

**MUNISING PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
July 20, 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: Jason Brisson, Alma Oatley, James Petersen, Paula Ackerman, John Carr, Greg Pond

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lara Bender

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Peter Kelto, Superintendent/6-12 Principal
Elizabeth "Libby" Blank, Business Manager
Nicole Lasak, Elementary Principal

VISITORS PRESENT: Jolene Hetherington, Mandy Cole, Dawn Mattson, Sarah Johnson, Elisheba Petersen, Brice Burge

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 Alma Oatley and supported by James Petersen that the meeting minutes of the June 24, 2021 Budget Hearing, June 24, 2021 Regular Meeting and June 29, 2021 Special Meeting be approved. Motion carried – 6 ayes/0 nays; Mr. Brisson – aye; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Petersen – aye; Mrs. Ackerman – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

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

GENERAL FUND	<u>\$870,809.67</u>
DEBT RETIREMENT	<u>\$217,143.97</u>
QZAB DEBT RETIREMENT	<u>\$ 10.44</u>
CAPITAL PROJECTS	<u>\$103,254.72</u>
STUDENT/SCHOOL ACTIVITY	<u>\$108,145.03</u>

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

EXPENDITURES AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL: A motion was made by Jason Brisson and supported by Greg Pond that the bills recommended for payment be approved for payment providing funds are available. Motion carried – 6 ayes/0 nays; Mr. Brisson – aye; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Petersen – aye; Mrs. Ackerman – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

TOTAL BILLS **\$757,481.83**

CONSIDER ADDING AGENDA ITEM: A motion was made by Paula Ackerman and supported by James Petersen that we add Playground Discussion to the agenda at item 3.9a. Motion carried -- 6 ayes/0 nays; Mr. Brisson – aye; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Petersen – aye; Mrs. Ackerman – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES OF SCHOOL FUNDS: A motion was made by Jason Brisson and supported by James Petersen that Peoples State Bank be the depository for the General Fund account, the Revolving Fund accounts and Capital Projects Fund and that Embers Credit Union be the depository for School Activity accounts, the Debt Fund and Quality Zone Academy Bonds (QZABs) Debt Retirement Fund; and Michigan Liquid Asset Fund (MILAF) be the investment entity for the Debt Fund and 2018 Facility Improvement Fund. Motion carried – 6 ayes/0 nays; Mr. Brisson – aye; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Petersen – aye; Mrs. Ackerman – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION: A motion was made by John Carr and supported by Alma Oatley that the President, Secretary, Superintendent and Business Manager be authorized to sign contracts and agreements; the Superintendent be authorized to sign accounts payable checks and payroll checks; the Superintendent and Principal/Athletic Director sign Activities and Athletic Account checks and the Business Manager be authorized to sign purchase orders. Motion carried – 6 ayes/0 nays; Mr. Brisson – aye; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Petersen – aye; Mrs. Ackerman – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

BOARD TREASURER DESIGNEE: A motion was made by John Carr and supported by Jason Brisson that the Board authorize Libby Blank, Business Manager, to act as Board Treasurer. Motion carried – 6 ayes/0 nays. Mr. Petersen – aye; Ms. Ackerman – aye; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Brisson – aye; Mr. Loope – aye; Mr. Peramaki – aye.

CONSIDER DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES OF SCHOOL FUNDS: A motion was made by Lara Bender and supported by Greg Pond that we approve the 2021 tax rate request. 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 BACK TO SCHOOL PLAN: A motion was made by Jason Brisson and supported by Greg Pond that we approve the back to school plan as recommended by the administration with masks being optional at this point. Motion Carried. 6 ayes/0 nays; Mr. Brisson – aye; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Petersen – aye; Mrs. Ackerman – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

CONSIDER HIRING SECONDARY EDUCATION SCIENCE TEACHER: A motion was made by Alma Oatley and supported by James Petersen that we hire Kathryn Frisk as a secondary science teacher. Motion carried. 6 ayes/0 nays; Mr. Brisson – aye; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Petersen – aye; Mrs. Ackerman – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

CONSIDER HIRING JV VOLLEYBALL COACH: A motion was made by Jason Brisson and supported by John Carr that we hire Renee Bowerman as the JV Volleyball Coach. Motion carried – 6 ayes/0 nays; Mr. Brisson – aye; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Petersen – aye; Mrs. Ackerman – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

