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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 16, 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Jessica Leidall, 2121 Townline Road, Petoskey – Ms. Leidall thanked the Board for their volunteer service. Ms. Leidall would like to focus on a healthier campus at the elementary level. She did note a few of the things that are already in place to promote healthy eating and exercise (i.e.: Try It Tuesday, Girls on the Run, District Wellness Committee).

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, February 16, 2017
Special Meeting Minutes, March 8, 2017
Closed Session Meeting Minutes, March 8, 2017

AYES: Reed, Ling, Szajnecki, Ashley, Lamberti

NAYS: None

Motion was Declared Adopted

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Motion by Trustee Ashley and supported by Trustee Ling that the warrants paid, as submitted by the administration, be approved in the amount of \$ 2,240,262.00.

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

Motion was Declared Adopted

RESOLUTION: O.P.I.E RECOGNITION

Dr. Scholten congratulated the 2017 O.P.I.E. Award recipients: Lisa Burris, secretary at Sheridan Elementary School (PESPA) and Larry Liebler, Construction/Building Technology Teacher at Petoskey High School (PEA). They will formally be presented with their awards on:

22nd Annual OPIE Awards Banquet
May 4, 2017
Odawa Casino Resort
5:00 p.m. Cocktail Hour
6:30 p.m. Dinner
\$27.00 per person
RSVP by April 14, 2017

Motion by Trustee Lamberti and supported by Trustee Ashley that the O.P.I.E. resolution honoring Lisa Burris and Larry Liebler be approved as submitted.

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

Motion was Declared Adopted

RESOLUTION: EXTENSION OF SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT

Trustee Reed noted that the Board recently met for the purpose of Dr. Scholten's evaluation. She read a summary of the Board's evaluation and noted the Board rated Dr. Scholten's performance as "Highly Effective". Based on this evaluation, she recommended extending Dr. Scholten's contract through 2020.

Motion by Trustee Reed and supported by Trustee Ashley to extend Superintendent Scholten's contract for an additional year through June 30, 2020.

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

Motion was Declared Adopted

RECOGNITION: ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF APPRECIATION

Dr. Scholten acknowledged the week of March 13th as Principal/Administrator Staff Recognition week. He recognized the administration and thanked them for all their hard work.

PRESENTATION: MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT PROGRAM

Dr. Scholten introduced Tina DeMoore. Ms. DeMoore gave a presentation regarding the Supreme Court Justice Program. The Supreme Court Justices will be coming to Petoskey High School to hold a session on April 25, 2017. This is part of the Court and Community Connections program whose goal is to help students understand the Supreme Court. Ms. DeMoore invited the Board members and Superintendent. All of the area schools will have a percentage of seats that their students will fill. Petoskey will have seats for 75 students.

EDUCATIONAL REPORTS

Mr. Bevier spoke for the elementary schools.

- Try It Tuesday was this week - mixed beans and veggies was the sample. Beets have been the favorite so far.
- Schools are excited about the partnership with Camp Daggett. Staff will be working on team building activities that revolve around the Full Value Agreement. They will then come back and teach the activities to the students.

Mr. Dohm noted a few highlights for the middle school.

- Over 100 students went to Washington DC and New York for the 8th grade class trip.
- Career Day took place on April 15th and went very well.
- The winter sports season is wrapping up. Wrestling and Girls basketball had good seasons.

Dr. Stewart commented for the high school.

- The external review took place this week at the high school. They were granted accreditation. The reviewers had nice things to say about the school community and that the students were very well behaved. The high school has been accredited since 1908.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

Trustee Szajnecki asked Dr. Scholten to comment on the middle school's new achievement. Dr. Scholten explained that the middle school is now considered a reward school and he explained what that entails. He also noted that the middle school is no longer on the Focus School list.

Trustee Ling gave an update on the PEF's winter round of mini grants. About \$7,000.00 was handed out. Scholarships are now posted online for graduating seniors and undergrads. Applications are due on April 15, 2017.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Scholten gave updates on the following:

- Pizza Pizzazz raised over \$600.00 for the Petoskey Education Foundation. The poster contest winners were featured in the Petoskey News Review and these students earned a pizza party for their classroom.
- Career Day – there were 35 presenters from the community for this event. The students really enjoyed the event.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Stewart who recently defended her dissertation and completed her studies earning her PhD.
- Northmen Night raised \$48,618.97 for the Athletic Department. Kudos to Dave Smith and the core group of people that helped with this successful evening.
- NLEA – the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance will hold their business meeting at the Petoskey Stadium this year. The event will take place on May 19, 2017 from 11:30-1:30 with a tailgate theme. The key note speaker will be Jon Jansen.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

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

- School grading
- School finance
- Tax cuts
- Panel in place to abolish the elected State Board

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Motion was Declared Adopted

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Kathy Reed, President

Frank Lamberti, Secretary

Lori Lewis, Recording Secretary