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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 19, 2020
7:00 p.m.

ZOOM Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/609410482>

Meeting ID: 609 410 482

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

OPENING STATEMENT

Yesterday, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed Executive Order 2020-15 to order a temporary change to the Open Meetings Act to allow public bodies to conduct their meetings electronically, while also facilitating public participation, until April 15, 2020 at 11:59PM.

Under Executive Order 2020-15, public bodies that are subject to the Open Meetings Act, including boards, commissions, committees, subcommittees, authorities, councils, and nonprofit boards, can use telephone- or video-conferencing methods to continue meeting and conducting business during the coronavirus (COVID-19) public health crisis, so long as they follow certain procedures to ensure meaningful access and participation by members of the public body and the general public.

In order to maintain the level of transparency that Governor Whitmer has sought under previous executive actions taken during her first month in office, public bodies must meet the following criteria when holding a public meeting electronically:

- Ensure two-way communication for members and the public to hear and address each other.
- Provide adequate notice to the public of the meeting.
- Post a public meeting notice on their website.
- Permit participants to record or broadcast the public meeting.
- Allow participants to address the public body during a public comment period.

The order also temporarily authorizes public bodies, departments, and agencies to use technology to enable remote participation in public comment and hearings, and temporarily excuses school boards from monthly meeting requirements.

CALL TO ORDER

President Szajnecki called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Szajnecki led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Amy Schantz, 5915 Pickerel Lake Road, Petoskey: Expressed concerns over the special education classroom changes for the 2020/2021 school year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting Minutes, February 20, 2020

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Szajnecki	– Aye
Trustee Ling	– Aye
Trustee Ashley	– Aye
Trustee Shaw-Nolff	– Aye
Trustee Reed	– Aye

Motion was Declared Adopted

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Motion by Trustee Shaw-Nolff and supported by Trustee Reed that the warrants paid, as submitted by the administration, be approved in the amount of \$ 2, 529,828.23.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Szajnecki	– Aye
Trustee Ling	– Aye
Trustee Ashley	– Aye
Trustee Shaw-Nolff	– Aye
Trustee Reed	– Aye

Motion was Declared Adopted

[RESOLUTION: EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION](#)

Mr. Parker introduced Brandon Wheeler and recommended the Board's approval.

Motion by Trustee Ashley and supported by Trustee Reed that Brandon Wheeler be appointed to Director of Finance in the Public Schools of Petoskey.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Szajnecki	– Aye
Trustee Ling	– Aye
Trustee Ashley	– Aye
Trustee Shaw-Nolff	– Aye
Trustee Reed	– Aye

Motion was Declared Adopted

[RESOLUTION: AWARD OVERHEAD DATA PROJECTOR BID](#)

Motion by Trustee Ashley and supported by Trustee Shaw-Nolff to accept the bid from CDW, Inc. of \$52,350 for the purchase of 75 overhead data projectors.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Szajnecki	– Aye
Trustee Ling	– Aye
Trustee Ashley	– Aye
Trustee Shaw-Nolff	– Aye
Trustee Reed	– Aye

Motion was Declared Adopted

[RESOLUTION: AWARD SERVER PROJECT BID](#)

Motion by Trustee Shaw-Nolff and supported by Trustee Ling to accept the bid from MNJ Technologies of \$567,825.50 for the purchase of server farm equipment, licensing, and services.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Szajnecki	– Aye
Trustee Ling	– Aye
Trustee Ashley	– Aye
Trustee Shaw-Nolff	– Aye
Trustee Reed	– Aye

Motion was Declared Adopted

[RESOLUTION: AWARD CONSTRUCTION BID](#)

Motion by Trustee Reed and supported by Trustee Ashley to accept the following bids from Gordon Construction Services for \$857,500.00 and Bri-Car Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc. for \$478,071.00.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Szajnecki	– Aye
Trustee Ling	– Aye
Trustee Ashley	– Aye
Trustee Shaw-Nolff	– Aye
Trustee Reed	– Aye

Motion was Declared Adopted

[RESOLUTION: FOSTER HOUSE RECOMMENDATION](#)

Motion by Trustee Ashley and supported by Trustee Shaw-Nolff that the Superintendent move forward with selling the Foster house, a .92 acre lot with house, located at 1457 Atkins Road.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Szajnecki	– Aye
Trustee Ling	– Aye
Trustee Ashley	– Aye
Trustee Shaw-Nolff	– Aye
Trustee Reed	– Aye

Motion was Declared Adopted

RESOLUTION: EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMMING

At this time, due to the COVID-19 mandatory school closure, the early childhood preschool programming will be put on hold. Discussions will continue.

Mr. Parker and Mrs. Akins fielded questions from the Board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Thanks
 - A. Howard, Ben, Sierra
 - B. Karla, Lauren
 - C. The team at Central Office
 - D. Beth Kavanaugh
 - E. Johnson's Buses
 - F. Our staff
 - G. Our Community
2. We are in a mandatory closure of schools in accordance with Governor Whitmer's Executive Order to help slow the spread of COVID-19. We will remain closed through April 6, 2020 and plan to resume classes on April 7, 2020. We are communicating updates to staff via our internal Outlook email system. They have been directed to check email daily during this closure. We are communicating to parents, guardians, and community members regarding COVID-19 via our District's website at www.petoskeyschools.org. That same information is also being shared via Twitter in an effort to reach the most people possible. Additionally, I will be interviewing on 9&10 and Lite 96 tomorrow morning to help share what we are doing related to school lunches and preparations over the closure, with the hope of ensuring as many families as possible can take advantage of the feeding program.
3. While we expect to be back to school on April 7, 2020, planning is also underway for the possibility that the closure extends past that date. We are gathering information from our Local ISD partners, MASA, MASSP, MDE, the Legislature, Office of Special Education Programs, and the Governor's office, as well as many National sources of information. A focus for us is to ensure equitable access to educational opportunity for all students if we are placed in an extended closure situation. This includes, among other variables:
 - a. Students who have and do not have access to internet and internet capable devices
 - b. Students who are in elementary, middle, and high school
 - c. Students who receive accommodations and supports through 504 and special education
4. At present, our teaching staff has shared some online links or reading possibilities for students over the closure, but there are NO expectations for assignment completion, quizzes, or tests. This closure equates to around 9 days, similar to what we missed last year due to snow days. Our teachers are highly skilled and we are confident that they have the experience and skill to overcome these lost days and get students where they need to be by the end of the year if we are not closed any additional days.

5. The legislature passed an emergency supplemental appropriations bill late Tuesday night. They did not pass a school aid supplemental and they did not address providing relief to school districts regarding hours / days requirements due to this mandated shut down. We will continue to encourage this flexibility from our legislators in the coming days and weeks, as well as needed flexibility in other areas of the school code during this unusual time.
6. The legislature is scheduled to be on break for the next four weeks with one “emergency” day scheduled for each week. After that they plan to meet three days per week until the FY 21 budget is complete.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Trustee Ling and supported by Trustee Shaw-Nolff to adjourn.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Szajnecki	– Aye
Trustee Ling	– Aye
Trustee Ashley	– Aye
Trustee Shaw-Nolff	– Aye
Trustee Reed	– Aye

Motion was Declared Adopted

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

Keith Szajnecki, President

Jessica Shaw-Nolff, Secretary

Lori Lewis, Recording Secretary