



# Public Schools of Petoskey

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## REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 15, 2016  
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:

**Regular Meeting Minutes, November 17, 2016**  
**Special Meeting Minutes, December 6, 2016**  
**Closed Session Meeting Minutes, December 6, 2016**  
**Special Meeting Minutes, December 8, 2016**

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 \$3,611,720.89.

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

**Motion was Declared Adopted**

[RESOLUTION: FY 2016-17 WAGE ADJUSTMENT FOR SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT](#)

Mr. Cartwright explained the wage adjustment and recommended the Boards approval.

Moved by Trustee Szajnecki and supported by Trustee Ashley that the annual wages of the Superintendent be adjusted to \$129,190.00, effective immediately.

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

**Motion was Declared Adopted**

[RESOLUTION: WARRANTY DEED FOR MCDOUGAL ROAD](#)

Mr. Cartwright explained the warranty deed and fielded questions from the Board.

Moved by Trustee Lamberti and supported by Trustee Ashley to approve the attached resolution, conveying the McDougal Road Extension to Emmet County, effective immediately.

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

**Motion was Declared Adopted**

[EDUCATIONAL REPORTS](#)

Mrs. Thola gave an update for the elementary schools.

- All four elementary schools and St. Francis have had their winter concerts. All the music teachers helped at all the buildings. The students did a great job.
- Each of the schools is doing multiple projects to help families in need during the holidays.
- Ottawa Elementary donated 230 pairs pajamas and the middle school donated 56 pairs of pajamas to Jenna's Jammies.
- The elementary PLC's are working together on horizontal and then vertical math alignment. When math is completed, they will move on to science alignment.

Mr. Wilcox noted some highlights for the middle school.

- Hoops for Holidays raised \$600.00 to support two families during the holidays.
- The Northmen Den, in conjunction with MANNA and Emanuel Episcopal Church, is giving out bags of food to needy students every Friday. They are servicing 24 families.

- The Adventure Education program is working with students on the tenants of the Full Value Agreement once a month during homeroom class.

Mrs. Stewart reported on activities at the high school.

- Our students are working to help two PHS students that were involved in two separate car accidents by donating to Go Fund Me accounts, and are signing a quilt for each student. Students have approached her with ideas for different fundraisers to assist these students.
- Girls Basketball game this Friday, Boys Basketball on Saturday. The Blue Crew is having theme nights. Holiday wear is the theme this week. They are trying to recruit more students to come and watch the games.
- The Madrigals have added another program. They are doing a luncheon for families with Santa. They will also tour all the elementary schools.
- The Steel Drum Band will also tour the elementary schools.

Dr. Slanec noted that there have been quite a few professional development opportunities for our teachers and our academic aides focusing on math resources aligning with NWEA.

### BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

Trustee Szajnecki attended the Sheridan and Ottawa Winter Concerts and had a great time.

Trustee Ling noted that the Board attended the Chamber of Commerce's Breakfast of Champions. Our Northmen Stadium received a 2016 Special Commendation for Architecture and Beautification for the stadium. This was a nice "thank you" to the community for their support.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Cindy Okerlund, from the Trails Council, applied for and received a grant from the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Community Foundation to lease 25 bikes for fourth graders. She will work with Latitude 45 to service and store the bikes. She will have the bikes on a 3-4 year lease. Every fourth grader will be exposed to cycling and have practice runs during PE class prior to their big bike ride. The culminating ride will be from Spring Lake Park to the Oden Fish Hatchery and back. They will also stop at historic sites along the way.

Kudos to the students on the Winter Concerts. This year was the 25-year anniversary of the Petoskey Harbor Springs Community Foundation. In honor of their anniversary, they presented 25 new library books to each elementary school at the Winter Concert.

Madrigals have done well this season. They performed for the Noon Rotary Club. The Madrigals commissioned a new Madrigal costume named the Rotarian.

Dr. Scholten noted that they are taking the staff to lunch at the Perry on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Spitler Building will be closed for a few hours during that time.

### LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Some items of interest came out during the lame duck session. Legislation backing off of the zero tolerance policies is forthcoming. Guns will remain at zero tolerance with an automatic expulsion.

It appeared that there were items that the legislators wanted to rush through during lame duck. It helped that individuals contacted the legislators to urge them to reconsider the proposed items. Revisions to teacher pensions were tabled for now. We will need to keep an eye on the school aid fund along with additional pension reform.

### AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

### ADJOURNMENT

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

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

### **Motion was Declared Adopted**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

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Kathy Reed, President

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~~Mark Ashley~~ Frank Lamberti, Secretary

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Lori Lewis, Recording Secretary