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

Thursday, November 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.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Special Meeting Minutes, October 12, 2017
Closed Session Meeting Minutes, October 12, 2017
Regular Meeting Minutes, October 19, 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 \$2,494,209.94.

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

Motion was Declared Adopted

RESOLUTION: SET SPECIAL MEETING – SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION UPDATE

Dr. Scholten recommended the approval of the Board to set a Special Board Meeting for a Superintendent Evaluation Update.

Motion by Trustee Lamberti and supported by Trustee Szajnecki to schedule a Special Meeting on November 28, 2017, 5:00 p.m. at the Spittler Administration Building for a Superintendent Evaluation Update.

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

Motion was Declared Adopted

RESOLUTION: ANNUAL SUMMER TAX COLLECTION

Mr. Cartwright provided a brief description of the summer tax collection.

Motion by Trustee Ashley and supported by Trustee Ling to accept the attached Annual Summer Tax Resolution as presented.

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

Motion was Declared Adopted

RESOLUTION: ADOPTION OF RESTATED PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF PETOSKEY CAFETERIA PLAN

Mr. Cartwright explained the details of Cafeteria Plan Change and fielded questions from the Board.

Motion by Trustee Ling and supported by Trustee Ashley to accept the amendments to the Public Schools of Petoskey's Cafeteria Plan, per the attached Resolution.

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

Motion was Declared Adopted

[RESOLUTION: TRIANGLE CHANGE ORDER #33](#)

Mr. Cartwright explained the details of Change Order #33 and fielded questions from the Board.

Motion by Trustee Szajnecki and supported by Trustee Lamberti to accept Change Order #33 to the Triangle Associates contract for an increase of \$25,057.04.

AYES: Reed, Ling, Szajnecki, Ashley, Lamberti

NAYS: None

Motion was Declared Adopted

[EDUCATIONAL REPORTS](#)

Mr. Oberman spoke on behalf of the elementary schools.

- The Elementary Enrichment Choir toured all four elementary schools. There were over 60 students that participated in the program.
- The fourth grade students presented their writings at the C.S. Lewis Festival. Their writings will be published in the Petoskey News Review.
- All kindergarten, first grade and second grade students went to a fire safety presentation and toured a fire engine.
- Elementary conferences were Monday and Wednesday. There was great attendance by parents.
- November 30, 2017 is the first Literacy Network Night. The program will take place at Sheridan Elementary School from 5:45-7:30, with dinner being served.

Mr. Wilcox spoke on behalf of the middle school.

- Mrs. Giammalva and the Student Council hosted a Veteran's breakfast. They are also doing a canned food drive. The donations will be given to local agencies.
- A current middle school student had the idea to give all substitute teachers a bottle of water and a granola bar. Each bottle of water would have a "Thank you for subbing in Petoskey Schools" note on it.
- The fall play "Mulan" was awesome! All students that want to be involved are able to be a part of the program in some way. They do not make cuts.
- The Adventure Education program will be changing to have activities that better suit each grade level.

Dr. Stewart spoke on behalf of the high school.

- Tonight is the second night for high school conferences.
- All elementary students were able to come to the high school to watch the fall play.
- The high school hosted speakers on mental health issues, including suicide prevention.
- Ok to Say is a new program that allows students to report concerns anonymously by text. There will be a community information night concerning this program on December 20, 2017, 6:00 p.m. at the Petoskey High School Auditorium.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

Trustee Ashley helped out with “Try-It Tuesday” this month. Trustee Ling briefly explained what “Try-It Tuesday” is. Recipes are sent home in elementary folders with information about the featured food.

Trustee Ashley gave an update on the Petoskey Education Foundation grant distribution. He also wanted to thank those that gave to the Dr. J. Encourager Fund in memory of former Superintendent John Jeffrey. LaSenorita Night, a PEF fundraiser, also recently was held.

Trustee Szajnecki commended Dr. Scholten for the work he had done with the Enhancement Millage. He continues to be doing what is necessary to move the district forward.

Trustee Ling gave a shout out to the principals for setting up the Health Care survey and getting the word out to parents on the potential future Health Care Services for schools in Emmet County.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Scholten gave the following updates:

- Thank you to the community for supporting the Enhancement Millage. Emmet County carried the weight of the campaign. Though it won’t fix school funding, it surely will help.
- The Dr. J. Encourager Fund will give out a scholarship to a student in the spring and will look at helping out student and staff based projects that will enhance the climate at Petoskey Schools. PEF is still accepting donations.
- The District Newsletter will be published December 2nd and will go home in all elementary folders. It will include the sports schedules and the holiday concert schedule.
- Amy McMullen and Sam Willson will be working with students and staff as our new Literacy Interventionists/Coaches.
- McLaren Northern Michigan, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan and schools in Emmet County are exploring the potential and funding for different models of School Health workers in our schools. Trustees Reed and Ling along with Dr. Scholten are serving on the exploration committee. Please take the survey if you can. This data will help the committee determine student health needs in Petoskey, Harbor Springs and Alanson school districts.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

- The state has mandated that M-Step testing will be three hours shorter in duration. This is a positive change.
- Dr. Scholten noted that there is a state wide group (School Finance Research Collaborative) which is looking at different ways to fund schools. Go to fundmischools.org for more information.

- A brief update on the Concealed Carry Bill. The website – Michigan Parents for Schools – has good information on this bill.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Robin Jordan, 1207 Hill Street, Petoskey, voiced concern over the Open Carry Law and recent concerns regarding the senate bill. Discussion took place on both issues.

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 8:00 p.m.

Kathy Reed, President

Frank Lamberti, Secretary

Lori Lewis, Recording Secretary