



# Public Schools of Petoskey

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## REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 18, 2018  
7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Kathy Reed, Mark Ashley, Frank Lamberti  
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 Lamberti and supported by Trustee Ashley that the written minutes of the following meetings be approved as recorded:

Special Meeting Minutes, September 19, 2018  
Regular Meeting Minutes, September 20, 2018

AYES: Reed, 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 \$2,268,754.94.

AYES: Reed, Ashley, Lamberti

NAYS: None

**Motion was Declared Adopted**

[PRESENTATION: STRAW COMMITTEE](#)

Dr. Scholten introduced the Straw Committee and gave a brief explanation as to why they were at the meeting. The five students, from Amy Cummins' third grade classroom last year, had a meeting with Dr. Scholten requesting that straws no longer be used in the lunchroom.

The Straw Committee introduced their members: Avery, Laeny, Aliana, Landon and Brielle. They thanked Dr. Scholten for meeting with them regarding their concern over the use of straws. They also thanked the Board of Education for inviting them in to share how they were able to have the straws banned from the schools. The Committee gave a brief presentation. The Committee was very pleased that straws are no longer used in the schools unless needed.

[DISCUSSION: BOARD POLICY 8710-R](#)

Hammond Law spoke regarding Board Policy 8710-R. He thanked the School Board for agreeing to discuss this. He spoke about his participation in Robotics. He and his family are here to ask the Board to allow part-time students to participate in extracurricular activities including Robotics.

Sarah Wolohan Watson, 319 Lincoln Place, Petoskey – spoke in favor of allowing part-time students to participate in extracurricular activities.

Marion Watson – spoke in favor of allowing part-time students to participate in extracurricular activities.

Marie Law – spoke in favor of allowing part-time students to participate in extracurricular activities.

Trustee Reed responded to the information presented by these individuals and in a letter from the Law family that was given to the Board prior to the meeting for their review. She noted

that the Board and the Administration have already discussed and considered all of the issues, and ideas that were raised by the presenters at this meeting and in the Law family's letter. Trustee Reed gave a brief history of this issue and explained the Boards' rationale for supporting the administration's clarification to rule 8710-R regarding participation in extracurricular activities. The Board feels that this is a solid clarification of the rule and will keep the policy as is.

[REPORT: DISTRICT ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT](#)

Mr. Cartwright introduced Annette Eustice, the district auditor from Rehmann. Ms. Eustice provided an overview and highlights from the district-wide financial audit. She and Mr. Cartwright fielded questions from the Board.

[RESOLUTION: NWEA LICENSE RENEWAL](#)

Dr. Scholten provided a brief description of the NWEA subscription renewal.

Moved by Trustee Ashley and supported by Trustee Lamberti to accept the quote from North Western Evaluation Services (NWEA) of \$20,048.00 for the renewal of the annual testing subscription.

AYES: Reed, Ashley, Lamberti  
NAYS: None

**Motion was Declared Adopted**

[RESOLUTION: BOARD GOALS](#)

Dr. Scholten and President Reed presented the Board Goals for 2018 and recommended the Board's approval.

Motion by Trustee Ashley and supported by Trustee Lamberti to approve the Board Goals as presented.

AYES: Reed, Ashley, Lamberti  
NAYS: None

**Motion was Declared Adopted**

[EDUCATIONAL REPORTS](#)

The Elementary Principals were not in attendance due to parent-teacher conferences.

Mr. Wilcox spoke on behalf of the middle school.

- He thanked Mr. Frampus for allowing him to “dunk” him last Friday.
- Fall sports are complete with successful seasons
- Trying to be proactive with the ever-growing social media presence
  - Trooper Hebner, MSP, will make a social media presentation to the 8<sup>th</sup> graders on November 8, 2018.
- Sixth and Seventh graders will see a presentation from Ok to Say on the same types of topics
  - An Ok to Say “app” will be shared

Dr. Stewart presented for the high school.

- Homecoming Spirit Week
- Shout out to Mr. Lennon, the new leadership advisor. He is encouraging students to be more involved
  - Organized competitions between grades
  - Creating banners
  - Encouraging students to march in the parade
  - Trying to maximize the student involvement
- Friday, October 19, 2018, is the homecoming parade and game – and is also the Pink Game
- Saturday is the Homecoming Dance
- Dr. Stewart and Mr. Wilcox handed out a rough draft of an upcoming parent night flyer
  - Hot Topics for Parents of Teens
    - November 8, 2018
    - Education night for parents
    - NHS to babysit
    - Provide a meal
    - Designed to help connect with parents at the secondary level
    - Topic – Social Media and Technology
      - What is too much?
      - How do we control it?
      - What is my child doing online that might not be safe?

Dr. Slanec presented for the Teaching and Learning Department

- Rise, Hope and Thrive
  - Area-wide ISD professional development program
  - Castle Farms
  - November 1, 2018, 7:45 a.m.
  - How to help our students
    - Think positively
    - Deal with trauma
  - Two buses will transport staff

- 100% of administration, teachers and para-professionals are attending
- Growing Readers Together Program provided by the Petoskey District Library
  - Thank you to the Petoskey District Library
  - Family nights will be starting soon
  - Provide books to take home/lending library
  - Meal provided

### BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

Trustee Ashley noted that multiple sports teams are going to playoffs/district finals.

Trustee Lamberti noted that the younger grades loved the pumpkin hummus from Try-It Tuesday. Volunteers are needed if interested in helping.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Policy upgrades regarding social media, from NEOLA, are being reviewed. More information coming soon on policy review/additions.

#### CharEm Board Association Meeting

- Trauma Informed Communities and Schools program
- Tuesday, October 30, 2018
- North Central Michigan College
- 6:00 p.m. dinner with program to follow

Dr. Scholten gave a brief explanation regarding both millage proposals.

- Operating Millage Proposal – 21 mills – 8 year proposal – can only collect 18 mills of the 21 requested
- Sinking Fund Proposal – 1.5 mills – 8 year proposal
- The Superintendent noted that we need people to vote “yes” on both proposals.
- There is a brochure on the website with more information
- If you have questions please contact Administration or a School Board member
- Based upon current plans, our debt will be paid off in the 2024-2025 school year

Mr. Cartwright emphasized that because of the way the district's debt is structured, as we pay this debt off we are able to lower the tax levy to pay the debt, this lowers it enough that what we ask net out-of-pocket from the homeowners is zero.

Trustee Lamberti thanked the community for supporting the sinking fund for the last 21 years. The millage proposals are very important.

### LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Dr. Scholten gave a brief legislative update.

- Nothing coming out of Lansing due to the elections
- House Bill 5707 – Retains the weight given to student achievement in teacher evaluations at 25%
  - Considering a one year reprieve from increase to 40%
  - 6401 is tagged along with 5707 which will include administration also

### AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Greg Law, 209 Summit Street, Petoskey

- Thanked the School Board members for their time and service
- Commented in response to the Board's response to their agenda request to allow part-time students to participate in extracurricular activities

### ADJOURNMENT

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

AYES: Reed, Ashley, Lamberti  
NAYS: None

### **Motion was Declared Adopted**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Kathy Reed, President

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Frank Lamberti, Secretary

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Lori Lewis, Recording Secretary