



# Public Schools of Petoskey

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Spitler Administration Building  
1130 Howard Street  
Petoskey, MI 49770  
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## ORGANIZATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 16, 2019  
7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Kathy Reed, Mary Ling, Keith Szajnecki, Jessica Shaw-Nolff  
Members Absent: Frank Lamberti

### 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

### RESOLUTION: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

#### ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Motioned that Trustee Szajnecki be elected to serve as President of the Petoskey Board of Education for the 2019 calendar year.

Moved by: Trustee Reed  
Supported by: Trustee Ling

AYES: Reed, Ling, Szajnecki, Shaw-Nolff

NAYS: None

#### ELECTION OF FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Motioned that Trustee Ling be elected to serve as First Vice-President of the Petoskey Board of Education for the 2019 calendar year.

Moved by: Trustee Reed

Supported by: Trustee Shaw-Nolff

AYES: Reed, Ling, Szajnecki, Shaw-Nolff

NAYS: None

#### ELECTION OF SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

Motioned that Trustee Lamberti be elected to serve as Second Vice-President of the Petoskey Board of Education for the 2019 calendar year.

Moved by: Trustee Ling

Supported by: Trustee Reed

AYES: Reed, Ling, Szajnecki, Shaw-Nolff

NAYS: None

#### ELECTION OF SECRETARY

Motioned that Trustee Shaw-Nolff be elected to serve as Secretary of the Petoskey Board of Education for the 2019 calendar year.

Moved by: Trustee Ling

Supported by: Trustee Reed

AYES: Reed, Ling, Szajnecki, Shaw-Nolff

NAYS: None

#### ELECTION OF TREASURER

Motioned that Trustee Reed be elected to serve as Treasurer of the Petoskey Board of Education for the 2019 calendar year.

Moved by: Trustee Ling

Supported by: Trustee Shaw-Nolff

AYES: Reed, Ling, Szajnecki, Shaw-Nolff

NAYS: None

**The Motions were Declared Adopted.**

**RESOLUTION: DESIGNATION OF REGULAR MEETING TIME**

Moved by Trustee Ling and supported by Trustee Reed that the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education for the Public Schools of Petoskey be held on the third Thursday of each month (commencing in April) in the Board Meeting Room of the Spitler Administration Building at 7:00 p.m. for the calendar year 2019. Furthermore, the February Board of Education meeting will be held on the third Wednesday, February 20, 2019 and the March Board of Education meeting will be held on the second Wednesday, March 13, 2019.

AYES: Reed, Ling, Szajnecki, Shaw-Nolff

NAYS: None

**Motion was Declared Adopted**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, it was moved by Trustee Reed and supported by Trustee Ling to adjourn the Organizational Meeting and proceed to the Regular Meeting.

AYES: Reed, Ling, Szajnecki, Shaw-Nolff

NAYS: None

**Motion was Declared Adopted**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

## REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

### CALL TO ORDER

President Szajnecki called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Reed and supported by Trustee Ling that the written minutes of the following meeting be approved as recorded.

#### **Regular Meeting Minutes, December 20, 2018**

AYES: Szajnecki, Ling, Shaw-Nolff, Reed

NAYS: None

#### **Motion was Declared Adopted**

### APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Motion by Trustee Reed and supported by Trustee Ling that the warrants paid, as submitted by the administration, be approved in the amount of \$ 2,692,799.25.

AYES: Szajnecki, Ling, Shaw-Nolff, Reed

NAYS: None

#### **Motion was Declared Adopted**

### RECOGNITION: TRUSTEES, BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dr. Scholten noted that January is School Board Appreciation Month, which is being celebrated across the State of Michigan. He shared the high points of Governor Whitmer's proclamation. Administrators presented the Board members with small tokens of appreciation from their staff and students. Dr. Scholten thanked the Board for their service.

The Board thanked the buildings for their appreciation.

### RESOLUTION: SET SPECIAL MEETING

Moved by Trustee Reed and supported by Trustee Shaw-Nolff to schedule a Special Meeting on January 29, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at the Spittler Administration Building for goals review and future planning.

AYES: Szajnecki, Ling, Shaw-Nolff, Reed

NAYS: None

### **Motion was Declared Adopted**

### EDUCATIONAL REPORTS

Mr. Prins spoke on behalf of the elementary buildings.

- Looking at gaps in areas of foundational skills and phonics
  - What can we do both short and long term to help students
  - Researched what can be done
    - Found Fundamentals training
      - The Literacy coaches were trained as trainers
      - All K-5 staff will be trained completely by the end of February
      - Full implementation by next school year
- Winter assessments
  - Kids are making progress
  - Very rewarding to watch the collaboration between teachers, literacy coaches, aides
  - Team meetings and data review will start in February
- Generous Donation to the Petoskey Public Library to continue 1-1 tutoring
  - Approximately 30 kids are supported
- The Petoskey Public Library is also running Family Literacy Nights
  - January 23, 2019, 5:30-7:00
  - Will take place once a month

Mr. Wilcox gave some highlights about the middle school.

