

Regular School Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 6:00 PM

Spitler Administration Building, 1130 Howard Street, Petoskey, MI 49770

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| Mark Ashley: | Present |
| Jenni Attie: | Present |
| Beth Flynn: | Present |
| Denise Petoskey: | Present |
| Kathy Reed: | Present |

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Called to order at 6:00PM.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance

President Petoskey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Presentation: Youth in Government

1. Audience Participation

There was no audience participation.

1. Resolution: Approval - Minutes

* Regular Meeting Minutes, February 18, 2025
* Closed Session Meeting Minutes, February 18, 2025 (walked in)

Moved that the written minutes be approved as recorded. This motion, made by Jenni

Attie and seconded by Mark Ashley, Passed.

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| Mark Ashley: | Yea |
| Jenni Attie: | Yea |
| Beth Flynn: | Yea |
| Denise Petoskey: | Yea |
| Kathy Reed: | Abstain |

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

* Special Meeting Minutes, March 3, 2025
* Closed Session Meeting Minutes, March 3, 2025 (walked in)

Moved that the written minutes be approved as recorded. This motion, made by Jenni Attie and seconded by Mark Ashley, Passed.

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| Mark Ashley: | Yea |
| Jenni Attie: | Yea |
| Beth Flynn: | Yea |
| Denise Petoskey: | Yea |
| Kathy Reed: | Yea |

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

1. Resolution: Approval - Warrants

Moved that the warrants paid, as submitted by the administration, be approved in the amount of $2,995,539.20. This motion, made by Jenni Attie and seconded by Kathy Reed, Passed.

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| Mark Ashley: | Yea |
| Jenni Attie: | Yea |
| Beth Flynn: | Yea |
| Denise Petoskey: | Yea |
| Kathy Reed: | Yea |

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

1. Resolution: Approval - Employment Recommendation

Moved that Chris Green be appointed to Facilities Supervisor beginning April 7, 2025. This motion, made by Mark Ashley and seconded by Beth Flynn, Passed.

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| Mark Ashley: | Yea |
| Jenni Attie: | Yea |
| Beth Flynn: | Yea |
| Denise Petoskey: | Yea |
| Kathy Reed: | Yea |

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

1. Presentation: Finance Sources and Uses

Presentation provided by Bill Melching, Director of Finance.

1. Resolution: Approval - O.P.I.E. Recognition

Recipients of this year’s Outstanding Person in Education (O.P.I.E.) awards are:

* Ashley Maginnis          Secretary, Ottawa - PESPA
* Suzanne Nayback       First Grade Teacher, Central - PEA

Moved that the O.P.I.E. Recognition Resolution honoring Ashley Maginnis and Suzanne Nayback be approved as submitted. This motion, made by Kathy Reed and seconded by Jenni Attie, Passed.

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| Mark Ashley: | Yea |
| Jenni Attie: | Yea |
| Beth Flynn: | Yea |
| Denise Petoskey: | Yea |
| Kathy Reed: | Yea |

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

1. Resolution: Approval - New Elementary Behavioral Support Position

Moved to approve the new position of Elementary Behavior Support Specialist beginning in the 2025-2026 school year. This motion, made by Kathy Reed and seconded by Mark Ashley, Passed.

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| Mark Ashley: | Yea |
| Jenni Attie: | Yea |
| Beth Flynn: | Yea |
| Denise Petoskey: | Yea |
| Kathy Reed: | Yea |

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

1. Resolution: Approval - Contracted Services for District Strategic Plan

Moved to approve a contract with Michigan Leadership Institute, MLI, to develop a strategic plan for the District. This motion, made by Mark Ashley and seconded by Jenni Attie, Passed.

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| Mark Ashley: | Yea |
| Jenni Attie: | Yea |
| Beth Flynn: | Yea |
| Denise Petoskey: | Yea |
| Kathy Reed: | Yea |

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

1. Resolution: Approval - Emergency Operations Plan

Moved to approve the Emergency Operations Plan as presented. This motion, made by Beth Flynn and seconded by Kathy Reed, Passed.

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| Mark Ashley: | Yea |
| Jenni Attie: | Yea |
| Beth Flynn: | Yea |
| Denise Petoskey: | Yea |
| Kathy Reed: | Yea |

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

1. Resolution: Approval - March 2025, Board Policies Updates

Moved to approve the March 2025, Board Policy Updates as provided by Thrun Law Firm. This motion, made by Jenni Attie and seconded by Kathy Reed, Passed.

