



# Public Schools of Petoskey

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## REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 20, 2017  
7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Kathy Reed, Mary Ling, Mark Ashley, Frank Lamberti  
Members Absent: Keith Szajnecki

### CALL TO ORDER

President Reed called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Ashley and supported by Trustee Ling that the written minutes of the following meetings be approved as recorded:

**Regular Meeting Minutes, March 16, 2017**  
**Special Meeting Minutes, April 12, 2017**  
**Closed Session Meeting Minutes, April 12, 2017**  
**Special Meeting Minutes, April 17, 2017**

AYES: Reed, Ling, Ashley, Lamberti  
NAYS: None

**Motion was Declared Adopted**

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Motion by Trustee Ashley and supported by Trustee Lamberti that the warrants paid, as submitted by the administration, be approved in the amount of \$ 3,333,933.98.

AYES: Reed, Ling, Ashley, Lamberti  
NAYS: None

**Motion was Declared Adopted**

PRESENTATION: FARM TO SCHOOL INITIATIVE – TRY-IT TUESDAY PRESENTATION

Lynne DeMoor, Health Department, provided background information on how Try-It Tuesday started.

Beth Kavanaugh, Food Service Director, spoke on how Try-It Tuesday is presented in the elementary schools.

Wendy Wieland, MSU Extension, explained how Try-It Tuesday is a part of the larger Farm to School program and how it helps in the big picture to develop a more regionally-based food system.

The Board was invited to the last Try-It Tuesday on May 9, 2017, starting at 8:30 in any of the elementary schools.

RESOLUTION: RENTAL AGREEMENT WITH GENESIS CHURCH

Dr. Scholten gave a brief overview of the rental agreement with Genesis Church for the annual Baccalaureate program.

Motion by Trustee Ling and supported by Trustee Lamberti that Genesis Church be allowed to rent the auditorium and related facilities of Petoskey Middle School for the evening of May 21, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. per the attached contract agreement.

AYES: Reed, Ling, Ashley, Lamberti  
NAYS: None

**Motion was Declared Adopted**

RESOLUTION: FY 2017-18 CONTRACT/WAGE ADJUSTMENT FOR SUPERINTENDENT

Trustee Reed explained that the Board desires to make any wage adjustments to the Superintendent's contract near in time to his evaluation in order to reflect the findings of the evaluation. Trustee Reed recommended that in light of his highly effective evaluation rating, Dr. Scholten's compensation be increased by 2% effective July 1, 2017, and his contract be revised to include the retirement bonus currently included in the other administrator's contracts.

Motion by Trustee Ashley and supported by Trustee Lamberti to accept the updated compensation package as recommended.

AYES: Reed, Ling, Ashley, Lamberti

NAYS: None

### **Motion was Declared Adopted**

### [EDUCATIONAL REPORTS](#)

Mr. Prins spoke for the elementary schools.

- It is Kindergarten Round-Up time. Two schools have finished Round-Up, two have Round-Up next week. There are about 155 students that have pre-registered.
- Fifth grade will be going to Camp Daggett on May 22, 2017. They will be building on the Full Value Agreement. There will be a student leadership group that will come from the middle school to participate with the fifth graders.
- The Elementary Enrichment Play is James and the Giant Peach. It will take place at the Middle School Auditorium on April 27 and 28 at 7:00 p.m. and April 29 at 4:00 p.m. There are 60 kids from all four schools in grades 3-5 participating.
- The Elementary Art Show is open at the Crooked Tree Art Center until May 6, 2017.
- The PBIS team is coming together to establish systems to support kids with high needs.
- M-Step is going well. Fifth grade is almost done. Third and Fourth Grades are getting ready to start.
- Thank you to the Top of Michigan Trails Council and Cindy Okerlund. Their bike initiative for fourth graders is going well. All fourth graders will go through bike training and then participate in a 3.6-mile trek from Spring Lake Park to the Oden Fish Hatchery. They will enjoy lunch and then ride back to Spring Lake Park. There will be stops with learning activities along the way.

Dr. Stewart spoke for the high school.

- There are a lot of senior events and awards ceremonies coming up in the next month. They will be listed on the calendar soon and emailed out.
- A thank you to local law enforcement for their support, time and presence throughout the day on Thursday with the security risk rumor that started the day prior.
- State Trooper Hebner came to the school and gave a report to students on safe social media usage.

Mr. Wilcox presented for the Middle School.

- He also thanked local law enforcement for their support.
- Students are doing a great job with the testing that is ongoing.
- Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> is the first track meet at the Stadium.
- The Middle School is doing Northmen Pride Awards to recognize staff, students and community members that go above and beyond to make Petoskey Middle School a special place for everyone. Eight Staff members, 13 Students and 2 Parents will receive the first Northmen Pride Awards.

Dr. Slanec noted two items that are also invitations to the Board:

- Saturday, April 22, 2017, ROV Competition at the Alpena Thunderbay Marine Sanctuary. We will have two middle school ROV teams competing.
- May 22, 2017 - all schools in the CharEm ISD will compete in a Drone Simulation Obstacle Course at the Petoskey Northmen Stadium.

### BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

Trustee Reed noted that the Child Abuse Prevention and Education Council will hold its annual spring conference on the last Friday in April. This year's topic is Raising Healthy Kids in a Digital Age. Teachers can go and the fee is covered by the ISD.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Each Board member received the District Community Newsletter. Dr. Scholten noted that the Newsletter is going home in the elementary folders and it is on our website.

North Central Michigan College graduation is May 5, 2017. This will be the first graduation ceremony for our Early College Cohorts. They will graduate with their high school diploma and an associate's degree.

NLEA luncheon, May 19, Northmen Stadium.

Dr. Scholten will be going on the fourth grade biking trip with Mrs. Ance's class. Dr. Scholten invited the Board to join a class. A one-hour training session on April 25<sup>th</sup> is required.

The Top of Michigan Trails Council Community Marathon will take place on May 27. Participants can run a marathon, a half marathon, or a 10K run/walk. Proceeds go to the high school track and cross county teams.

Fifty years ago the Class of '67 was the first class to graduate from the current high school campus. They are donating a park bench and plaque to be placed at the entrance to Northmen Stadium.

### LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Dr. Scholten commented and shared information regarding the current status of:

- House, Senate K-12 Budgets for Public Education Funding
- The Michigan Merit Curriculum

### AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Trustee Ashley and supported by Trustee Ling to adjourn.

AYES: Reed, Ling, Ashley, Lamberti  
NAYS: None

**Motion was Declared Adopted**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Kathy Reed, President

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Frank Lamberti, Secretary

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Lori Lewis, Recording Secretary