

**MUNISING PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
April 20, 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:** Jolene Hetherington, Bruce Peterson, Nicole Lasak

**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 Alma Oatley that the meeting minutes of the March 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.

**APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT:** The treasurer's report was read showing account balances as of March 30, 2021 to be as follows:

GENERAL FUND	<u>\$1,302,641.87</u>
DEBT RETIREMENT	<u>\$ 402,854.43</u>
QZAB DEBT RETIREMENT	<u>\$ 1,991.70</u>
CAPITAL PROJECTS	<u>\$ 103,244.46</u>
STUDENT/SCHOOL ACTIVITY	<u>\$ 110,079.95</u>

A motion was made by Alma Oatley and supported by John Carr 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.

**TOTAL BILLS** **\$590,812.98**

**CONSIDER RECONFIRMING EXTENDED COVID-19 LEARNING PLAN:** Opened for public comment, no comment given. A motion was made by James Petersen and supported by Alma Oatley 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.

**EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AND SENIOR SCHOLAR RECOGNITION:** The Board was given an update on those receiving Excellence in Education and Senior Scholar recognition.

**CONSIDER ACCEPTING RETIREMENT OF ELEMENTARY TEACHER:** A motion was made by Jason Brisson and supported by James Petersen that accept the retirement of elementary teacher Ann Morrison 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 ACCEPTING RETIREMENT OF ELEMENTARY TEACHER:** A motion was made by James Petersen and supported by John Carr that we accept the retirement of elementary teacher Heidi Paquette 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 ACCEPTING RETIREMENT OF ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL/ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:** A motion was made by John Carr and supported by Greg Pond that we accept the retirement of Elementary Principal/Athletic Director Dee Jay Paquette 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 GIRLS SOFTBALL COACH:** A motion was made by Alma Oatley and supported by Greg Pond that we hire Bonnie Syers as Girls Softball Coach. 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 MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK COACH:** A motion was made by James Petersen and supported by Jason Brisson that we hire Anne Peramaki as MS Track Coach. 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—nay.

**CONSIDER HIRING PARAPROFESSIONAL AIDE:** A motion was made by Jason Brisson and supported by John Carr that we hire Megan Matson as a paraprofessional aide. 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 ASSIGNING SCHOOL EMAILS TO BOARD MEMBERS:** A motion was made by Lara Bender and supported by James Petersen that Board members be assigned an e-mail account through the District. 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.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING CONTINUATION OF MASK BREAKS/WALKS FOR 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR.** Discussion was held.

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**CONSIDER ADMINISTRATIVE RESTRUCTURING:** A motion was made by Alma Oatley and supported by James Petersen that we consider administrative restructuring and advertise for an Elementary Principal/State & Federal Programs Coordinator and a Middle/High School Principal/Athletic Director. 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 GENERAL FUND AND FOOD SERVICE BUDGET**

**AMENDMENTS:** A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_ and supported by \_\_\_\_\_ that we approve the 2020-2021 General Fund and Food Service budget amendments. 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 GENERAL FUND AND FOOD SERVICE BUDGET**

**FORECASTS:** A motion was made by James Petersen and supported by John Carr that we approve the 2021-2022 General Fund and Food Service Budget Forecasts. 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:** Mr. Bruce Peterson left a handout with the Board labeled “Critical Race Theory”

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** The Administrative/Finance/Personnel Committee met once to discuss administrative restructuring.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:** Administrative reports were give providing an update on school and athletic items.

**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.

**SET DATE, TIME, TOPIC OF NEXT MEETING:** The next Regular meeting of the Board will be May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Alma Oatley and supported by Paula Ackerman to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 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 May 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

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Paula Ackerman, President

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John Carr, Secretary