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

Thursday, November 17, 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

Carolyn Matzinger, fifth grade teacher for the Public Schools of Petoskey, notified the Board that she is resigning due to personal health reasons.

TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING

Mr. Cartwright explained the Truth in Taxation Act and how it would affect voters.

Moved by Trustee Ashley and supported by Trustee Lamberti that the Board consider action on increasing the non-homestead operating property tax rate by 0.2083 mills at the next Regular Board meeting, which is scheduled for 7:15 p.m. on November 17, 2016 at the Spitler Administration Building, 1130 Howard Street, Petoskey, MI 49770

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 7:10 p.m.

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AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting Minutes, October 20, 2016

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 \$4,026,062.39.

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

Motion was Declared Adopted

[RESOLUTION: SET SPECIAL BOARD MEETING](#)

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

Motion by Trustee Szajnecki and supported by Trustee Ashley to schedule a Special Meeting on December 8, 2106, 8:30 a.m. at the Spitler Administration Building for Superintendent Evaluation Training.

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 Lamberti to accept the attached Annual Summer Tax Resolution as presented.

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

Motion was Declared Adopted

[RESOLUTION: 2016 TAX REQUEST](#)

Mr. Cartwright provided a brief description of the 2016 Tax Request.

Motion by Trustee Ashley and supported by Trustee Ling that the Board of Education approve the 2016 Tax Rate Request (on form L-4029) for submission to the Emmet County Clerk's Office, Charlevoix County Clerk's Office, as well as copies to the Equalization Department(s) and all township and city clerks.

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

Motion was Declared Adopted

[RESOLUTION: TRIANGLE CHANGE ORDER #26](#)

Mr. Cartwright explained the details of Change Order #26 and fielded questions from the Board.

Motion by Trustee Szajnecki and supported by Trustee Ashley to accept Change Order #26 to the Triangle Associates contract for an increase of \$112,962.04.

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

Motion was Declared Adopted

[RESOLUTION: TRIANGLE CHANGE ORDER #27](#)

Mr. Cartwright explained the details of Change Order #27 and fielded questions from the Board.

Motion by Trustee Ling and supported by Trustee Szajnecki to accept Change Order #27 to the Triangle Associates contract for an increase of \$96,059.37 paid from the Sinking Fund.

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

Motion was Declared Adopted

[EDUCATIONAL REPORTS](#)

Mr. Bevier noted that exciting things are going on at the elementary level.

- All four schools honored veterans and the fifth grade participated in a silent parade.
- The Elementary Enrichment Choir gave a performance at all four buildings.
- CS Lewis Festival was amazing. Sixteen fourth grade students read their Narnia themed essays.
- The buildings are promoting health and wellness by participating in Try-It Tuesdays.
- The elementary students were able to go and see the high school play.

Mr. Wilcox thanked the Board for the concrete additions at the middle school.

- Middle school students collected and donated 1800 cans for Manna and the Women's Resource Center.
- The Middle School held their first Student Council lock-in. The students wrote encouraging notes and put one on every student locker and every staff member door.
- The Veterans Day Breakfast is getting bigger and bigger every year.
- The entire school was able to see a performance put on by high school students that participated in the Young American Workshop.
- The middle school play, Shrek Jr. will be Friday and Saturday at 7:00, Sunday at 2:00 in the Auditorium.

Mrs. Stewart gave an update on the high school.

- Conferences are this week, Tuesday and Thursday
- We will host a district semi-final football game at the new stadium.
- The Fall Show was excellent.

- The Spring Musical will be Le Mis.
- The Steel Drum Band leaves tomorrow to perform in Chicago.
- Robotics hosted a competition this past Saturday.
- The Senior All Night Party Parent Committee will have their annual Craft Show this coming Saturday from 10-3 in the gymnasium.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

Trustee Szajnecki noted that it is Homeless Awareness Week. Jillian did an excellent article in the paper. The Women's Resource Center is in need of gift cards, toys, and backpacks. Please drop off items at the Women's Resource Center.

Trustee Ling gave a PEF update. They have completed the fall Mini-grant selection. PEF gave out \$5000 in mini-grants. Every building that submitted a grant received a grant. GB2 is bigger than last year. Thank you to staff.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The High School Musical was great. The light board wouldn't work for Friday's show but they went on without it.

Fourteen Petoskey elementary students were chosen to present their work at the CS Lewis Festival. They all did an excellent job. They are "scary good". The student's essays are published in the paper. The CS Lewis Festival is a great opportunity for students to write, peer edit and present their work.

The Wellness Committee has invited staff to participate in Project 0. The Board is welcome to join us.

The Breakfast for Champions will be December 6, 2016 at 7:30 a.m. Please RSVP. This is a Chamber event that takes place at the Casino.

The Jenna's Jammies Project is in memory of an Ottawa student who passed away from cancer. Donations of pajamas are accepted at Ottawa until November 28.

Try-It Tuesdays – Kudos to this program! The students are enjoying the veggies.

The Bear River Bistro is open this Friday for Greek cuisine.

Dr. Scholten handed a letter to the Board from the State Superintendent regarding bullying. Our Full Value Agreement addresses the issues described in this letter, and we will continue to promote its use in the schools and our community.

Northmen Night raffle tickets are available now. Only 400 tickets available at \$50.00 each. Northmen Night is February 25, 2017.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

The state legislation will be holding its lame duck session soon. Legislation to revise the state employee retirement system has been proposed.

Legislation has been passed that permits schools to use sinking funds for security and tech upgrades.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Motion was Declared Adopted

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Kathy Reed, President

Frank Lamberti, Secretary

Lori Lewis, Recording Secretary