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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 15, 2011
@ 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mary Ling, Jack Waldvogel, Kathy Reed, Karen Morison, Karly Ellison

Members Absent: None

CALL TO ORDER

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Waldvogel and supported by Trustee Ellison that the written minutes of the following meeting be approved as recorded:

Special Meeting Minutes, December 8, 2011

AYES: Ling, Waldvogel, Reed, Morison, Ellison

NAYS: None

Motion was Declared Adopted

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Motion by Trustee Ellison and supported by Trustee Morison that the warrants paid, as submitted by the administration, be approved in the amount of \$2,188,731.77.

AYES: Ling, Waldvogel, Reed, Morison, Ellison
NAYS: None

Motion was Declared Adopted

RESOLUTION: SCHEDULE OF FACILITY RENTAL CHARGES, BOARD POLICY 9250

Dr. Scholten explained that the charges for our facilities need to be more in alignment with similar facility fees in the surrounding areas. President Ling asked if there were any major changes. Dr. Scholten noted that the auditorium fees were the only change.

Moved by Trustee Morison and supported by Trustee Reed that the schedule of facility rental changes for 2011-2012 be establishes as attached and presented.

AYES: Ling, Waldvogel, Reed, Morison, Ellison
NAYS: None

Motion was Declared Adopted

RESOLUTION: OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION ACCESS TO STUDENT, BOARD POLICIES: 8710-R, 8720-R, 9230-R, 9400-R

President Ling explained a change to board policy requires a 1st and 2nd reading prior to being approved. The Board or superintendent may approve a change to a Board rule without a vote. President Ling read the suggested amendments to Policies 8710-R, 8720-R, 9230-R, 9400-R. Discussion took place.

Moved by Trustee Reed and supported by Trustee Morison to direct the superintendent to make changes to the rules as presented.

AYES: Ling, Waldvogel, Reed, Morison, Ellison
NAYS: None

Motion was Declared Adopted

FIRST READING: SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS, BOARD POLICY 9230

Policy update recommendations are to strike out: *Volunteers are not teachers; they assist teachers and will only be assigned to those staff members who request them. The volunteers shall never replace the paid school staff, nor will their presence mean that fewer paid staff members will be needed.*

Dr. Scholten added that handouts he provided the Board will show that we should comply with the 1994 PA 112, Prohibited Subjects of Bargaining and Public Employment Relations Act of 1947.

FIRST READING: ACCESS OF OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS, BOARD POLICY 8720

Dr. Scholten stated the recommended revisions are to strike out: or *during the lunch period*, located in 8720-2, Student Social Event, second (2nd) paragraph. Discussion followed and Dr. Scholten fielded questions from the Board.

DISCUSSION: TECHNOLOGY BOND UPDATE

Dr. Scholten introduced Steve Neal, Technology Director for Public Schools of Petoskey. Mr. Neal gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed 4.6 million dollar Technology Bond to be considered for a May election.

Dr. Scholten remarked the Board will have to approve the Technology Bond proposal resolution by February in order to be considered at the May school election.

DISCUSSION: SINKING FUND BOND UPDATE

Dr. Scholten introduced Kent Cartwright, CFO. Mr. Cartwright gave an extensive PowerPoint presentation on the proposed 11 million dollar Sinking Fund renewal remaining at the existing levy rate for seven (7) years. This proposal, if approved by the Board, would also go to the voters in May. The Sinking Fund has been our main source of funding for maintenance/renovation of our buildings for the last 14 years, which leaves General Fund for more student teaching and learning. Proposed projects were presented.

EDUCATION REPORTS

Jim Kanine, Petoskey High School Principal, recognized Amy Keith as a National Merit Scholarship recipient for 2012.

Dan Taylor, Petoskey Middle School Principal, recognized the Middle School Robotics Club (3G, Geeks, Gears, & Gadgets) that will be going to competition in January and February under the leadership of Heather Marvin. He will have the 3G's come to a future meeting to show off their robot. Mr. Taylor invited all to visit the phenomenal newly renovated Middle School Auditorium.

Lynn Slanec, Teaching & Learning Director for Public Schools of Petoskey, thanked the Board for the 2nd grade teachers. They received the "Treasures" textbooks this week.

Connor Ingelson, High School Student Council Rep., reported they are working on the Ho, Ho, Ho, Hokey Holiday can food drive. Battle of the Fans is ongoing throughout the state. The top six high schools will compete for the high honor. Holiday Spirit Week is next week with a theme each day.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

Trustee Ellison was impressed with the “Poetry Out Loud” readings at the high school today. It was a wonderful small select group of young artists.

President Ling recognized the Petoskey High School Debate Team for hosting the State Debate Championship Finals here in Petoskey on January 6 & 7, 2012.

President Ling showcased student talent:

- Elementary Concerts
- Middle and High School Band Concerts
- Madrigal, Jazz Band and Steel Drum Band for entertaining surrounding communities
- We do a great job educating our students about the importance of giving back.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Scholten remarked:

- That he sees and hears community pride for the Public Schools of Petoskey everywhere. We all should be proud.
- We have added a Legislative Web Link on our Home Page Website located under, “How to contact your Legislators.”
- The State has lifted the cap on Charter Schools. Although it isn’t as bad as first thought, we need to keep an eye on it.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

AYES: Ling, Waldvogel, Reed, Morison, Ellison

NAYS: None

Motion was Declared Adopted

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Mary B. Ling, President

Karen A. Morison, Secretary

Diana Konkus & Lyn Boyd, Recording Secretaries