and we will be having more DOK days in the future. Kathy talked about receiving some kind letters from students and several of them shared that their favorite subject was Math.
- We received several donations over the last month.
 - \$50,000 from the Blanford family to go towards the culinary program. The family worked for Cisco Foods and included this donation in the trust.
 - \$1,000 was donated by a friend of our Indian Education coordinator for decorations at the High School.
 - \$1,000 was donated by Julie Saunders from her mother's trust to go towards kindergarten books.
- The district teaching and learning council is under way, as well as positive intervention behavior support. The 2nd meeting is in December.
- Visited the Native American art exhibit at the Crooked Tree Art Center.
- Board goals of value stream mapping with the technology department and human resources department are happening to streamline onboarding efficiencies through powerschool.
- A-F report cards are going to be released by the state of Michigan for accountability purposes.
- Substitute incentives have gone into effect but still have not made an impact on our needs. Other districts have increased pay rates as well.

15. Audience Participation

Four students attended the last board meeting on 10/16 with their A/P government class.

During the audience participation, thoughts from the public were shared on what participants thought of the mask mandate.

These four students decided to survey the student body on what they thought of the mask mandate:

On Monday November 17th, the high school lunch areas were surveyed and the results are as follows :

A. I support the mask mandate regardless of school rules. - 124 students

B. I would not wear a mask if the school did not require it. - 184 students

C. I do not support the mask mandate- 152 students

This group feels the student body is fine with masks, yet some do struggle a little bit more with wearing a mask, but the school as a whole is not bothered by it.

The students said that the goal of the survey was to have a voice for the students of Petoskey High School. This study is conducted independently of the school board and not affiliated with the school and they took all precautions to make the survey as unbiased as possible and is not intended to change any school rules.

16. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8.29 PM