

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

A regular meeting, held in person and electronically, 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: Alma Oatley, James Petersen, Paula Ackerman, Lara Bender, John Carr, Greg Pond

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jason Brisson

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

VISITORS PRESENT: Greg Nyen, Bryce Bowerman, Jolene Hetherington, Ashley Aaron, Sarah Johnson, Nicole Lasak, Mandy Cole, Lisa Cromell, Kristin Fondriest, Dawn Mattson, Rod Gendron

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS PRESENT and THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OR PRESENT AN ITEM OF BUSINESS FOR A FUTURE MEETING: Kristin Fondriest spoke to the Board regarding a handout that was sent home with her child of which she objected to. The board will add this to next month's agenda.

A motion was made by Alma Oatley and supported by James Petersen that we add School Grounds and Athletic Field Maintenance bids to the Agenda at item 3.7. Motion carried – 6 ayes/0 nays; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Petersen – aye; Mrs. Ackerman – aye; Mrs. Bender – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES: A motion was made by James Petersen and supported by John Carr that the meeting minutes of the April 20, 2021 meeting be approved. Motion carried – 6 ayes/0 nays; 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 April 30, 2021 to be as follows:

GENERAL FUND	<u>\$1,163,025.93</u>
DEBT RETIREMENT	<u>\$ 186,113.74</u>
QZAB DEBT RETIREMENT	<u>\$ 10.44</u>
CAPITAL PROJECTS	<u>\$ 103,247.95</u>
STUDENT/SCHOOL ACTIVITY	<u>\$ 108,878.82</u>

A motion was made by John Carr and supported by James Petersen that the treasurer's report be approved as read. Motion carried – 6 ayes/0 nays; 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 – 6 ayes/0 nays; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Petersen – aye; Mrs. Ackerman – aye; Mrs. Bender – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

TOTAL BILLS **\$865,437.22**

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CONSIDER RECONFIRMING EXTENDED COVID-19 LEARNING PLAN: Opened for public comment, no comment given. A motion was made by Lara Bender and supported by Alma Oatley that we reconfirm the extended COVID-19 Learning Plan. Motion carried – 6 ayes/0 nays; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Petersen – aye; Mrs. Ackerman – aye; Mrs. Bender – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MARESA 2021-2022 GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET: A motion was made by Alma Oatley and supported by John Carr to approve the Resolution in Support of the MARESA 2021-2022 General Fund Operating Budget. 6 ayes/0 nays; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Petersen – aye; Mrs. Ackerman – aye; Mrs. Bender – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER DESIGNATION OF ELECTORAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE JUNE 7, 2021 MARESA BIENNIAL ELECTION: A motion was made by Paula Ackerman and supported by James Petersen to designate Alma Oatley as the designated representative of the District for the electoral body of the ISD biennial election and James Petersen as an alternate. Motion carried. 6 ayes/0 nays; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Petersen – aye; Mrs. Ackerman – aye; Mrs. Bender – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

CONSIDER HIRING INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY TEACHER: A motion was made by John Carr and supported by Lara Bender that we hire Robert Miles as Industrial Technology Teacher. Motion Carried. 6 ayes/0 nays; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Petersen – aye; Mrs. Ackerman – aye; Mrs. Bender – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

CONSIDER REMOVING AND ADDING EMPLOYEE TO ACTIVITIES FUND ACCOUNT: A motion was made by James Petersen and supported by Greg Pond that we remove Maureen Brogan from and add Amy Heribacka to the MPS Activities Account at the Embers Credit Union. Motion Carried. 6 ayes/0 nays; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Petersen – aye; Mrs. Ackerman – aye; Mrs. Bender – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

CONSIDER OPTIONS ON ELEMENTARY TEACHING OPENINGS: A motion was made by Paula Ackerman and supported by Greg Pond that we fill both elementary teaching openings. Motion carried. 4 ayes/1 nays/1 Abstain. Ms. Oatley—aye; Mr. Petersen—abstain; Mrs. Ackerman—aye; Mrs. Bender—aye; Mr. Carr—nay; Mr. Pond—aye.

CONSIDER AWARDING GROUNDS AND ATHLETIC FIELD MAINTENANCE BID: A motion was made by Alma Oatley and supported by James Petersen to accept the bid from UP Scapes LLC for ground maintenance at Munising Public School properties and athletic field for the growing season through October 31, 2021. This is a one-year bid. Motion carried: 6 ayes/0 nays; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Petersen – aye; Mrs. Ackerman – aye; Mrs. Bender – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

COMMUNICATIONS: Kristin Fondriest sent an email regarding the handout that was discussed in the comment period. Board members were provided copies of the email.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: The Building and Grounds Committee met during the month to discuss the deteriorating condition of the playground. There was discussion on what steps should be taken. No action was taken.

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Graduation will be Saturday, May 29th at the football field, pending weather. The decision will be made Thursday, the 27th, to either hold the event at the football field or in the HS gym if the weather is not desirable. Mr. Kelto updated the board on the status of the applicants for the two principal job openings. Interviews will be conducted at a later date. The prom was held, and went well. A retirement lunch will be held on June 11th for last year's and this year's retirees.

FINAL 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 meeting is scheduled for June 29, 2021. The Budget Hearing will begin at 5:45 p.m. with the regular meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Alma Oatley and supported by Greg Pond to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Motion carried – 6 ayes/0 nays; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Petersen – aye; Mrs. Ackerman – aye; Mrs. Bender – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

Paula Ackerman, President

John Carr, Secretary