



# Public Schools of Petoskey

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Regular School Board Meeting  
Thursday, September 16, 2021 7:00 PM Eastern

High School Auditorium  
1500 Hill Street Petoskey, MI 49770

Mark Ashley: Absent  
Mary Ling: Present  
Denise Petoskey: Present  
Kathy Reed: Present  
Jessica Shaw-Nolff: Present  
Present: 4, Absent: 1.

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.  
High School Auditorium 1500 Hill Street  
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3. Audience Participation

Lisa Keen

- Thanked the board for the Mask Mandate
- PSP Staff member agrees with health experts
- Appreciates what has been put into place

Charlene Bacon

- PSP Staff Member
- Does not agree with the mask mandate but understands it. Wants to work together and not take sides
- Wants the community to stop the anger against each other - kids are even angry

#### Brenda Kulbeda

- Would like the Mask Mandate to end
- Questions HD and Ms. Peacocks order because the county commissioner does not support her
- Feels the Mandate is child abuse on a daily basis

#### John Smock

- The company he works for makes masks. These masks are made in China and contain fecal matter, asbestos and body parts
- Organic masks cost his family \$600 a month, which he cannot afford because of the high price of property taxes in Petoskey
- Masks do not help kids

#### Herb Friskee

- Does not like the Mask Mandate in Schools
- We have no authority to make this Mask Mandate decision
- The Governor and Fauci both don't think masks work on containing the virus

#### Linda Elsinger

- Medical studies show that masks work
- Please keep kids safe and keep the mask mandatory in schools - there is no proof that masks harm children
- She has doctors in her family who have watched children die from Covid

#### Tanya Morse

- We are taking away our kids smiles by mandating masks, taking away their right to develop
- If we feared God we wouldn't be afraid of this
- Not safe for kids - they are afraid

#### Guy McGlaulin

- We are taking away kids personality and stealing their smiles
- Need more God in Schools
- Son is damaged and his adnoids are being affected

Laura Carl

- Agree with people advocating for choice
- People are dying from vaccines
- Now is the time we start using our minds

Sarah Hacker

- Wants to move out of Petoskey school district
- My child should be able to choose if she wants to wear a mask

Crystal Patrick

- Teachers are being proactive about masks and vaccination
- Her kid's teacher asked "what steps are you going to take to get vaccinated."
- Wanted to know how the board was going to fix this issue with this teacher

Blake Patrick

- When do you send your emails to each other, after hours?
- Nothing we say matters anyway, like we are cattle or cows
- Start doing your job, you are embarrassing

Joyce Burns

- Thanked the board for what they do, it's hard to know who is talking with masks on
- Observing that masks create an environment of depression
- No one should have the right to make the decision for everyone. Be a team

4. Resolution: Approval of Minutes

Moved that the written minutes be approved as recorded. Jessica Shaw-Nolff, Kathy Reed, Mark Ashley: Absent, Mary Ling: Yea, Denise Petoskey: Yea, Kathy Reed: Yea, Jessica Shaw-Nolff: Yea  
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

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 \$2,077,654.68. Jessica Shaw-Nolff, Kathy Reed, Mark Ashley: Absent, Mary Ling: Yea, Denise Petoskey: Yea, Kathy Reed: Yea, Jessica Shaw-Nolff: Yea  
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Mr. Parker recommended the Board's approval.

6. Resolution: Designation of Organizational & Regular January Meeting Moved by Kathy Reed and supported by Denise Petoskey that the Organizational and Regular January Meeting of the Board of Education for the Public Schools of Petoskey be held on Thursday, January 20, 2022 in the Petoskey High School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. Kathy Reed, Denise Petoskey

Mark Ashley: Absent, Mary Ling: Yea, Denise Petoskey: Yea, Kathy Reed: Yea, Jessica Shaw-Nolff: Yea  
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Mr. Parker recommended the Board's approval.

7. Resolution: Public Safety Liaison Officer

Moved by Jessica Shaw Nolff and supported by Denise Petoskey to accept the agreement with the City of Petoskey for a Public Safety Liaison Officer in the 2021-2022 school year. Jessica Shaw-Nolff/ Denise Petoskey

Mark Ashley: Absent, Mary Ling: Yea, Denise Petoskey: Yea, Kathy Reed: Yea, Jessica Shaw-Nolff: Yea  
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

8. Presentation: Superintendent's Update on Board Goals

Mr. Parker gave a short presentation and answered questions from the board.

9. Presentation: Regional Enhancement Millage Update

Mr. Wheeler gave a short presentation and answered questions from the board.

10. Resolution: Curtis Stadium Demolition

Moved by Jessica Shaw-Nolff and supported by Kathy Reed to award the Curtis Field Demolition bid to Boelle Contracting in the amount of \$121,240. Jessica Shaw-Nolff/ Kathy Reed

Mark Ashley: Absent, Mary Ling: Yea, Denise Petoskey: Yea, Kathy Reed: Yea, Jessica Shaw-Nolff: Yea  
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

11. Resolution: Purchase of IXL Licenses for K-5.

Moved by Jessica Shaw-Nolff and supported by Kathy Reed to accept the three-year IXL quote for an amount of \$47,398 to be paid on the following schedule: Year One \$24,598 Year Two \$11,400 Year Three \$11,400. Jessica Shaw-Nolff/ Kathy Reed

Mark Ashley: Absent, Mary Ling: Yea, Denise Petoskey: Yea, Kathy Reed: Yea, Jessica Shaw-Nolff: Yea  
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

12. Educational Reports

Elementary

- The first few weeks of school have been great
- Commended staff professionalism, they did a lot of extra work this summer to prepare for the 2021/2022 school year

Middle

- The staff have worked hard to get ready for this school year
- Chromebooks have been distributed
- Implementing Schoology for all students
- 162 student athletes in fall sports

High

- Reach Higher Thursday - helps students achieve education beyond high school (not necessarily college)
- Staff are encouraged to wear college, military and vocational attire
- Volleyball tonight
- Undefeated football is at Gaylord this Friday
- Cheetos Club - interested in hosting a lunch club for mentoring
- Renew partnership with Rotary and strive program

### 13. Board of Education Reports

Jessica Shaw-Nolff

- Went to pre-school opening

Kathy Reed

- Went to pre-school opening
- Was present for the first day of school at Central Elementary

Mary Ling

- Attended pre-school opening
- Attended bus loop on the first day of school
- Petoskey Education Foundation is accepting grant applications
- Welcomed Beth Bates (Superintendent's new Assistant) and gave her a tour of all the buildings

### 14. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Parker reported on the following

- Finishing week two
- Excited to be back
- A few traffic issues before and after school
- Working on the design of a new weight room
- Down a couple of Custodians. Thanks to the remaining crew for stepping up • The band has performed at the last few home football games
- Football is off to a great start
- Tennis, volleyball and cross country are all back in action
- Donation to basketball program of \$10,000

### 15. Audience Participation

Charlene Bacon

She has 3 children - the two children who have been in school since Covid are on antidepressants and getting therapy

Children's smiles are hidden and they can't act and she doesn't want the third child on medication too

Wants everything to go back to normal

Tammy Broz

2 children at Petoskey Schools

School board has disappointed parents

Honor the authority that God gave us and let this be a parent choice

### 16. Adjournment

Moved to adjourn the meeting. Jessica Shaw-Nolff Denise Petoskey

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.