

**MUNISING PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
March 16, 2021**

A regular meeting, held in person and electronically due to MDHHS Order, of the Munising Public Schools' Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on the above date by Paula Ackerman, President.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jason Brisson, Alma Oatley, James Petersen, Paula Ackerman, 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:** Nicole Lasak, Kelly King, Mandy Cole, Kim Rolfe, Lisa Cromell, Jolene Hetherington

**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 John Carr and supported by James Petersen that the meeting minutes of the February 16, 2021 meeting be approved. Motion carried – 7 ayes/0 nays. Mr. Brisson—aye; Ms. Oatley—aye; Mr. Petersen—aye; Mrs. Ackerman—aye; Mrs. Bender—aye; Mr. Carr—aye; Mr. Pond—aye.

**ADDITION OF AGENDA ITEM:** A motion was made by Paula Ackerman and supported by James Petersen that we add agenda item 3.8, Consider Industrial Arts Teacher retirement. Motion carried – 7 ayes/0 nays. Mr. Brisson—aye; Ms. Oatley—aye; Mr. Petersen—aye; Mrs. Ackerman—aye; Mrs. Bender—aye; Mr. Carr—aye; Mr. Pond—aye.

**APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT:** The treasurer's report was read showing account balances as of February 28, 2021 to be as follows:

GENERAL FUND	\$1,188,088.85
DEBT RETIREMENT	\$ 374,182.76
QZAB DEBT RETIREMENT	\$ 1,991.53
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$ 110,300.38
STUDENT/SCHOOL ACTIVITY	\$ 109,648.79

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

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

<b>TOTAL BILLS</b>	<b><u>\$620,285.53</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 John Carr and supported by James Petersen that we reconfirm the extended COVID-19 Learning Plan. Motion carried – 7 ayes/0 nays. Mr. Brisson—aye; Ms. Oatley—aye; Mr. Petersen—aye; Mrs. Ackerman—aye; Mrs. Bender—aye; Mr. Carr—aye; Mr. Pond—aye.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2020-2021 DISTRICT BUDGET AMENDMENT:** A motion was made by James Petersen and supported by John Carr that we approve the 2020-2021 district budget amendment. Motion Carried. 7 ayes/0 nays. Mr. Brisson—aye; Ms. Oatley—aye; Mr. Petersen—aye; Mrs. Ackerman—aye; Mrs. Bender—aye; Mr. Carr—aye; Mr. Pond—aye.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2021-2022 DISTRICT BUDGET FORECAST:** A motion was made by Lara Bender and supported by Greg Pond that we approve the 2021-2022 district budget forecast. Motion carried. 7 ayes/0 nays. Mr. Brisson—aye; Ms. Oatley—aye; Mr. Petersen—aye; Mrs. Ackerman—aye; Mrs. Bender—aye; Mr. Carr—aye; Mr. Pond—aye.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CENTRAL ELEMENTARY PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION OF SUPERINTENDENT TO SIGN DOCUMENTS:** A motion was made by John Carr and supported by James Petersen that we approve the Central Elementary School Purchase Agreement (and attachments) as presented and authorize the Superintendent to take any action on behalf of the Board to complete the sale of that property, including signing the purchase agreement (and its attachments), subject to review and approval by the Board's legal counsel. Motion Carried. 7 ayes/0 nays. Mr. Brisson—aye; Ms. Oatley—aye; Mr. Petersen—aye; Mrs. Ackerman—aye; Mrs. Bender—aye; Mr. Carr—aye; Mr. Pond—aye.

**CONSIDER RESIGNATION OF PARAPROFESSIONAL:** A motion was made by James Petersen and supported by Alma Oatley that we accept the resignation of paraprofessional Hailey Petosky with regret. Motion Carried. 7 ayes/0 nays. Mr. Brisson—aye; Ms. Oatley—aye; Mr. Petersen—aye; Mrs. Ackerman—aye; Mrs. Bender—aye; Mr. Carr—aye; Mr. Pond—aye.

**CONSIDER HIRING PARAPROFESSIONAL:** A motion was made by Lara Bender and supported by Alma Oatley that we hire Kennedy DeFrancesco as a paraprofessional. Motion carried. 7 ayes/0 nays. Mr. Brisson—aye; Ms. Oatley—aye; Mr. Petersen—aye; Mrs. Ackerman—aye; Mrs. Bender—aye; Mr. Carr—aye; Mr. Pond—aye.

**CONSIDER AMENDING ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACTS:** A motion was made by John Carr and supported by James Petersen that we clarify/amend the Administrative Contracts to reflect that the longevity pay was removed and to include a payout of unused vacation upon retirement at a daily rate. Motion Carried. 6 ayes/1 nays. Mr. Brisson—aye; Ms. Oatley—aye; Mr. Petersen—aye; Mrs. Ackerman—aye; Mrs. Bender—aye; Mr. Carr—aye; Mr. Pond—aye.

**CONSIDER INDUSTRIAL ARTS TEACHER RETIREMENT:** A motion was made by James Petersen and supported by Alma Oatley to accept the Industrial Arts Teacher, Tom Stephens, retirement with regret. Motion Carried. 7 ayes/0 nays. Mr. Brisson—aye; Ms. Oatley—aye; Mr. Petersen—aye; Mrs. Ackerman—aye; Mrs. Bender—aye; Mr. Carr—aye; Mr. Pond—aye.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** One communication was received by Bruce Peterson regarding solar power.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** The Athletic Committee met once and Mr. Paquette updated the board on upcoming events. The Administrative/Finance/Personnel Committee met once to review and discuss administrator contracts. Lara Bender, board liaison to the Library Board, attended the last library board meeting and updated the board.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:** Mr. Kelto updated the board on the students inducted into the National Honor Society. Mr. Paquette updated the board on the registration process coming in April at the Elementary School.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Alma Oatley and supported by Greg Pond to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried – 7 ayes/0 nays. Mr. Brisson—aye; Ms. Oatley—aye; Mr. Petersen—aye; Mrs. Ackerman—aye; Mrs. Bender—aye; Mr. Carr—aye; Mr. Pond—aye.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

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Paula Ackerman, President

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John Carr, Secretary