



Public Schools of Petoskey

Every Opportunity.

Regular School Board Meeting

Thursday, January 19, 2023, 7:00 PM

Spitler Administration Building, 1130 Howard Street, Petoskey, MI 49770

Mark Ashley: Present
Jenni Attie: Present
Beth Flynn: Present
Denise Petoskey: Present
Kathy Reed: Present

1. **Organizational Meeting**

2. Call to Order and Roll Call
Called to order at 7:00PM.

3. The Pledge of Allegiance
First Vice President Ashley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Resolution: Election of Officers
The Board discussed the different positions and how each position is typically filled.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Moved that Mark Ashley be elected to serve as President of the Petoskey Board of Education for 2023.

This motion, made by Kathy Reed and seconded by Denise Petoskey, Passed.

Mark Ashley: *Yea*

Jenni Attie: *Yea*

Beth Flynn: *Yea*

Denise Petoskey: *Yea*

Kathy Reed: *Yea*

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

ELECTION OF FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Moved that Kathy Reed be elected to serve as First Vice-President of the Petoskey Board of Education for 2023.

This motion, made by Denise Petoskey and seconded by Jenni Attie, Passed.

Mark Ashley: *Yea*

Jenni Attie: *Yea*

Beth Flynn: *Yea*

Denise Petoskey: *Yea*

Kathy Reed: *Yea*

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

ELECTION OF SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

Moved that Elizabeth Flynn be elected to serve as Second Vice-President of the Petoskey Board of Education for 2023.

This motion, made by Kathy Reed and seconded by Denise Petoskey, Passed.

Mark Ashley: *Yea*

Jenni Attie: *Yea*

Beth Flynn: *Yea*

Denise Petoskey: *Yea*

Kathy Reed: *Yea*

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

ELECTION OF SECRETARY

Moved that Jenni Attie be elected to serve as Secretary of the Petoskey Board of Education for 2023.

This motion, made by Kathy Reed and seconded by Beth Flynn, Passed.

Mark Ashley: *Yea*

Jenni Attie: *Yea*

Beth Flynn: *Yea*

Denise Petoskey: *Yea*

Kathy Reed: *Yea*

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

ELECTION OF TREASURER

Moved that Denise Petoskey be elected to serve as Treasurer of the Petoskey Board of Education for 2023.

This motion, made by Kathy Reed and seconded by Jenni Attie, Passed.

Mark Ashley: *Yea*

Jenni Attie: *Yea*

Beth Flynn: *Yea*

Denise Petoskey: *Yea*

Kathy Reed: *Yea*

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06PM.

Moved to adjourn the meeting. This motion, made by Kathy Reed and seconded by Denise Petoskey, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea

Jenni Attie: Yea

Beth Flynn: Yea

Denise Petoskey: Yea

Kathy Reed: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

6. **Regular Meeting**

7. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:06PM.

8. Presentation: High School Poetry Out Loud

Dr. Leslie gave a brief overview of the Poetry Out Loud program. Unfortunately, due to the weather, the presentation has been postponed.

9. Presentation: Elementary Therapy Dog Proposal

Dr. Leslie introduced Mrs. Frey, Mrs. Greene, Mrs. Frenz and Mr. Latz. The four gave a presentation to the Board. They are requesting the Board's support to move forward with a therapy dog program at the elementary level. The presenters fielded questions from the Board. Mrs. Frey will get contact information from Brighton Schools to the Superintendent's office. Dr. Leslie will reach out to Brighton Schools to answer a few more questions. Trustee Ashley questioned the long term functionality of having a therapy dog(s) in the buildings. The hope is to have Henry visit the school in the spring, get a routine in place, and have him full time in September.

10. Audience Participation

There was no audience participation.

11. Resolution: Approval of Minutes

- Regular Meeting Minutes, December 15, 2022

- Special Meeting Minutes, December 22, 2022
- Special Meeting Minutes, January 5, 2023

Dr. Leslie recommended the Board's approval.

