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NORTHMEN FOREVER

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF PETOSKEY

Regular School Board Meeting

Thursday, December 19, 2024, 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. Call to Order and Roll Call
Called to order at 7:00PM.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance
President Ashley led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Presentation: History of the Northmen Logo
Denise Petoskey provided a presentation on the history of the Public Schools of Petoskey Northmen Logo.
4. Presentation: ALICE Training Update
Rob Harris, High School Assistant Principal, Ben Carlson, School Resource Officer, and Kathy Drenth, Safety Consultant, provided a presentation on ALICE training.
5. Audience Participation
Alex Breithaupt, Petoskey
 - Poor experiences at Petoskey High SchoolJamie Breithaupt, Petoskey
 - Bullying at Petoskey High School
 - Lack of administrative support for daughter

6. Resolution: Approval - Minutes

Dr. Leslie recommended the Board's approval of the minutes below.

Regular Meeting Minutes, November 21, 2024

Special Meeting Minutes, December 16, 2024 (walked in)

Closed Session Meeting Minutes, December 16, 2024 (walked in)

Closed Session Meeting Minutes, December 16, 2024 (walked in)

Moved that the written minutes be approved as recorded. 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

7. Resolution: Approval - Warrants

Dr. Leslie recommended the Board's approval.

Moved that the warrants paid, as submitted by the administration, be approved in the amount of \$4,737,367.30. 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

8. Discussion: High School Financial Literacy Course

Deidra Gamble, high school principal, explained that the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has mandated a personal finance requirement for graduation beginning with pupils entering grade 8 in 2023. She explained the final recommendation for a course implementation proposal. She fielded questions from the Board. Dr. Leslie recommended the Board's approval. Moved that the high school Financial Literacy course be implemented as presented. This motion, made by Beth Flynn 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

9. Educational Reports

Elementary Updates provided by Jodi Schreiber on the below topics:

- Elementary 2nd and 3rd grade concerts
- Studer survey
- Madrigal school tours
- Thank you to the volunteers, the donors and the support from our community
- PBIS update
- Big Brothers & Big Sisters
- Shop with a Hero
- Nubs Nob field trip for 3-4-5 graders

Middle School Updates provided by Jon Wilcox on the below topics:

- Fall Show
- G3 Robotics
- Athletics update
- Youth in Government conference
- Hoops for the Holidays
- Trying out AI in the classroom

High School Updates provided by Deidra Gamble on the below topics:

- Lessons on AI in the job market
- Engagement strategies
- Performances
- Robotics
- Quiz Bowl
- Upcoming events
- Poetry Out Loud

Teaching and Learning Updates provided by Becky Smith on the below topics:

- Grant received for training Ace, the middle school therapy dog
- Thank you to the staff for all they are doing

Special Education Updates provided by Jodi Beatty on the below topics:

- Special Education Programming Committee
- Annual conference

10. Board of Education Reports

Trustee Flynn:

- Basketball season
- Central elementary holiday shop

Trustee Attie:

- Special Education Programming Committee
- Reading at Ottawa
- Robotics video
- Girls basketball game

Trustee Petoskey:

- LTBB
- Solstice party
- Growing collaboration between tribe and school
- Josten's meeting

Trustee Reed:

- DTLC
- Special Education Programming Committee

Trustee Ashley:

- Imagery committee
- Try It Tuesday

11. Financial Report

Dr. Leslie reviewed the financial report.

12. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Leslie provided an update on the below topics:

- Ron Griffin retirement
- Attended many activities and sporting events
- Year in Review
 - 150 years of PSP
 - PEA 3-year contract
 - Aides are now PSP employees
 - Aides are a part of the PESPA union
 - Custodial staff are now PSP employees
 - New devices

- Promethean Boards
- Designs and Bids are being vetted
- New playground designs for all four elementary schools
- Solar panels installed
- Replaced the turf at the stadium
- New parking lots and sidewalks
- Robotics events
- State Principal of the Year award
- US News and World Report award winners
- Athletics
- Student commencement speeches

13. Audience Participation

Erin Habecker, Petoskey

- Schools of Choice dilemma

Jodi Adams, Petoskey

- The Financial Literacy program is a good addition

Matt McSweeney, Petoskey

- Thank you for hiring a third administrator at the high school
- Polaris program update

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:39PM.

Moved to adjourn the meeting. This motion, made by Jenni Attie 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