

**MUNISING PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
January 18, 2021**

A **regular** meeting, held electronically due to MDHHS Order, of the Munising Public Schools' Board of Education was called to order at 6:10 p.m. on the above date by Pete Kelto, Superintendent MPS.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** James Petersen, Paula Ackerman, Alma Oatley, Jason Brisson, Lara Bender, John Carr, Greg Pond

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:** Peter Kelto, Superintendent/6-12 Principal  
DeeJay Paquette, Elementary Principal/Athletic Director  
Elizabeth "Libby" Blank, Business Manager

**VISITORS PRESENT:** Known via electronic meeting: Brice Burge, Jenna Matson, Heather Nayback, Nicole Lasak, Dave Kronk, Austin Struble, Kristin Fondriest, Norma Dick, Jolene Hetherington, Mandy Cole

**ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD:**

**ELECTION OF PRESIDENT:** A motion was made by Jason Brisson and supported by John Carr to elect Paula Ackerman as President. Motion carried – 6 ayes/0 nays/1 abstain. Mr. Petersen – aye; Ms. Ackerman – abstain; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Brisson – aye; Ms. Bender – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

**ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT:** A motion was made by Paula Ackerman and supported by John Carr to elect Jason Brisson as Vice President. Motion carried -- 6 ayes/0 nays/1 abstain. Mr. Petersen – aye; Ms. Ackerman – aye; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Brisson – abstain; Ms. Bender – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

**ELECTION OF SECRETARY:** A motion was made by Alma Oatley and supported by Paula Ackerman to elect John Carr as Secretary. Motion carried -- 6 ayes/0 nays/1 abstain. Mr. Petersen – aye; Ms. Ackerman – aye; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Brisson – aye; Ms. Bender – aye; Mr. Carr – abstain; Mr. Pond – aye.

**ELECTION OF TREASURER:** A motion was made by Alma Oatley and supported by John Carr to elect Lara Bender as Treasurer. Motion Carried -- 6 ayes/0 nays/1 abstain. Mr. Petersen – aye; Ms. Ackerman – aye; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Brisson – aye; Ms. Bender – abstain; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

**ESTABLISH REGULAR MEETING DAYS AND TIMES:** A motion was made by Alma Oatley and supported by James Petersen that we move the regular meeting day to the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried – 7 ayes/0 nays. Mr. Petersen – aye; Ms. Ackerman – aye; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Brisson – aye; Ms. Bender – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

**CONSIDER BOARD PER DIEM FOR MEETINGS:** A motion was made by John Carr and supported by Alma Oatley that the Board be paid a \$25 meeting per diem. Motion failed – 2 ayes/5 nays. Mr. Petersen – nay; Ms. Ackerman – nay; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Brisson – nay; Ms. Bender – nay; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – nay.

**RECOGNITION OF PERSONS PRESENT and THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OR PRESENT AN ITEM OF BUSINESS FOR A FUTURE MEETING:** Public comments/audience participation.  
No action taken.

**APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES:** A motion was made by James Petersen and supported by John Carr that the meeting minutes of the December 21, 2020 meeting be approved. Motion carried – 7 ayes/0 nays. Mr. Petersen – aye; Ms. Ackerman – aye; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Brisson – aye; Ms. Bender – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

**APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT:** The treasurer's report was read showing account balances as of December 31, 2020 to be as follows:

GENERAL FUND	<u>\$945,166.91</u>
DEBT RETIREMENT	<u>\$266,251.96</u>
QZAB DEBT RETIREMENT	<u>\$ 1,991.21</u>
CAPITAL PROJECTS	<u>\$110,292.20</u>
STUDENT/SCHOOL ACTIVITY	<u>\$108,027.45</u>

A motion was made by Jason Brisson and supported by John Carr that the treasurer's report be approved as read. Motion carried – 7 ayes/0 nays. Mr. Petersen – aye; Ms. Ackerman – aye; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Brisson – aye; Ms. Bender – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

**EXPENDITURES AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL:** A motion was made by Paula Ackerman and supported by Alma Oatley that the bills recommended for payment be approved for payment providing funds are available. Motion carried – 7 ayes/0 nays. Mr. Petersen – aye; Ms. Ackerman – aye; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Brisson – aye; Ms. Bender – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

<b>TOTAL BILLS</b>	<b><u>\$817,644.63</u></b>
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**CONSIDER RECONFIRMING EXTENDED COVID-19 LEARNING PLAN:** Opened for public comment, no comment given. A motion was made by James Petersen and supported by Jason Brisson that we reconfirm the extended COVID-19 Learning Plan. Motion carried – 7 ayes/0 nays. Mr. Petersen – aye; Ms. Ackerman – aye; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Brisson – aye; Ms. Bender – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

**CONSIDER EXTENDING FFCRA LEAVE:** A motion was made by Paula Ackerman and supported by John Carr that we extend the FFCRA leave for all employees through March 31, 2021. Motion Carried. 7 ayes/0 nays. Mr. Petersen – aye; Ms. Ackerman – aye; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Brisson – aye; Ms. Bender – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

**CONSIDER MODIFICATION OF PURCHASE AGREEMENT:** A motion was made by John Carr and supported by Paula Ackerman that we approve the modified purchase agreement (first right of refusal for 50 years which will automatically extend for successive 10 year periods). Motion carried. 7 ayes/0 nays. Mr. Petersen – aye; Ms. Ackerman – aye; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Brisson – aye; Ms. Bender – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

**CONSIDER CHART HOUSE ENERGY PROPOSAL:** A motion was made by Paula Ackerman and supported by Greg Pond that we pursue a legal review of the proposal and confirm that our roof warranty will not be voided if something is placed on the roof. Motion Carried. 7 ayes/0 nays. Mr. Petersen – aye; Ms. Ackerman – aye; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Brisson – aye; Ms. Bender – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF NEOLA POLICIES:** A motion was made by Alma Oatley and supported by James Petersen that we approve the NEOLA Policies presented. Motion Carried. 7 ayes/0 nays. Mr. Petersen – aye; Ms. Ackerman – aye; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Brisson – aye; Ms. Bender – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

**CONSIDER ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM:** A motion was made by Paula Ackerman and supported by John Carr that we add agenda item 3.8: Proposed IRS Closing Agreement on 3% Retiree Healthcare Contributions. Motion carried. 7 ayes/0 nays. Mr. Petersen – aye; Ms. Ackerman – aye; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Brisson – aye; Ms. Bender – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

**CONSIDER PROPOSED IRS CLOSING AGREEMENT ON 3% RETIREE HEALTHCARE CONTRIBUTIONS:** A motion was made by Jason Brisson and supported by John Carr that we accept the closing agreement on 3% Retiree Healthcare Contributions and that the Board be notified of the final decision. Motion Carried. 7 ayes/0 nays. Mr. Petersen – aye; Ms. Ackerman – aye; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Brisson – aye; Ms. Bender – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

**RECOGNITION OF PERSONS PRESENT and THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OR PRESENT AN ITEM OF BUSINESS FOR A FUTURE MEETING:** Public comments/audience participation.  
No action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Paula Ackerman and supported by John Carr to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. Motion carried – 7 ayes/0 nays. Mr. Petersen – aye; Ms. Ackerman – aye; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Brisson – aye; Ms. Bender – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

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Paula Ackerman, President

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Paula Ackerman, Acting Secretary