Moved that the written minutes be approved as recorded. This motion, made by Kathy Reed and seconded by Denise Petoskey, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea

Jenni Attie: Yea

Beth Flynn: Yea

Denise Petoskey: Yea

Kathy Reed: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

12. Resolution: Approval of Warrants

Dr. Leslie recommended the Board's approval.

Moved that the warrants paid, as submitted by the administration, be approved in the amount of \$4,251,977.55. This motion, made by Denise Petoskey and seconded by Kathy Reed, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea

Jenni Attie: Yea

Beth Flynn: Yea

Denise Petoskey: Yea

Kathy Reed: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

13. Resolution: Employment Recommendation

- Bill Melching, Director of Finance
- Paul Van Wagoner, High School Physics Teacher, for the remainder of the 22/23 school year

Dr. Leslie recommended the Board's approval to hire Paul Van Wagoner as a high school physics teacher for the remainder of the 22/23 school year and Bill Melching for the Director of Finance position.

Moved that Paul Van Wagoner be appointed to the position of high school physics teacher for the remainder of the 22/23 school year and Bill Melching be appointed to the position of Director of Finance for the Public Schools of Petoskey. This motion, made by Kathy Reed and seconded by Denise Petoskey, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea

Jenni Attie: Yea

Beth Flynn: Yea
Denise Petoskey: Yea
Kathy Reed: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

14. Resolution: Set last day for 12th Grade Students

Dr. Leslie recommended the Board's approval to have the last day of school for 12th grade students on Friday, May 26, 2023. In order to participate in the commencement exercise, students will be required to attend graduation rehearsal on June 2, 2023. High school graduation will take place on Sunday, June 4, 2023, at 7:00PM.

Moved to accept the recommendation to set the last day of school for 12th grade students as Friday, May 26, 2023. This motion, made by Denise Petoskey and seconded by Beth Flynn, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea
Jenni Attie: Yea
Beth Flynn: Yea
Denise Petoskey: Yea
Kathy Reed: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

15. Resolution: Approval - High School Course Catalog Recommendations

Dr. Leslie gave an overview of each course. Mrs. Smith, Director of Teaching and Learning, gave an overview of the Student Leadership course. They fielded questions from the Board and recommended their approval.

Moved to approve the listed course recommendations and course name changes for the high school course catalog to begin in the 2023/2024 school year. Forensic Chemistry (new); Environmental Science (new/replacing Agri Science); Student Leadership (used to have it, bringing it back with new format); AP Pre-Calculus (name change and offering AP credit); Intro to Strength and Conditioning (new/replacing Life Fitness). This motion, made by Jenni Attie and seconded by Kathy Reed, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea
Jenni Attie: Yea
Beth Flynn: Yea
Denise Petoskey: Yea
Kathy Reed: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

16. Resolution: Designation of Regular Meeting Time

Dr. Leslie recommended the Board's approval.

Moved that the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education for the Public Schools of Petoskey be held on the third Thursday of each month (commencing in March) in the Board Meeting Room of the Spittler Administration Building at 7:00PM for the calendar year 2023. The Regular February Board of Education meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2023. This motion, made by Denise Petoskey and seconded by Jenni Attie, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea

Jenni Attie: Yea

Beth Flynn: Yea

Denise Petoskey: Yea

Kathy Reed: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

17. Resolution: Investment of Funds, Delegation of Authority

Dr. Leslie recommended the Board's approval.

Moved to delegate the investment of District Funds to the Superintendent, in accordance with Board Policy 3204 and Revised School Code Section 1223. This motion, made by Denise Petoskey and seconded by Kathy Reed, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea

Jenni Attie: Yea

Beth Flynn: Yea

Denise Petoskey: Yea

Kathy Reed: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

18. Resolution: Bank Authorization

Dr. Leslie recommended the Board's approval.