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| Mark Ashley: | Yea |
| Jenni Attie: | Yea |
| Beth Flynn: | Yea |
| Denise Petoskey: | Yea |
| Kathy Reed: | Yea |

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

1. Resolution: Approval - Bid Award

Moved to award the contract as recommended by the District's Construction Manager, Owen, Ames and Kimball as presented. This motion, made by Mark Ashley and seconded by Beth Flynn, Passed.

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| Mark Ashley: | Yea |
| Jenni Attie: | Yea |
| Beth Flynn: | Yea |
| Denise Petoskey: | Yea |
| Kathy Reed: | Yea |

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

1. Educational Reports

Elementary Updates provided by Jason Latz on the topics below:

* March is Reading Month
* Jazz Band Performances
* Art Show
* Enrichment Play
* Parent-Teacher Conferences
* Runners by the Bay
* Third Grade trips to the pool
* Kindergarten round up

Middle School Updates provided by Jon Wilcox on the topics below:

* Band Festivals
* Washington DC trip
* National School Leaders Advocacy Committee
* PBIS
* Student supports
* 8th Grade Career Day
* Enrichment program
* End of Winter Olympics
* Testing
* Athletics

High School Updates provided by Deidra Gamble on the topics below:

* Practice testing for state tests
* Scheduling
* Mock Interview Day
* Professional Development
* Celebrations
* Athletics

Teaching and Learning updates provided by the superintendent

* 7&4 News at Ottawa
* Professional Development
* Instructional Rounds

1. Board of Education Reports

Trustee Flynn:

* DC trip
* Career Day
* March Madness PBIS event

Trustee Attie:

* Virtual Reality goggles
* Sheridan & Central Spring concerts
* DECA judge

Trustee Ashley:

* Basketball games
* Try it Tuesday
* PEF Mix & Mingle Event
* Construction meetings
* Fourth grade bike trip assessments
* School Chef possibilities
* Mike Loper award

Trustee Reed:

* Special Education Programming Committee meeting
* Ottawa Wax Museum
* Virtual Reality goggles
* Northmen Night

Trustee Petoskey:

* Imagery Committee meeting
* Big Fish
* Board Agenda packet review
* MIAAA event

1. Financial Report

Financial report provided by Bill Melching.

1. Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Leslie provided an update on the topics below:

* Resignations
  + Jen Hopkins
* Retirements
  + Suzanne Nayback
  + Dana Pinney
* Preschool - 26 students
* Petoskey City Council Awards
  + Ben Carlson
  + Baseball teams
  + Mel Zamarron
  + Larry Donovan
  + Crossing guard
* Studer Parent Survey
* Imagery Committee meeting
  + possible Yeti mascot
* Food truck wars
* Robotics
* MIAAA Event
* Big Fish
* Tennis Courts

1. Audience Participation

There was no audience participation.

Short Break at 8:01.

1. Resolution: Closed Session

Moved to convene a closed session to deliberate upon a student discipline hearing as allowed in Section 8(b) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Roll Call Vote:. This motion, made by Kathy Reed and seconded by Mark Ashley, Passed.

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| Mark Ashley: | Yea |
| Jenni Attie: | Yea |
| Beth Flynn: | Yea |
| Denise Petoskey: | Yea |
| Kathy Reed: | Yea |

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Closed Session began at 8:06.

1. Return to Open Session

Return to Open Session at 8:21PM.

Moved that Student A will be permanently expelled from the Public Schools of Petoskey. This motion, made by Mark Ashley and seconded by Jenni Attie, Passed.

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| Mark Ashley: | Yea |
| Jenni Attie: | Yea |
| Beth Flynn: | Yea |
| Denise Petoskey: | Yea |
| Kathy Reed: | Yea |

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

The Board discussed staff appreciation ideas.

1. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:28PM.

Moved to adjourn the meeting. This motion, made by Mark Ashley and seconded by Jenni Attie, Passed.

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| Mark Ashley: | Yea |
| Jenni Attie: | Yea |
| Beth Flynn: | Yea |
| Denise Petoskey: | Yea |
| Kathy Reed: | Yea |

Yea: 5, Nay: 0