

Regular School Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 19, 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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance

The Board President led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Audience Participation

Beth Kavanaugh

* Introduced Aarron Delacruz, Executive Chef

1. Resolution: Approval - Minutes

* Regular Meeting Minutes, July 15, 2025
* Special Meeting Minutes, August 4, 2025
* Closed Session Meeting Minutes, August 4, 2025 (walk-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 $4,974,427.80. 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 - Middle School Cafeteria Tables

Moved to approve the bid from Stafford Smith in the amount of $58,740.63. This motion, made by Kathy Reed 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 - Transportation Agreement

Moved to approve the 2025-26 contract amount of $1,699,458 with Johnson's Buses Inc. for student transportation services as presented. 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 - Set Graduation Date

Moved to accept the recommendation to set the Petoskey High School graduation date as Sunday, May 31, 2026, at 7:00PM. 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 - July 25, 2025, Board Policy Updates

Moved to approve the July 25, 2025, Thrun Policy Update. 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. Resolution: Approval - 2025-26 District Goals

Moved to approve the District Goals for the 2025-2026 school year, with the noted changes as discussed. 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. Educational Reports

Elementary Updates provided by Jodi Schreiber on the topics below:

* Welcome back!
* Construction Update
* Begindergarten
* Open House
* PBIS focus
* Opening day
* Professional development

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

* Interviews for math position
* Construction update
* Student schedules
* PBIS
* Athletics
* Professional development
* Summer school

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

* Freshmen and new student orientation
* US News and World Report - PHS is in top 8%
* PBIS
* New displays
* Front of high school cleaned up - thank you
* Athletics

Teaching and Learning Updates provided by Becky Smith on the topics below:

* Preschool update
* Kindergarten update
* New teacher orientation
* Professional development
* 35M Grant - $244,000 awarded
* Educators' Handbook - Behavior tracking program

Special Education Updates provided by Jodi Beatty on the topics below:

* Special Education staff to attend the Temple Grandin community event
* Special Education staff meetings to review processes
* Special Education Para-professionals professional development
* Special Education and 504 procedures meeting with all staff

1. Board of Education Reports

Trustee Flynn:

* Temple Grandin event
* Special Board meeting work session

Trustee Attie:

* Temple Grandin event
* Robin Wall Kimmerer program
* Local Housing panel

Trustee Ashley:

* PEF golf event
* Construction

Trustee Reed:

* Construction

Trustee Petoskey:

* MASB Summer Institute
* Native American Heritage Fund presentation for band jackets

1. Financial Report

There was no financial report this month.  
  
Bill Melching gave an update on:

* District audit
* Purchase cards roll out
* Finance software conversion
* State's budget

1. Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Leslie provided an update on the topics below.

* Resignation - Jeremy Stempky, middle school teacher
* Retirement - Ruth Rosenquist, Ottawa para-professional
* Chad Loe was inducted into the Golf Coach Hall of Fame
* Strategic plan meeting with John Scholten
* Bay View events
  + Temple Grandin
  + Robin Wall Kimmerer
* PEF golf outing
* Tennis team fundraiser
* State budget
* Special meeting on Tuesday
* Construction update

1. Audience Participation

Denise Marecki, Petoskey

* Protocol for ICE Agents entering schools

Stephen Brede, Petoskey

* District Mascot

1. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:24PM.

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

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0