CONSIDER HIRING VARSITY CHEER COACH: A motion was made by Alma Oatley and supported by Jason Brisson that we hire Taylor Juhl as the Varsity Cheerleading Coach. Motion carried: 6 ayes/0 nays; Mr. Brisson – aye; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Petersen – aye; Mrs. Ackerman – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

CONSIDER HIRING PARPROFESSIONAL AIDE: A motion was made by Jason Brisson and supported by John Carr that we hire Kim Rolfe as a part time paraprofessional. Motion carried – 6 ayes/0 nays; Mr. Brisson – aye; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Petersen – aye; Mrs. Ackerman – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

CONSIDER RESIGNATION OF CUSTODIAN: A motion was made by Jason Brisson and supported by James Petersen that we accept the resignation of Ed Macy with regret. Motion carried 6 ayes/0 nays; Mr. Brisson – aye; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Petersen – aye; Mrs. Ackerman – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

CONSIDER INCREASE IN SUBSTITUTE TEACHER PAY: A motion was made by Jason Brisson and supported by Greg Pond that we increase substitute teacher and substitute paraprofessional pay to \$90/day for teachers and \$13.16 per hour for paraprofessionals. Motion carried – 6 ayes/0 nays; Mr. Brisson – aye; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Petersen – aye; Mrs. Ackerman – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

CONSIDER INCREASE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION CO-COORDINATORS STIPEND: A motion was made by Alma Oatley and supported by Greg Pond that we increase the special education coordinators stipend to \$7,500 per both coordinators. Motion carried – 5 ayes/0 nays/1 abstain; Mr. Brisson – abstain; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Petersen – aye; Mrs. Ackerman – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PLAYGROUND BY MATHER ELEMENTARY: Discussion was held on the status of the playground.

FIRST READING ON NEOLA: The first reading of NEOLA policy updates was held.

CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Paula Ackerman and supported by Alma Oatley that we enter closed session at 7:28 p.m. to discuss MEA and MESPA contract negotiations. Motion carried – 6 ayes/0 nays; Mr. Brisson – aye; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Petersen – aye; Mrs. Ackerman – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

OPEN SESSION: A motion was made by Paula Ackerman and supported by John Carr to go back into Open session at 7:37p.m. Motion carried -- 6 ayes/0 nays; Mr. Brisson – aye; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Petersen – aye; Mrs. Ackerman – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

RATIFY MEA BARGAINING AGREEMENT: A motion was made by Alma Oatley and supported by Greg Pond that we ratify the MEA bargaining agreement as presented. Motion carried -- 6 ayes/0 nays; Mr. Brisson – aye; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Petersen – aye; Mrs. Ackerman – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

RATIFY MESPA BARGAINING AGREEMENT: A motion was made by Alma Oatley and supported by Jason Brisson that we ratify the MESPA bargaining agreement. Motion carried -- 6 ayes/0 nays; Mr. Brisson – aye; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Petersen – aye; Mrs. Ackerman – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by John Carr and supported by Jason Brisson that we go into closed session to discuss Superintendent Evaluation at 7:42 p.m. Motion carried -- 6 ayes/0 nays; Mr. Brisson – aye; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Petersen – aye; Mrs. Ackerman – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

OPEN SESSION: A motion was made by Jason Brisson and supported by James Petersen that we go back into Open Session at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried -- 6 ayes/0 nays; Mr. Brisson – aye; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Petersen – aye; Mrs. Ackerman – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

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CONSIDER SUPERINTENDENT EFFECTIVENESS RATING: A motion was made by Jason Brisson and supported by Greg Pond that the Superintendent be given a Highly Effective rating and that he also be given a pay increase the same percentage as was given all other non-union personnel. Motion Carried -- 6 ayes/0 nays; Mr. Brisson – aye; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Petersen – aye; Mrs. Ackerman – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

COMMUNICAITONS: There was information from MARESA notifying the district that they need to have a representative present at their meeting in order for our vote to count for the board member seat.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Mr. Kelto updated the board on the new principals, summer school and the need to move teachers around. The Central School sale needs to have front and side setback variances in place before the sale can finalize. The anticipated possible finalization of the sale is the end of August. Principal Lasak updated the board on her activities.

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 August 24, 2021 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Paula Ackerman and supported by James Petersen to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried – 6 ayes/0 nays; Mr. Brisson – aye; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Petersen – aye; Mrs. Ackerman – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

Paula Ackerman, President

John Carr, Secretary