



Public Schools of Petoskey

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Regular School Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 19, 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
Called to order at 7:02PM.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance
President Ashley led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Presentation: Northmen Angler's Club
Josh Hudson, Northmen Anglers Club Advisor, Aaron Sysko and Brady Olson provided a presentation to the Board.
4. Audience Participation
There was no audience participation.
5. Resolution: Approval - Minutes
 - Regular Meeting Minutes, August 17, 2023
 - Closed Session Meeting Minutes, August 17, 2023 (1) (walked in)
 - Closed Session Meeting Minutes, August 17, 2023 (2) (walked in)
 - Special Meeting Minutes, August 30, 2023Dr. Leslie recommended the Board's approval.

Moved that the written minutes be approved as recorded. This motion, made by Denise Petoskey 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 - Warrants

Dr. Leslie recommended the Board's approval.

Moved that the warrants paid, as submitted by the administration, be approved in the amount of \$3,637,281.83. 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

7. Resolution: Approval - Employment Recommendations

Dr. Leslie recommended the Board's approval.

Moved that Jody Johnson be appointed as a Special Education Teacher for the Public Schools of Petoskey to begin in the 2023/2024 school year. 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

8. Resolution: Approval - Set Special Meeting Date

Dr. Leslie recommended the Boards approval.

Moved to schedule a Special Meeting on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 6:00PM to be held at the Spitler Administration Building to discuss Board of Education Goals. 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

9. Resolution: Approval - Designation of Organizational & Regular January Meeting

Dr. Leslie recommended the Board's approval.

Moved that the Organizational and Regular January Meeting of the Board of Education for the Public Schools of Petoskey be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 in the Spitler Administration Building at 7:00PM. This motion, made by Denise Petoskey 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

10. Resolution: Approval - Purchase of Board Room Furniture

Dr. Leslie recommended the Board's approval.

Moved to approve the purchase of Board Room furniture in the amount of \$36,881.

This motion, made by Beth Flynn 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

11. Resolution: Approval - Student and Athletic Handbooks

Discussion took place. To be consistent, the Board would like the Code of Conduct added to the elementary and high school handbooks. They will wait to approve the coaches handbook until next month.

Moved to approve the Elementary, Middle School, and High School Student Handbooks, the Middle School and High School Student Athletic Handbooks with the Code of Conduct added to be consistent, and table the High School Athletic Coaches Handbook. 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

12. Resolution: Approval - Board Policy, July 2023 Updates

Discussion took place. The Board would like to add the optional language as noted below.

- Policy 4216.G - Add the optional language
- Policy 5407.B - Add the optional language
- Policy 5407.B.3 - Add the optional language, option 1
- Policy 5407.C - Add the optional language

Moved to approve the edits and the optional language as noted. 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

13. First Read / Resolution: Board Policy, #5707 School Wellness Policy

Dr. Leslie recommended the Board's approval.

Moved to approve the edits to Board Policy 5707 School Wellness Policy. This motion, made by Jenni Attie 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

14. Discussion: Aides as District Employees vs EDUStaff Employees

Mr. Melching gave a brief overview. Dr. Leslie and Mr. Melching fielded questions from the Board. Discussion took place.

15. Educational Reports

Elementary Updates provided by Jason Latz:

- The first weeks went well
- Custodial staff - thank you
- Central Gym floor
- Fall testing
- City Library partnership
- Flywheelers
- Northmen Stadium Homecoming performance
- PBIS
- Family Activities
- Therapy dog

Middle School Updates provided by Jon Wilcox:

- Great start to the year
- Supports are in place for the students
- Building Goal - Differentiated instruction
- New TV's
- New Middle School sign
 - Thank you to the Kroeger Mainland Foundation
- Gym floor
- OK to Say Program assembly
- Author visit
- Athletics and Activities

High School Updates provided by Deidra Gamble:

- PBIS

- Building Goal - student connection
- Jobs for Michigan Graduates (JMG)
- Tier 2 supports
- Tutoring
- Threat Assessment Training
- Homecoming
- Clubs have started meeting

Teaching and Learning Updates provided by Becky Smith:

- Testing
- DTLC Meeting
- Mentor / Mentee
- Back to school professional development

Jenn Lorence gave a brief overview of the training that she presented during the first two days of professional development.

Sam Willson shared summer school data.

16. Financial Report

Bill Melching and Ron Griffin provided an update on the summer projects.

Bill Melching gave a school finance presentation.

17. Board of Education Reports

Trustee Petoskey

- Opening Day breakfast
- Community Bond Informational Meeting
- Reinstatement Committee

Trustee Attie

- Opening Day breakfast
- Community Forum at the Library

Trustee Flynn

- Opening Day breakfast
- Community Forum meeting
- Volunteered at the football concession stand
- Northmen Den at the high school

Trustee Reed

- Grounds improvement in noticeable

- Excited to do book club at Sheridan

Trustee Ashley

- Northmen Den
- Grounds improvement
- Football game
- Volleyball game
- Excited about Try It Tuesday starting
- PEF Mix and Mingle

18. Superintendent's Report

- Opening Day breakfast
- Beth Kavanaugh Groundwork Article
- Bond Community Speaking engagements
 - Thank you to Sommer Poquette for her help
 - Positive feedback from community
 - Thank you to Karly Graham, Petoskey News Review, for getting the word out
- Henry, the Therapy Dog
- Great start to the school year
- Jim Abbott

19. Audience Participation

Jodi Adams, Petoskey

- Aides, PSP vs EDUStaff
- Impressed with Sam Willson

Ericka Leppien, Petoskey

- Aides, PSP vs EDUStaff

Lisa Penberthy Keene, Petoskey

- Aides, PSP vs EDUStaff

20. Resolution: Closed Session

Moved that the Board of Education convene in closed session pursuant to Section 8(b) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act to consider a student reinstatement petition for a student whose identity is known to the Board. This motion, made by Kathy Reed and seconded by Jenni Attie, Passed.

Roll Call Vote:

Mark Ashley: Yea

Jenni Attie: Yea

Beth Flynn: Yea

Denise Petoskey: Yea

Kathy Reed: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

The Board entered into Closed Session at 9:12PM.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:27PM

Motion by Kathy Reed and seconded by Denise Petoskey that Student A be reinstated starting September 19, 2023, with the below conditions

- Student A will have no additional involvement with law enforcement
- Student A will continue to make academic progress
- If Student A chooses to attend classes at PHS then he must follow a reentry plan developed by PHS administration

21. Adjournment

The Board and Dr. Leslie discussed the Community Forum meeting dates and how they were going.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00PM.

Moved to adjourn the meeting. 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