Moved that Dr. Jeff Leslie, Superintendent, Denise Petoskey, Board Treasurer, and Elizabeth Flynn, 2nd Vice President be authorized to perform the banking and check signing duties of the Public Schools of Petoskey for the 2022-23 fiscal year, effective immediately. This motion, made by Kathy Reed and seconded by Jenni Attie, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea

Jenni Attie: Yea

Beth Flynn: Yea

Denise Petoskey: Yea

Kathy Reed: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

19. Resolution: Approval of Revised Board Policy #2502 Board Meeting Agenda
Dr. Leslie reviewed the revisions and recommended the Board's approval.
Moved to approve revisions to Policy #2502 Board Meeting Agenda, as presented. This motion, made by Denise Petoskey and seconded by Jenni Attie, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea
Jenni Attie: Yea
Beth Flynn: Yea
Denise Petoskey: Yea
Kathy Reed: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

20. Recognition: Trustees, Board of Education
Governor Gretchen Whitmer and the State Board of Education have recognized January as School Board Recognition Month, and the Public Schools of Petoskey is joining other local and intermediate school districts across the state to thank these community volunteers for their untiring dedication to public education.

The foundation of school leadership is ensuring equal learning opportunities for all students.

- You provide the vision and leadership to make this happen in the Public Schools of Petoskey.
- You develop policies and make tough decisions on complex educational and social issues, which impact our entire community.
- You bear the responsibility for an annual budget of approximately \$28,000,000; almost 3,000 students; and over 300 employees.
- You donate hundreds of hours of time each year so that our children enjoy many, many opportunities to learn and grow.
- You help preserve the core of our democratic land - public education.

We offer our most sincere appreciation for all you do!

21. Educational Reports

Elementary Update - Mr. Latz spoke on behalf of the elementary principals:

- Welcome to the Board, Trustee Attie and Trustee Flynn
 - We are all excited to get to work with you
- School Board
 - Thank you for your commitment to our schools and students

- Your time, energy, support and selflessness are appreciated
- This doesn't go unnoticed
- PBIS... all of the elementary schools are reteaching expectations, keeping the Full Value Agreement at the center of it all
- Winter Assessments have started
 - We are all seeing great growth so far
- The elementary schools will visit the Winter Sports Park in February
- 4th grade Kids Biking Initiative (KBI)
 - Thank you to Cindy Okerlund for organizing this event
 - Volunteer teams are back in the schools to begin preparing students for Spring 2023 trips
- Great Lakes Center for the Arts
 - Kindergarten and 1st grade students watched a life-size puppet show this week
 - A lot of smiles and laughs were reported by the teachers.
- Student Councils have been active
 - Volunteering to pack food at Manna
 - Penny Wars will be starting
 - Proceeds will go to support a Child Life Specialists program at Devos
 - Proceeds will be donated in memory of Jack Wallin
- Winter Carnivals
 - Ottawa - February 3, 2023
 - Central - February 24, 2023
 - Sheridan - Date coming soon
 - Lincoln - April 14, 2023
- A final note... It is simply amazing to see the amount of support and help we get from this community in the way of volunteers
 - Volunteers come into the library
 - Volunteers to help with recess/lunches
 - Volunteers to read to kids
 - Volunteers to help kids who are in need of a translator.
 - It takes a village and this is taking place because of so many in this community
 - We are so thankful for our volunteers

Middle School Updates – Mr. Wilcox gave an update for the middle school

- Hot Topics presentation
 - It went well

- Good turn out
- The next meeting is March 1, 2023
- Started the PBIS program
 - All staff members receive five tickets every Monday
 - Staff hand tickets out to students
 - The students have to say why they received the ticket
 - Ticket drawing on Friday
- Anthony Ianni, MSU basketball player, spoke to students about antibullying
- Winter sports are up and running
- New clubs are getting started
- Counselors have started working on high school four-year plans with 8th graders and their parents
- The annual Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program will take place on Monday and Tuesday for 7th graders
- Thank you to the Board for all you do
- Welcome to Beth and Jenni
- Appreciate the consistent, positive, professional leadership you provide the district

