

Regular School Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 17, 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. Recognition: Professional Staff Retiree Recognition

The Board thanked the retiring professional staff for their years of service and presented each with a small token of appreciation.

Below is a list of the retiring professional staff.

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| **Retirees** | **Position** |
| Amy Cummins | Teacher |
| Ron Griffin | Custodial and Maintenance Supervisor |
| Megan Hintz | Teacher |
| Suzanne Nayback | Teacher |
| Dana Pinney | Counselor |
| Ray Swidorski | Teacher |

1. Budget Hearing

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:24PM.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance

The Board President led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Audience Participation

There was no audience participation.

1. Presentation - Northmen Mascot / Logo Update

A presentation was provided to the Board.

1. Resolution: Approval - Minutes

* Regular Meeting Minutes, May 14, 2025
* Closed Session Meeting Minutes, May 14, 2025 (walked in)
* Special Meeting Minutes, June 2, 2025
* Special Meeting Minutes, June 16, 2025
* Closed Session Meeting Minutes, June 16, 2025 (walked in)

Moved that the written minutes be approved as recorded. 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. Resolution: Approval - Warrants

Moved that the warrants paid, as submitted by the administration, be approved in the amount of $4,274,081.36. 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 - Employment Recommendations
   * Aaron Fritzsche, High School ELA Teacher
   * Lori Morgan, Middle School Counselor
   * Joan Tiihonen, Special Education Teacher
   * Christine Whitley, Elementary STEM Teacher

Moved that the listed candidate(s) be appointed to their corresponding position(s) for the 2025-2026 school year. This motion, made by Jenni Attie 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. Resolution: Approval - Administrator Salary Schedule Revision

Moved to approve the revised Administrative Salary schedule to include the Auditorium and Stadium Coordinator position. 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 - Administrator Contract Extension

Moved to accept the superintendent's recommendation as to the extension of the administrative contracts. 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 - Superintendent Evaluation

The Board met in closed session to complete the Superintendent’s evaluation using the MASB Superintendent Evaluation tool. Matt Stevenson, CharEm ISD Consultant, facilitated the evaluation meeting during the Closed Session. The Board President is requesting approval of the Superintendent Evaluation score as presented.  
  
*Professional Practice (weighted at 50%)*

* + *Governance & Board Relations - 2.75*
  + *Community Relations - 2.80*
  + *Staff Relations - 2.93*
  + *Business & Finance - 3.00*
  + *Instructional Leadership - 3.00*

*Student Growth (weighted at 40%) - 3.00  
Progress Toward District Wide Goals (weighted at 10%) - 3.00  
Total Score - 98%, Effective*Matt Stevensen will provide facilitator comments and a report for the Board’s review and approval in July.

Moved that Superintendent Leslie's 24-25 evaluation score of effective be approved. This motion, made by Beth Flynn 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 - Superintendent Contract Extension

Moved to extend Superintendent Leslie's contract for an additional year through June 30, 2028. This motion, made by Mark Ashley 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 - State of Emergency Forgiveness

Moved to approve the resolution drafted by the District's legal counsel allowing the four days that Public Schools of Petoskey was closed due to the ice storm, to be forgiven. This motion, made by Jenni Attie 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. Resolution: Approval - MHSAA Renewal

Moved that the resolution for membership with MHSAA for 2025-2026 be approved as attached. 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 - Sale of Building Trades House

Moved to approve the sale of the house in the amount of $80,000 to Ben Fettig. This motion, made by Mark Ashley 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 - 24-25 Student Activity Fund Budget

Moved to approve the 2024-25 Student Activity Fund budget as presented by the administration. 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 - 25-26 Student Activity Fund Budget

to approve the 2025-26 Student Activity Fund budget as presented by the administration. This motion, made by Jenni Attie 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. Resolution: Approval - 25-26 General Fund Budget

Moved to approve the 2025-26 General Fund budget, which includes levying 18 mills on all non-homestead properties to be used for district operations, as presented by the administration. 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 - 25-26 Food Service Fund Budget

Moved to approve the 2025-26 Food Service Fund budget as presented by the administration. 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 - 25-26 Sinking Fund Budget

Moved to approve the 2025-26 Sinking Fund budget as presented by the administration. This motion, made by Beth Flynn 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. Discussion: NWEA Spring Testing Data

A presentation was provided to the Board.

Becky Smith provided an update on the topics below.

* Preschool
* Kindergarten
* Schools of Choice
* Summer school

1. Educational Reports

Elementary Updates provided by Jodi Schreiber on the topics below:

* Thank you to teachers and staff
* End of the Year Celebrations
* Retirement recognitions
* Field trips
* School Assemblies
* Field Day
* Construction
* 25-26 planning

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

* Academic update
* Adventure Education
* Therapy dog
* Fifth grade orientation day
* Construction
* New hires
* Staff awards
* Thank you to the administration and school board

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

* Decision Day
* Graduation
* Summer school
* PBIS
* Freshmen Orientation
* High school passports

1. Board of Education Reports

Trustee Flynn:

* Decision Day
* Graduation
* Eighth grade ceremony
* Blanket ceremony

Trustee Attie:

* Second grade at Ottawa
* Fifth grade ceremony
* Middle school ceremony
* Decision Day
* Graduation
* Blanket ceremony
* Women's Resource Center Open House
* Field day t-shirts

Trustee Ashley:

* Graduation
* Construction meetings
* PEF golf outing
* Baseball
* Ace, the middle school therapy dog, visited Bay Bluffs

Trustee Reed:

* Graduation
* Sheridan book club
* Decision day
* Field day
* DTLC
* Ron Griffin's retirement open house
* Up Your Essay

Trustee Petoskey:

* Blanket ceremony
* Ron Griffin's retirement open house
* PEA retirement open house
* Girls’ soccer district game
* MASB Board President Workshop

1. Financial Report

No Financial report

1. Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Leslie provided an update on the topics below:

* Kristina Ruckman resignation
* Construction update
* Bullying report

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| 2025 |  |  |  |  |
|  | PHYSICAL | VERBAL | CYBER | TOTAL |
| PHS | 1 | 5 | 0 | 6 |
| PMS | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| ELEMENTARY | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 2 | 7 | 0 | 9 |

1. Audience Participation

There was no audience participation.

1. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:20p.m.

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

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| Beth Flynn: | Yea |
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Yea: 5, Nay: 0