



Public Schools of Petoskey

Every Opportunity.

Regular School Board Meeting

Thursday, April 20, 2023 7:00 PM

Spitler Administration Building, 1130 Howard Street, Petoskey, MI 49770

Mark Ashley: Present
Jenni Attie: Present
Beth Flynn: Present
Denise Petoskey: Present
Kathy Reed: Present

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance

President Ashley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Presentation: Orton Gillingham Training Opportunities/Grant Funding

Sam Willson presented a powerpoint explaining the Orton Gillingham grant that was received and the training that ten staff members were able to participate in. Sam Fettig, Katrina Crittenden, Kristina Ruckman, and Erika Leppien spoke on the benefits they received from the training. They fielded questions from the Board.

4. Audience Participation

There was no audience participation.

5. Resolution: Approval of Minutes

Dr. Leslie recommended the Board's approval.

Moved that the written minutes be approved as recorded. This motion, made by Kathy Reed and seconded by Beth Flynn, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea

Jenni Attie: Yea
Beth Flynn: Yea
Denise Petoskey: Yea
Kathy Reed: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

6. Resolution: Approval of Warrants

Dr. Leslie recommended the Board's approval.

Moved that the warrants paid, as submitted by the administration, be approved in the amount of \$3,971,656.00. This motion, made by Denise Petoskey and seconded by Jenni Attie, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea
Jenni Attie: Yea
Beth Flynn: Yea
Denise Petoskey: Yea
Kathy Reed: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

7. Resolution: Approval - Learning Without Tears Curriculum Resources

Learning Without Tears encompasses Handwriting Without Tears and Keyboarding Without Tears. Handwriting Without Tears was approved as a curriculum resource several years ago but the correct amount of materials were never purchased to run a cohesive and consistent handwriting curriculum. This year, training has been provided to K-2 teachers and the purchase of materials PK-5 will allow for a consistent, spiraled curriculum to be implemented in the 2023/2024 school year.

Becky Smith, Director of Teaching and Learning fielded questions from the Board. The resolution was recommended for approval.

Moved to approve the purchase of Learning Without Tears (Handwriting and Keyboarding) for the amount of \$55,280.77. The program will be used in all Petoskey elementary schools beginning in the 2023/2024 school year. This motion, made by Jenni Attie and seconded by Kathy Reed, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea
Jenni Attie: Yea
Beth Flynn: Yea

Denise Petoskey: Yea

Kathy Reed: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

8. Resolution: Approval - Kids Read Now Summer Reading Program

As part of our continuous Curriculum Review cycle, a proposal for the Kids Read Now program was brought to the District Teaching and Learning Committee (DTLC) on March 8 and April 12th, 2023. The purpose of the program is to mitigate learning loss over the summer and to continue to promote a love of reading. Students receive eight books over the summer that include activities connected to each book. There is an incentive provided by the school for participation.

The DTLC gave positive, constructive feedback regarding the presentation and supported the recommendations being presented to the Board of Education for approval. If approved, the resources would be immediately purchased for a one-time implementation and would begin in the summer of the 2022/2023 school year. The resolution was recommended for approval.

Moved to approve the purchase of Kids Read Now for the amount of \$45,528.75. The program will be used in all Petoskey elementary schools beginning in the summer of the 2022/2023 school year. This motion, made by Beth Flynn and seconded by Denise Petoskey, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea

Jenni Attie: Yea

Beth Flynn: Yea

Denise Petoskey: Yea

Kathy Reed: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

9. Educational Reports

Elementary updates provided by, Mark Oberman, on:

- M-Step testing
- Human Growth and Development meeting
- Central Steam Night
- Ottawa fun night
- Lincoln carnival
- Open position interviews

- Elementary school nurse
- First Tee Program
- Swim trips
- Kids Bike Initiative Program
- Book vending machines
- Summer school programming

Middle School Updates, presented by Jon Wilcox, on:

- Teacher interviews for open positions
- Middle school secretary position
- PSAT testing
- Spring Athletics
- Crooked Tree art contest
- Next year's master schedule

High School Updates, presented by Rob Harris, on:

- Safety update
- New high school entrance is open
- The Alternative Education Committee went to the Byron Center
- Staff attended the Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning (MACUL) conference
- Hosting Raising Academic Integrity Standards in Education (RAISE) training on Monday
- State Testing
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)
- Celebrations and performances
- High school MiCi (Mildly Cognitively Impaired Classroom) Program - Pop Up Shop and mobile coffee business
- CMU campus visit
- Spring sports
- Upcoming events
 - April 21, 2023 - Job Fair
 - May 18, 2023 - Health Occupations class - Community Health Fair
 - May 3, 2023 - High school band concert - 7:30PM, middle school
 - May 5, 2023 - Jazz band night - 6:00PM, Perry Hotel
 - May 19, 2023 - Band Aid fundraising event - 7:00PM, North Central Michigan College (NCCMC)

- May 24, 2023 - Senior band banquet

Teaching and Learning Updates, presented by Becky Smith, on:

- Spring testing
- Summer school
- Interviews have started for teacher openings
- Preschool and kindergarten transition meetings
- Data collection
- Begindergarten
- Professional Learning Communities (PLC's)

10. Board of Education Reports

Trustee Reed:

- Vending machines are in buildings but covered
 - Children are excited to see what is in the box
- Attended Central Steam Night

Trustee Flynn:

- Attended Lincoln's carnival
- The Crooked Tree Art Show award ceremony was amazing

Trustee Attie:

- Attended Central's Steam Night
- Attended Lincoln's carnival
- Will attend the Elementary Enrichment Play tomorrow

Trustee Petoskey:

- Attended Lincoln's carnival
- Will attend Title VI parent meeting
- Thank you for the details on the preschool program
- Received a call about grants that schools could receive

Trustee Ashley

- Try It Tuesday update

Trustee Flynn:

- Great to see how many parents are involved in the family nights
- Art programs really help students grow

11. Financial Report

Bill Melching, Director of Finance, provided the Board with a General Fund and Sinking Fund update. He fielded questions from the Board and discussion took place.

12. Superintendent's Report

- Congratulations to Tim Tippet, selected as Rotary Teacher of the Year
- May need to schedule a special meeting to approve the teacher hires for next year
- Resignations
 - Liz Sherman
 - Trista Teuscher
- TowerPinkster and OAK will be on sight tomorrow
- Preschool funding / tuition update

13. Audience Participation

Joe Murphy, 2490 West Sheridan, Petoskey

- Noted how Emmet County representatives voted at the April 4, 2023, Health Department Board meeting.

14. Resolution: Closed Session - Deliberation of Contract Nonrenewal

Moved that the Board of Education meet in closed session for the purpose of considering the dismissal of an employee as permitted in Section 8(a) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. A roll call vote will be taken. This motion, made by Denise Petoskey and seconded by Jenni Attie, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea

Jenni Attie: Yea

Beth Flynn: Yea

Denise Petoskey: Yea

Kathy Reed: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Entered into Closed Session at 8:28PM.

Returned to Open Session at 9:05PM

15. Resolution: Nonrenewal of Contract

Discussion took place and the resolution was recommended for approval.

Motion that the Board not renew the employment contract of David Milbourn as the District's Technology Director, which expires on June 30, 2023. This motion, made by Kathy Reed and seconded by Jenni Attie, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea
Jenni Attie: Yea
Beth Flynn: Yea
Denise Petoskey: Yea
Kathy Reed: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

16. Resolution: Closed Session: Collective Bargaining Strategy

Moved that the Board meet in closed session for the purpose of discussing strategies related to collective bargaining as permitted in Section 8(c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. This motion, made by Kathy Reed and seconded by Denise Petoskey, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea
Jenni Attie: Yea
Beth Flynn: Yea
Denise Petoskey: Yea
Kathy Reed: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Entered into Closed Session 9:08PM.

Returned to Open Session at 10:02PM.

17. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:02PM.

Moved to adjourn the meeting. This motion, made by Denise Petoskey and seconded by Jenni Attie, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea
Jenni Attie: Yea
Beth Flynn: Yea
Denise Petoskey: Yea
Kathy Reed: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0