- Hot Topics Night was last Thursday
  - Rebekah Pedersen presented on the Teenage Brain
  - Tiffany Moore-Corteville presented on Mindfulness
  - 30-35 people were in attendance
  - Free books were given to those in attendance
- The middle school wrestling team participated in and took 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Wilcox Wrestling Tournament in Dundee.
  - The hotel staff commented on how well behaved the kids were
- 7<sup>th</sup> graders will receive the Yellow Ribbon presentation (A suicide awareness presentation)
- 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be going snow shoeing
- 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be participating in ski day
- 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be going on the Washington DC trip
- New clubs have had a lot of interest
  - Ski/Snowboard Club – 33 students

- Ping Pong Club – 60 students

Dr. Stewart gave updates regarding the high school.

- The next Hot Topic night
  - Communicating with your Teen
  - February 21, 2019
  - 6:00 p.m.
  - After the Rotary Spaghetti dinner
- PEF is funding the SAT prep program
  - Revamping the whole program
  - Pre/post test
  - 8 sessions, all after school
    - Will help with transportation issues
  - Increase communication with home
    - Individual emails home
    - Direct letters sent home to students on the bubble
    - 19 students signed up already
- Hall of Fame Night is January 25, 2019
- Snowcoming basketball game is February 1, 2019
- Snowcoming dance is February 2, 2019
- Blue Crew made it to the semi-finals for the third time
  - If students are dressed in the theme for the night they do not have to pay
- The Carl Vanderwall Wrestling Tournament raised over \$4000.00

Dr. Slanec gave a brief District update

- English Language Learners
  - 15 ELL students this year
  - Increase from the normal 3-5 students
  - Need K-12 programming
  - Purchased Pearson's I-Lit program materials
  - Teacher and aides will begin working with the materials

### BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

- Trustee Ling
  - Positive comments on the new SAT prep program
  - PEF deadline for mini-grants was January 15, 2019

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Would the Board members like to have a Petoskey schools email?
  - Trustees Reed, Szajnecki, Ling and Shaw-Nolff all said "yes"
  - Trustee Lamberti previously said "no"

- Julie Saunders emailed with an update regarding the Bay Harbor Performing Arts Center
  - A Bay Harbor resident gave a donation to see that the school community is involved.
  - Bus costs will be covered by Bay Harbor
  - Every 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grader attended the Accidentals
  - Second City – 9 PHS students attended
  - Kim Block was given 10 tickets for the AP government students to attend Capitol Steps
  - All 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be attending Freedom Bound on February 18, 2019
    - Connects with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade history standards
  - All 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be attending Swan Lake on February 22, 2019
- Community Engagement
  - Superintendent group
  - Major goals being worked on currently:
    - All schools will benefit from the Enhancement millage
      - Communication template for all schools
        - What the money is being used for
          - So the community knows we are spending the money on what we said we would spend it on
        - Thank you to the community for their support
      - Improve the connection with the preschools
        - Literacy Summit on January 25, 2019
          - 10:00-1:00
          - Charlevoix Library
          - Lunch included
          - Dr. Slanec will be attending
          - Contact Dr. Slanec if you would like to attend
- Parent promoted programs
  - The Hot Topics Nights are being replicated
    - Sharing between districts/schools
  - Literacy Summits
    - Very positive
- Gratitude is important
  - Appreciative of the Board and how well they work together
- Dr. Scholten thanked the Board with much gratitude, and tendered his resignation, for purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2019.

Trustee Ling noted that Dr. Scholten has done a lot in his 14 years of service while continuing to stay focused on moving the district forward.

The Board thanked Dr. Scholten for his service and his guidance.

Moved by Trustee Ling and seconded by Trustee Reed to accept the resignation, for purpose of retirement, from Superintendent John Scholten, effective June 30, 2019.

Roll Call Vote:

Szajnecki	yes
Ling	yes
Lamberti	absent
Shaw-Nolff	yes
Reed	yes

Trustee Reed commented

- Appreciative for all that Dr. Scholten has done for the schools
- Always focused on what can be done to improve the schools
- Level-headed and easy to work with

Trustee Szajnecki commented

- Thank you to Dr. Scholten's wife
- Dr. Scholten always did what was necessary
- He went over and above what was needed for the school system
- Thank you

Trustee Ling commented

- Dr. Scholten is not just a leader for the school but also a leader in the community
- The current administration team were all hired by Dr. Scholten
  - Great job hiring the current staff
  - Leaving the District in good hands
  - Great administrative team in place

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

None.

## AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Erin Luckhardt introduced herself and Liz Eddington. They are members of Leadership Little Traverse Class of 2019 and came to attend a community meeting.

## ADJOURNMENT

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

AYES: Szajnecki, Ling, Shaw-Nolff, Reed

NAYS: None

**Motion was Declared Adopted**



The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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Keith Szajnecki, President

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Jessica Shaw-Nolff, Secretary

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Lori Lewis, Recording Secretary