



# Public Schools of Petoskey

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## REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 15, 2016  
7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Kathy Reed, Keith Szajnecki, Mark Ashley, Frank Lamberti  
Members Absent: Mary Ling

### CALL TO ORDER

President Reed called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Roberta and Ron Svatora, 800 Intertown Road, Petoskey, discussed their letter presented to the Board concerning the brightness of the Stadium lights. Dr. Scholten noted that he would have Mr. Cartwright email some possible meeting dates.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

#### **Regular Meeting Minutes, August 18, 2016**

AYES: Reed, 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 \$ 3,451,327.99.

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

**Motion was Declared Adopted**

RESOLUTION: SET JANUARY ORGANIZATIONAL/REGULAR MEETING

Dr. Scholten requested that the Board set the Organizational Meeting for Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. with the Regular Meeting immediately following.

Moved by Trustee Szajnecki and supported by Trustee Lamberti that the Organizational and Regular January meeting of the Board of Education for the Public Schools of Petoskey be held on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 in the Board Meeting Room of the Spitzer Administration Building at 7:00 p.m.

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

**Motion was Declared Adopted**

RESOLUTION: ESTABLISH APPROPRIATE IMAGERY COMMITTEE

Dr. Scholten presented to the Board the need to formalize a committee to discuss appropriate imagery.

Moved by Trustee Lamberti and supported by Trustee Ashley that an Imagery Committee will be formed to establish appropriate Imagery for the Public Schools of Petoskey. Members would include: Trustee Reed, Trustee Ashley, Arlene Naganashe, Athletic Director Dave Smith, High School Principal Mandy Stewart, Middle School Principal Jon Wilcox and Superintendent John Scholten.

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

**Motion was Declared Adopted**

EDUCATIONAL REPORTS

Mr. Prins noted that it has been a great start to the school year. We have a lot of new kids. On Friday there were over 1000 elementary students from all four schools that went to the new stadium to hear the band and sing the fight song. He is very impressed with the new Behavioral Health Specialists. The Elementary Principal Team is working on ways to improve opportunities for teachers to come together with their grade level PLC's. The Healthy Eating program is highlighting Cauliflower this week. Great teamwork from Chartwells and the community in putting this program together.

Mr. Dohm noted that it has been a great two weeks at the middle school. Having a Behavioral Health Specialist is great. The Middle School's slogan for the year is "Show them you care everyday". Adventure Ed will be starting soon.

Mrs. Stewart noted that Spirit week is this week. She commented on the community value of the Stadium – it is awesome for all ages. Receiving a lot of positive feedback. She noted the Homecoming parade route and the time for the parade and game. The assembly for ninth graders went well, all were taught a new cheer and received a T-shirt. There will be a pizza lunch for all new students on Friday. There is also a new initiative for staff – Coffee and Connect. It will take place in the CRC.

Dr. Slanec handed out information on and discussed the State Assessment Data.

### BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

Trustee Reed noted that MASB is holding a legislative meeting if any Board members are interested in going.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

MASB Superintendent Evaluation meeting is Sept 28, 6:00-9:00, NCMC, dinner included.

Dr. Scholten will be at the State Superintendents Conference in Traverse City from September 21st-23rd.

Construction update –

- The fence is up and the new court surface is down on the tennis courts. Everything looks good.
- The benches for the cross country trail have been ordered and were shipped on Friday. A date will be set for the recognition and a letter will be sent to the donors. There may be a third bench donated.
- Work is continuing on the soccer practice fields.
- Track lining will start on Monday afternoon. People will have to stay off of it for 3 days. Paul VanWagoner has been very helpful throughout the process.

- Aside from the letter from the Svatora's, we have not received any complaints regarding stadium lights. We have received some concerns regarding the stadium noise level, which are being addressed.
- Dr. Scholten will be sending updates regarding stadium and facility work tomorrow.

#### LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

- Lame duck time frame needs to be watched.
- Third grade reading is still alive but has been stalled since March.
- Legislation has been proposed to expend permissible uses of sinking funds.
- The funding adequacy study has not yet generated much activity.

#### AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Kathy Reed, President

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Frank Lamberti, Secretary

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Lori Lewis, Recording Secretary