



Public Schools of Petoskey

Every Opportunity.

Regular School Board Meeting
Thursday, March 17, 2022 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. Call to Order and Roll Call
Called to order at 7:00 PM.

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

3. Resolution: English Embedded Honors
Moved by ASHLEY and supported by PETOSKEY to embed Honors into English I, II, III, and IV beginning with the 2022-23 school year. 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. Gamble and teachers from the PHS English Department (Lennon, Simon, Lesky) discussed Embedded Honors and fielded questions from the Board.

4. Audience Participation
Melanie Meengs, Petoskey: Discussed curriculum concerns. Concerned about lost enrichment opportunities at Elem, Middle, and High School levels. Concerned about reduction of sections of honors courses at the high school. Questioned removal of science and social studies lessons at the elementary level and said that she has talked to teachers about their concerns. Embedding honors is doing a disservice to students.

Katie Schmidt: Discussed an interaction with Superintendent Parker and Mrs. Ringle. Stated that Mr. Parker did not make eye contact with her and wanted to get out of his chair. Stated that

she did not get answers from Mr. Parker. Concerned about behaviors in son's class and is afraid that it is negatively impacting her son. States there is a lack of proper leadership in the school district.

Kimberly Senior: Wants to discuss band situation. Upset that nobody talked to students about the resignation of Mr. Ryan. Thinks administration should have talked to students and parents about Mr. Ryan's resignation before talking to the news media. The band students have had a rough two years, it would have been nice to show the students the respect they deserve.

Trista Carver: Has 8th grader at PMS and former graduate of PHS. Daughter reached out to administrators and said 504 meeting was started by administrator mocking my daughter. She called the counseling office and said her daughter was lost and needed help and was told that she received a tour. Another administrator called them about an attendance issue and had a very positive experience. Stated there are administrators here who do not care, are asleep at the wheel, egocentric, and only care if there is something on the table for them. Every child matters. Kids are aware of this and know they are not all treated equally. Need removal of some administrators.

Joel Kato, Petoskey: Band Directors could not address students because they did not know Mr. Ryan had resigned. Thanked board for engaging with Mike Washburn and was impressed with his resume. Thinks the Board is headed down the right path with this process. It will be critical to categorize the input in a timely manner and put together actionable plans. May also want to consider doing this again 12 months from now. Heard there has been a good turnout, so maybe make this an ongoing process.

Summer Poquette, Petoskey: Wants to acknowledge Casie Parker, who runs DECA. Recently took students to Detroit to competition in Marketing and Business. She stated she was invited into PHS to be a judge to help students prepare for these competitions. She would like to encourage the Board to grow more programs like this. Also encourages the Board to get students more work study program to gain experience and help the workforce. She stated that businesses would love to have students come work with them and it would help students gain on the job experience.

5. Resolution: Approval of Minutes

Moved by SHAW-NOLFF and supported by ASHLEY that the minutes of the Special Board Meeting on February 15, 2022 and the Regular Board Meeting on February 17, and the Special Board Meeting on February 23, 2022 be approved as submitted. 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

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 \$3,815,887.31. 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

Mr. Parker recommended the Board's approval.

7. Resolution: Audit Bid Award

Moved by SHAW-NOLFF and supported by ASHLEY to accept the audit services bid from Hungerford Nichols for fiscal years ended 2022, 2023, and 2024 at an annual cost of \$24,000, \$24,700, and \$24,500; respectively. 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. Wheeler presented the audit bid award to the Board and recommended their approval. Mr. Ashley requested an exit clause in the contract, in case of dissatisfaction.

8. Discussion: Board policy updates, first read

Mr. Parker discussed Policy updates with the Board.

9. Resolution: School Nurse (Elementary)

Moved by REED and supported by ASHLEY to enter into an agreement with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan to provide an elementary school nurse for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year, all of the 2022-23 school year, and with the option to continue the service in the 2023-24 school year. 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 discussed the addition of a HD nurse and fielded questions from the Board.

10. Resolution: Graduation Alliance contract proposal

Moved by PETOSKEY and supported by ASHLEY to allow the Public Schools of Petoskey to enter into a contract with Michigan 23a Dropout Recovery Program Graduation Alliance Contract for the purpose of providing services to students as defined by board policy 5206(J) regarding student discipline for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year, 2022-23 school year and 2023-24 school year unless otherwise agreed upon by both parties. This motion, made by Denise Petoskey 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

Mrs. Ringle and Mr. Wilcox discussed Graduation Alliance with the Board and recommended their approval.

