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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 17, 2017
7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Kathy Reed, Mary Ling, Keith Szajnecki, Mark Ashley, Frank Lamberti
Members Absent: None

CALL TO ORDER

President Reed called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Organizational Meeting Minutes, July 20, 2017
Regular Meeting Minutes, July 20, 2017
Special Meeting Minutes, July 27, 2017

AYES: Reed, Ling, Szajnecki, 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 \$ 3,481,522.82.

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

Motion was Declared Adopted

RESOLUTION: EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION

Dr. Scholten introduced Tara Rabideau to the Board and recommended her approval.

Motion by Trustee Szajnecki and supported by Trustee Ashley that Tara Rabideau be appointed to the position of Fifth Grade Teacher in the Public Schools of Petoskey.

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

Motion was Declared Adopted

RESOLUTION: SET GRADUATION DATE

2017/2018 Graduation is set for Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 7:00.

Motion by Trustee Lamberti and supported by Trustee Ling to accept the recommendation to set the Petoskey High School graduation date as Sunday, June 3, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

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

Motion was Declared Adopted

RESOLUTION: JOHNSON BUS CONTRACT

Dr. Scholten provided an explanation for the recommendation to approve the bussing contract with Johnsons' Buses, Inc. Dr. Scholten fielded questions from the Board and briefly reviewed the contract.

Motion by Trustee Ling and supported by Trustee Lamberti to contract with Johnson's Buses, Inc. for transportation services to the Public Schools of Petoskey for the 2017/2018 school year at a cost of \$1,193,743.00 per the enclosure.

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

Motion was Declared Adopted

[RESOLUTION: LACROSSE TEAM](#)

Dr. Scholten provided an explanation for his recommendation to make Lacrosse a high school sport and fielded questions from the Board.

Motion by Trustee Ashley and supported by Trustee Szajnecki that the resolution to add the sport of Lacrosse as a high school sport at Petoskey High School be approved as presented.

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

Motion was Declared Adopted

[FIRST READ: BOARD POLICY #8310](#)

Dr. Scholten briefly summarized Board Policy #8310 and fielded questions from the Board. Dr. Scholten noted that all employees will watch the Seclusion and Restraint Awareness Training video at the Professional Development day on August 31, 2017.

[RESOLUTION: SET SPECIAL MEETING DATE AND TIME](#)

Dr. Scholten requested that the Board of Education schedule a Special Meeting at the middle school on August 31, 2017.

Motion by Trustee Ashley and supported by Trustee Ling to schedule a Special Meeting on August 31, 2017, at 9:45 a.m. at Petoskey Middle School Auditorium.

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

Motion was Declared Adopted

[EDUCATIONAL REPORTS](#)

Mr. Byram spoke for the high school.

- PHS is getting ready for the new year. Orientation letters have gone out.
- Setting up for Jump Start, 11 students so far. The Jump Start students will be going to Camp Daggett on August 29 and 30.

Mr. Dohm spoke for the middle school.

- Many teachers are back in their classrooms.
- Summer school has started.
- Staff interviews will start next week.
- Fall sports start on Monday.

Dr. Scholten noted the teaching positions that will need to be filled.

Dr. Slanec gave a brief update on the Reading Interventionist Summer School program.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

Trustee Szajnecki asked Mr. Smith if there were any triple header football games this season. Mr. Smith said that the week #5 Marquette game is a triple header as well as the week #1 game against Forest Hills.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Community Newsletter will go out the last week of August in the weekend paper and will go in school folders.

The Summer Feeding Program served 421 lunches and 87 breakfasts. Hilltop, St. Francis Day Care and Winter Sports Park Kids Camp all participated at least once a week. The YMCA offered physical activities. On Tuesdays and Thursdays during the month of August, McLaren Northern Michigan offered learning activities geared toward health.

The Lincoln Elementary School office renovation is going well. The Fire Marshall will come early next week for inspection. There will be a temporary door that will allow temporary approval for the start of school.

The softball field lights will go in late next week.

The work on the stadium gates will be done early to mid-week.

Kudos to the Admin team for their training in Gaylord regarding staff evaluation. It was very informative. Mr. Oberman agreed with Dr. Scholten and noted that it was an intense training.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

The Michigan Court of Appeals recently issued an opinion against using public dollars to support private schools.

Dr. Scholten gave a brief update on the new student discipline requirements required by recent legislation. These new requirements will necessitate changes to school policies.

Trustee Reed noted that recent Board decisions have been in line with the new requirements.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

RESOLUTION: CLOSED SESSION – STUDENT DISCIPLINE/REINSTATEMENT HEARING

Background Information

Section 8(b) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act allows a Board of Education to meet in closed session to consider the dismissal, suspension or disciplining of a student if the public body is part of the school district, intermediate school district, or institution of higher education that the student is attending, and if the student or the student's parent or guardian requests a closed hearing.

The student's parent has requested that the Board of Education meet in closed session.

Recommended Resolution

Moved by Szajnecki and supported by Ling to convene a closed session to deliberate upon student disciplinary issues as allowed in Section 8(b) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Reed
Trustee Ling
Trustee Szajnecki
Trustee Ashley
Trustee Lamberti

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to open session at 9:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

AYES: Reed, Ling, Szajnecki, Ashley, Lamberti

NAYS: None

Motion was Declared Adopted

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Kathy Reed, President

Frank Lamberti, Secretary

Lori Lewis, Recording Secretary