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

Thursday, October 17, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Keith Szajnecki, Mary Ling, Mark Ashley, Jessica Shaw-Nolff, Kathy Reed
Members Absent: None

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Szajnecki led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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:

Regular Meeting Minutes, September 19, 2019
Special Meeting Minutes, September 27, 2019

AYES: Szajnecki, Ling, Ashley, Shaw-Nolff, Reed
NAYS: None

Motion was Declared Adopted

[APPROVAL OF WARRANTS](#)

Motion by Trustee Reed and supported by Trustee Ashley that the warrants paid, as submitted by the administration, be approved in the amount of \$2,344,189.94.

AYES: Szajnecki, Ling, Ashley, Shaw-Nolff, Reed

NAYS: None

Motion was Declared Adopted

[BOARD RECOGNITION: PHS CHEETOS CLUB](#)

Mr. Parker introduced Mr. Bailey and the Cheetos Club. Mr. Bailey thanked the Board. He noted that there would have been 35 more students, but they are performing in a band competition this evening.

Mr. Bailey introduced the students in attendance.

- Nathaniel Wurster - spoke about the history of the club and how it came about.
- Trent Warren is one of the original students who started the program. He spoke about what the club did last year. Their focus was to honor Spencer Tibbits.
- Abigail Birchfield spoke about the grant that she and Trent wrote to Boyne's Beyond the Slopes Initiative. They won \$1,000.00 and donated it back to the club.
- Louise Timm is also one of the original students who started the program. She spoke about the future of the club.

Mr. Bailey noted that there has been a ripple effect. They have been receiving daily requests from schools wanting to know about the program and how to start a club.

Louise noted that the middle school has started the Kindness Crew with the help of the Cheetos Club. They would like to spread this to the elementary schools also.

Mrs. Kievit, Mr. Bailey and the students fielded questions from the Board.

[PRESENTATION: GROUNDWORKS](#)

Ric Evans, Groundworks, gave a presentation about solar energy.

[RESOLUTION: SET SPECIAL MEETING DATE](#)

Moved by Trustee Shaw-Nolff and supported by Trustee Reed to schedule a Special Meeting on November 4, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at the Spitler Administration Building to discuss Board of Education Goals, Update School Board Policy and Recycling.

AYES: Szajnecki, Ling, Ashley, Shaw-Nolff, Reed
NAYS: None

Motion was Declared Adopted

[REPORT: DISTRICT ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT](#)

Mr. Parker introduced Kari Kortz the district auditor from Rehmann. Ms. Kortz provided an overview and highlights from the district-wide financial audit. She and Mr. Cartwright fielded questions from the Board.

[EDUCATIONAL REPORTS](#)

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

Mr. Purcell presented for the middle school.

- 7th grade had a great time at Camp Daggett
- Next Friday is the Halloween Dance, Student Council will have a lock-in

Mrs. Szukala presented for the high school.

- Boys tennis team is going to the State Championship
- Girls golf team is going to the State Championship
- Girls cross country is #1 in the State and is ranked nationally
- The last football game is tomorrow, September 18, 2019
 - Senior night for the players, cheerleaders and band members
- The band received 1st place at their performance in Hastings
- The fall Choir Concert is October 22, 2019
- Tickets are on sale for the Fall Show, A Night at the Circus
- The annual ski swap is November 26, 2019 at Central Elementary
- The next Hot Topics event is in January. The theme is “It Takes a Village”.
- All freshmen will attend the MI Career Quest at NCMC on Friday, October 18, 2019. This is an area wide ISD event.

Mrs. Akins presented for the Teaching and Learning Department.

- The curriculum department has been busy!
- Professional Development tomorrow afternoon for secondary staff.
 - Try to balance the “art” and “science” of teaching

- Professional Development focus will be the alignment of standards and how we assess those standards
 - Are these standards at the rigor that it needs to be for our students to be successful?
- Reviewing our special education programs so that our students receive the best least restrictive environment fit.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- We have an increase in student enrollment of ~~58~~ 25 students, the projected loss was ~~66~~ 33 students.
- Mr. Purcell has officially started, welcome.
- Mr. Parker presented a PowerPoint on Every Opportunity. He fielded questions from the Board.
- Mrs. Akins noted that this will also be the theme for the Teaching and Learning Committee.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

- We have a budget
- The governor vetoed a bunch of line items, most notably \$40 million of appropriations of the Talent Investment Fund, part of Governor Snyder's "Marshall Plan" program.
- Another \$35 million came from by denying the foundation allowance increase allocated for charter schools.
- Finally, another \$35 million were funding for programs provided by non-governmental companies and other entities and were used by very few schools.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ron Marshall, 810 Howard Street, Petoskey – noted that the electrical grid is moving to crisis point. The capacity and demand are getting closer together.

ADJOURNMENT

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

AYES: Szajnecki, Ling, Ashley, Shaw-Nolff, Reed
NAYS: None

Motion was Declared Adopted

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

Keith Szajnecki, President

Jessica Shaw-Nolff, Secretary

Lori Lewis, Recording Secretary