11. Resolution: PHS Signage & Wayfinding

Moved by SHAW-NOLFF and supported by REED to authorize the Administration to seek bids to complete the custom signage package as part of the summer 2022 Sinking Fund projects at Petoskey High School. 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

Mr Parker recommended the Board's approval.

12. Educational Reports

- Elementary - Mr. Oberman
 - CPI training tomorrow
 - New staff at elementary
 - Title VI Coordinator is active in buildings
 - March is Reading month activities
 - Excited to see volunteers back in schools
 - PTO membership has increased
 - Field trips is coming back
 - Kids biking initiative has resumed
 - Kindergarten registration is open
- Middle School - Mr. Wilcox
 - 50 student works on display at Crooked Tree
 - Mel Zamarron won citizens award for saving student
 - Winter sports are wrapped up
 - End of Winter Olympics next Thursday
 - St. Patrick's Day dance today
 - Online safety presentation on Monday with MSP and Resource Officer
- High School - Ms. Gamble
 - Monthly newsletter is returning
 - Health Occupations, Melissa Hoover placed first
 - DECA - 44 students participated, 23 took first place
 - Band Festival scored 1
 - 2 students were published in Great Lakes newsletter
 - Poety Out Loud
 - Spring Musical - Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor
 - Brendan and Trevor Swiss went to State
 - Boys Basketball won District Title
 - Girls Basketball won region
 - Boys Hockey won regions
 - Spring sports start Monday
 - Work continues on PBIS

13. Board of Education Reports

- Jessica Shaw-Nolff took some MASB classes and went to the Spring Musical
- Mark Ashley - April 15th is deadline for PEF Senior scholarships
- Mary Ling – Also went to the Spring Musical
- Engaged with consultant Mike Washburn, scheduled staff meetings and feedback

14. Superintendent's Report

- Read with students at Ottawa, thanks to all the kindergarten teachers
- Bear River Bistro (Culinary Arts) is back open. They had a St. Patrick's day lunch
- Thanks to the Maintenance Crew
- CTE tour with Dr. Finley from NCMC
- Safety audit has begun
- Today was the first meeting with contractors on sinking fund projects. Still some supply chain concerns
- Curtis Field update

15. Audience Participation

Melanie Meengs, Petoskey: Expressed disappointment in the Board passing the embedded honors program. Students pride themselves in taking hard classes and embedded honors waters down this honors distinction. Students sitting near her were taking honors classes and did not support the Board's passing of the embedded honors program. Did not discuss students with IEPs and what teachers will have to do to juggle that. Her daughter was bored to tears in a prior class where there was a student with an IEP who needed additional support. Thinks students should have been consulted with before making the embedded honors decision. Concerned this is a disservice to the students. Hopes Board can revisit this decision before it goes too far.

EJ Olgaski: Happy about the change of communication will be implemented. Didn't get any followup on his concern about the "no place for hate" group. Concerned that students would have to acknowledge having a type of privilege which could include being white or a boy? Is this the state's role to discuss white privilege, or is this topic best left out of the school system?

Kimberly Senior: Happy to be allowed back in the schools. Did not know we didn't have full time nurses on staff. She is interested in helping put more nurses in all of our schools for a multitude of reasons. Wants us to get a microphone over by the presentation screen so that when presenters are speaking you can hear them. Thanked the Board for the update of the search policies. Assumes parents get called when a student gets called. Addressed importance of discussing race in the school system.

Joe Murphy: Graduated PHS in 1972. Lots of wonderful things happening in the school system. Center for Change has hired him to be their education liaison to ensure schools have adequate funding. Working with legislature to codify how students react if they are suspended or expelled and asked the Board to look into that. Suspensions and expulsions have increased since

the pandemic started.

Trista Carver: 8th grader PMS, former 10th grader at PHS. Nice to see so many positive changes in schools, but wants the bad apples removed from schools. Cannot make progress unless the bad apples are removed. Have to have people who care in schools. Responses are cold, feels programmed. PHS failed our daughter. School is guilty, bad apples are guilty and should be held accountable.

Beth Flynn, Petoskey: Mr. Parker did not make eye contact with speakers and that is disrespectful and insulting. Need somebody who is going to lead the district who is always going to strive to put people first. Teachers are tired, worn out, and deserve better. They need to feel like they're noticed and looked at. Hopes that evaluation goes somewhere and we find somebody who's going to be a champion for all of us.

16. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.