High School Updates – Mrs. Gamble gave an update for the high school

- Eighteen new cohorts entered into the Early College Program
- Second semester starts Monday
- New courses will be introduced to the students next week
- High School scheduling meetings coming up in two weeks
- FAFSA
 - Tied for fourth in the state for most FAFSA's completed
 - FAFSA flock
 - Students receive a flamingo on their locker after they have completed the FAFSA
- 650 students were involved in De"stem"ber games and activities
- Band concert - February 8, 2023
- Steel Drum leaves for Mardi Gras on February 16, 2023
- US History department is traveling to the library's holocaust exhibit on February 8, 2023
- Thank you to the Board

Teaching and Learning:

- Enrichment activities
 - Working with drones at the middle school
 - Designing an elementary enrichment website

- NWEA winter testing for K-3 has started
- Professional Development February 17, 2023
 - Full day
 - Vertical collaboration with transition grades
 - Handwriting Without Tears training for K-2
- The staff are happy to collaborate again

22. Board of Education Reports

Trustee Reed

- Spoke about what the Board / District needed to do to get back on track after reviewing the climate survey
- The District Teaching and Learning meetings cover many items and run smoothly
- Thank you to everyone who helps with this group

Trustee Flynn and Trustee Attie

- Have been visiting the school buildings
- Attended a CharEm new Board member orientation training
- Participating in MASB webinars

Trustee Petoskey

- Sat in on the interviews for Director of Finance
- Attended the District Teaching and Learning meeting

Trustee Ashley

- PEF mini-grants opened
- Pizza Pizzazz
 - February 27, 2023
- Two new members joined the Petoskey Education Foundation
- Toured Central, Ottawa and Lincoln Schools
 - Great to see the students
- Spoke with staff - great things to say, positive comments
- Hoping for Try-It Tuesday to start next month

23. Superintendent's Report

- Received a grant for the School Resource Officer
 - Received \$104,250
 - Can be used for salary, benefits and training
- Accident on Howard Street on Tuesday morning
 - No injuries
 - Spoke to Lt. Karr, Interim Director for the Department of Public Safety
 - One person is interested in being a volunteer crossing guard
 - Hoping that something positive can come out of this

- Thank you to Pam Zazula for helping as our interim Director of Finance
- Special Meeting for Superintendent Evaluation Instrument Training - January 31, 2023, 5:30PM
- Special meeting, Closed Session, to discuss safety and security - February 6, 2023, 5:30PM
- Welcome Trustee Attie and Trustee Flynn to the School Board

24. Audience Participation

Melanie Meengs, Petoskey

- Thank you to Becky Smith for meeting
- She answered many questions and gave positive feedback
- Encourages staff that are a part of the District Teaching and Learning Committee to continue challenging those students that are interested in STEM classes
- Mrs. Smith is a great resource
- Thank you to the Board for supporting the staff and community with their concerns
- There will be opportunities to reach more students with enrichment activities
- Disappointed that diversity was not discussed within the community
 - Did not hear any of the administrators mention activities about diversity
 - Bullying / Martin Luther King Day – How can we champion these topics?

Sommer Poquette, Petoskey

- Thank you to the Board for supporting the CTE curriculum
- Have been attending the Culinary Arts lunch program on Fridays
- Would love to see it grow

Val Martins, Petoskey

- Thank you to Kristin, Clare, and Lincoln staff for bringing the Therapy Dog program to the Board
- CharEm School Psychologist and has been in our elementary buildings for 26 years
- Having Henry as part of our team would be amazing
- Appreciate the Board's consideration of the pilot program
- The CharEm team is on board and willing to be trained
- Thank you to the Board

Jodi Adams, Petoskey

- Thrilled with the idea of the Therapy Dog Program
- It would be an awesome problem to have to deal with eight dogs in the future

25. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:58PM.

Moved to adjourn the meeting. This motion, made by Jenni Attie and seconded by Denise Petoskey, Passed.

Mark Ashley: Yea

Jenni Attie: Yea

Beth Flynn: Yea

Denise Petoskey: Yea

Kathy Reed: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0