

**MUNISING PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
October 19, 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 (remote discussion participation)

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

VISITORS PRESENT: Brice Burge, Bruce Peterson, Jolene Hetherington, Lisa Cromell, Jenna Cole, Bill Cornish

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS PRESENT and THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OR PRESENT AN ITEM OF BUSINESS FOR A FUTURE MEETING: Public comment was given regarding the student mask issue and recent problems other school boards are having with people for and against the masking issue. No action taken.

CONSIDER AGENDA CHANGES: A motion was made by Paula Ackerman and supported by James Petersen to add item 2.1A – Presentation by Robotics Team. 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 September 21, 2021 Regular 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 September 30, 2021 to be as follows:

GENERAL FUND	<u>\$1,294,539.50</u>
DEBT RETIREMENT	<u>\$ 375,565.01</u>
QZAB DEBT RETIREMENT	<u>\$ 10.44</u>
CAPITAL PROJECTS	<u>\$ 96,306.68</u>
STUDENT/SCHOOL ACTIVITY	<u>\$ 109,818.36</u>

A motion was made by James Petersen and supported by John Carr 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.

ROBOTICS TEAM PRESENTATION: A presentation was given by the Middle and High School Robotics Team on two robots they had recently completed.

EXPENDITURES AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL: A motion was made by Lara Bender and supported by Alma Oatley 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 **\$508,025.53**

RETURN TO SCHOOL UPDATE: A motion was made by Paula Ackerman and supported by John Carr to keep the mask mandate in place as outlined at the September 1, 2021 Special Meeting. 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 ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF PARAPROFESSIONAL AIDES: A motion was made by James Petersen and supported by Alma Oatley that we accept the resignation of Paraprofessional Aides Susie Palomaki and Amanda Connaughton with regret. 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 ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT SECRETARY: A motion was made by John Carr and supported by Lara Bender that we accept the resignation of Athletic Secretary Amy Heribacka with regret. 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 ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: A motion was made by James Petersen and supported by Greg Pond that we accept the retirement of Administrative Assistant Jil-Anne Essinger with regret. 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 ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF BUS DRIVER/CUSTODIAN/BUS DRIVER

COORDINATOR: A motion was made by John Carr and supported by Alma Oatley that we accept the retirement of the Bus Driver/Custodian/Bus Driver Coordinator Kelly King with regret. 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 ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF SUPERINTENDENT/AUXILIARY SERVICES

DIRECTOR: A motion was made by James Petersen and supported by Greg Pond that we accept the retirement of Superintendent/Auxiliary Services Director Pete Kelto with regret. 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 BUS DRIVER COORDINATOR: A motion was made by Alma Oatley and supported by James Petersen that we hire Lisa Harger-Nelson as Bus Driver Coordinator. 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 BUS MECHANIC: A motion was made by Greg Pond and supported by John Carr that we hire Terry Bower as Bus Mechanic. 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 PARAPROFESSIONALS: A motion was made by Alma Oatley and supported by James Petersen that we hire Kelsey Livermore and Rachel MacArthur as Paraprofessional Aides. 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 AWARDING BID FOR CHROMEBOOK PURCHASE: A motion was made by John Carr and supported by Alma Oatley that we award the bid for Chromebooks to Heartland Business Systems for 230 Chromebooks for a total cost of \$85,734.00. Motion carried – 6 ayes/0 Nays; Ms. Oatley – aye; Mr. Petersen – aye; Mrs. Ackerman – aye; Mrs. Bender – aye; Mr. Carr – aye; Mr. Pond – aye.

COMMUNICAITONS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Middle/High School Principal Travis had emailed his report to the Board. Elementary Principal Lasak updated the Board on various matters. Superintendent Kelto updated the Board on ESSER III funding, staffing shortages in the District and various other topics.

FINAL RECOGNITION OF PERSONS PRESENT and THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OR PRESENT AN ITEM OF BUSINESS FOR A FUTURE MEETING: No comment. No action taken.

SET DATE, TIME, TOPIC OF NEXT MEETING: The next Regular meeting is set for Wednesday, November 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Paula Ackerman and supported by Alma Oatley 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