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Spitler Administration Building
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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 15, 2017
7:00 p.m.

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

CALL TO ORDER

President Reed called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Lamberti that the written minutes of the following meetings be approved as recorded:

Organizational and Regular Meeting Minutes, January 18, 2017

AYES: Reed, Lamberti, Ashley
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 \$3,016,543.25.

AYES: Reed, Lamberti, Ashley
NAYS: None

Motion was Declared Adopted

[RESOLUTION: SPECIAL MEETING FOR PURPOSE OF SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION](#)

Motion by Trustee Lamberti and supported by Trustee Ashley to schedule a Special Meeting on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. to take place at the Spitler Administration Building to discuss the Superintendent's Evaluation and Board of Education Goals.

AYES: Reed, Lamberti, Ashley
NAYS: None

Motion was Declared Adopted

[PRESENTATION: VAL MEYERSON – LIBRARY SERVICES](#)

Dr. Scholten introduced Val Meyerson. Ms. Meyerson gave a presentation on new and continuing services the Petoskey Library provides to the community and our schools. She handed out the Library's annual report to the Board. Trustee Reed asked if Principals would let staff know about services available at the library. Ms. Meyerson will email a list of the services for district and building newsletters so that we can let families know.

[PRESENTATION: 2017 ACADEMIC WORLD QUEST NATIONAL COMPETITION](#)

Petoskey's World Quest team, the Questosterones, gave a brief PowerPoint and explained the competition. Congratulations to the Questosterones! They are heading to Washington, DC, for the Academic Worldquest National Competition in April. The team includes PHS students Will Coveyou, Blake Thomas, Jack Guirey and Cooper Self. Their Advisor is Lisa Pontoni.

[EDUCATIONAL REPORTS](#)

Mr. Frampus gave an overview for the elementary schools.

- Three of the schools have already held their carnivals with Lincoln's being this Friday. Sheridan recently held their family sledding day.
- The schools are working on putting together an elementary perception survey for families.
- The Special Education and General Education teachers are working on building matrices of what the Full Value Agreement looks like in different areas of the school (i.e., on the bus, on the playground, in the hallway). They are also working with Camp Daggett to come up

with activities that show “how to” do what they are discussing, what it looks like to “be safe” on the school bus.

Mr. Wilcox gave an update for the middle school.

- The Penny Wars raised \$438.00. This will be divided between the Student Council and a local charity.
- Staff members attended the belay training at Camp Daggett.
- The top four places of the recent Spelling Bee were all Petoskey students.
- The wrestling team had a successful Fill the Truck Fundraiser for Brother’s Dan’s Pantry.
- The middle school came together to help a family whose mom passed away. The family needed wood for the winter. Students, staff and families cut, split and stacked 5 cords of wood that were donated to the family.

Mrs. Stewart noted a few activities.

- Snowcoming Dance will be held at Central School, 8:30-11:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 18.
- The Snowcoming basketball game is Friday at 7:00 p.m.
- The Bowling Team is having a Mexican dinner fundraiser.
- The Rotary Spaghetti Dinner is Thursday, February 23, 2017
- The Parent Support Group will have their meeting this week.

Dr. Slanec thanked the Petoskey Education Foundation for supporting the SAT Seminar.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

Trustee Lamberti noted that the Hockey team held a fundraiser last Wednesday to support the same family mentioned by Mrs. Stewart. Brother Dan’s Pantry held its fundraiser and the PHS Steel Drum Band performed. This community really comes together in a crisis and in support of those in need.

Trustee Reed noted also that the Child Abuse Council was holding a free Laundry Night at Bradford’s Cleaners on February 16. Families can come and do their wash while kids participate in activities.

Dr. Scholten noted that the Auto Shop class, the Culinary class and the Drama Program all donated to the Brother Dan’s fundraiser.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Scholten reported on the reported cases of bullying in the schools for the 2015-2016 school year.

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| | PHYSICAL | VERBAL | CYBER | TOTAL |
| PHS | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| PMS | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| ELEMENTARY | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Trustee Ashley asked if there is a way to see how we compare to other schools. Dr. Scholten advised that at this point there is no accessible data to do a comparison.

The Noon Rotary had a visit from the Madrigals. The Madrigals will perform on Thursday the 16th at the Perry Hotel. Tickets are available for the dinner and program.

Pizza Pizzazz flyers were handed out at the schools. Monday, February 27th is Pizza Pizzazz Day. \$1.00 per pizza sold will go to the Petoskey Education Foundation. The schools are doing the annual 5th grade Pizza Pizzazz poster contest.

The Win by Losing competition is starting up. The Board is welcome to join the Spittler team.

Northmen Night is February 25th at 6:00 p.m. at the Perry Hotel. Raffle tickets are still available.

March 15th is Career Day at Petoskey Middle School. PMS will host over 26 different career presenters. Keynote speaker is Carlin Smith.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

The Governor recently presented his budget. Although it is still early in the state budget process, at this point these are positive increases for schools.

Dr. Scholten advised regarding a proposal to reduce/remove income tax. He noted that this proposal should be carefully monitored, as no replacement revenue is being proposed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Annie Jankowski, 2066 Hunter's Ridge, Petoskey, voiced her concerns over the lack of recess at the middle school level.

ADJOURNMENT

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

AYES: Reed, Lamberti, Ashley
NAYS: None

Motion was Declared Adopted

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Kathy Reed, President

Frank Lamberti, Secretary

Lori Lewis, Recording Secretary