

**Marquette Area Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
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**Regular Meeting
Monday, November 30, 2009, 4:30 p.m.
Marquette Senior High School Library
1203 West Fair Avenue**

MINUTES

NOTE: Ten Minutes prior to the Board Meeting, slides of the November 12-13-14 MSHS presentation of *Seussical, The Musical*, were shown, with backing music from the October 14, 2009, Marquette County Pops Concert

- **Call to Order**

A regular meeting of the Marquette Area Public Schools Board of Education was held Monday, November 30, in the Library of Marquette Senior High School. The meeting was called to order by Board President **Kellie Holmstrom** at 4:35 p.m.

- **Roll Call**

Members Present

Kellie A. Holmstrom, DVM	President
Alan Hawker	Vice President
Mark Smith	Secretary-Treasurer
Scott Brogan	Trustee
Tony Retaskie	Trustee
Laura Songer	Trustee

Member Absent

Norman Gruber	Trustee
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Board Student Representatives Present

Sarah Anthony
Kimber Guidebeck

Central Administration Present

Jon Hartwig	Superintendent
Tim Yeadon	Assistant Superintendent for Finance
Jackie Winkowski	Administrative Assistant / Recording Secretary

Others Present

MAPS Education Foundation Representative Laura Goodney; Education Foundation grant recipients; other MAPS employees; Superior Productions videographer (about 16 people)

- **Approve Agenda**

A motion was made by Scott Brogan and seconded by Tony Retaskie to approve the Agenda with the following correction: Under Performance Committee report, add the following as an Action Item: Regarding online / virtual classes, consider Committee's recommendation to use Aventa and Michigan Virtual School for online / virtual course offerings. Motion carried, 6-0.

- **Approve Minutes of the November 3, 2009, Work Session**

A motion was made by Al Hawker and seconded by Scott Brogan to approve the minutes of the November 3 Board Work Session as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

- **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Jon Hartwig's report covered the following:

Introduction of Laura Goodney, who presented grants on behalf of the MAPS **Education Foundation** for various educational projects planned by the following employees (see attachment for project detail): Fran Darling (unable to attend meeting), Cindy DePetro, Michelle Carne (accompanied by Lynn Parker), Donna Phillips, Ann Thill, Mary Butorac, Craig Lindstrom, and Elsa Clement.

Update on the **grade alignment issue**. There will be further study on the concept of Graveraet as a K-5 school.

Assistant Superintendent for Finance Tim Yeadon's retirement effective at the end of this calendar year; December 1 Community Forum (6 p.m., Superior Hills) to become acquainted with two finalists for the position.

MAPS budget, state school funding crisis / reduction in foundation allowance for current school year and possible further state funding reduction next school year.

- **Comments from the Public (agenda items only)**

None.

- **Approve Consent Agenda:**

A motion was made by Tony Retaskie and seconded by Al Hawker to approve, as presented, the Consent Agenda, consisting of the following:

- Personnel Report dated November 24, 2009; and

- Financial Reports:

October 2009 Receipts and Disbursements

October 2009 Financial Reports.

Motion carried, 6-0.

- **Board Committee Reports**

Executive Committee – Committee Chair Kellie Holmstrom reported on November 3 Board Executive Committee meeting discussion items, all of which are detailed in the committee meeting minutes. The committee addressed the following issues: Draft agendas for November 11 Planning and November 17 Performance Committee meetings; Review of dates / timelines specified in newly-adopted Board Goals and Objectives; Community and Staff Budget Meetings; Assistant Superintendent hiring process update; Grade Alignment work session to be scheduled; Budget Work Session; Freshman Football newspaper article;

SOS (Save our Students, Schools, and State) initiative; November 24 Breakfast with Legislators at MARESA; and handout on parliamentary procedure. The committee presented no recommendations for whole Board action at this time.

Planning Committee – **Committee Chair Alan Hawker reported on November 11** Board Planning Committee meeting discussion items, all of which are detailed in the committee meeting minutes. The committee addressed the following issues: Assistant Superintendent for Finance recruitment; 2010-11 budget preparation; Grade alignment; MASB self-evaluation tool; Vision statement; Strategic Planning and Action Plan update; State school funding update; Future agenda topics; Recent meeting of local career technical education supervisors; and Public comment by Peter Kaufman regarding support of MAPS / future of Graveraet. The committee presented no recommendations for whole Board action at this time.

Performance Committee – **Committee Chair Mark Smith reported on November 17** Board Performance Committee meeting discussion items, all of which are detailed in the committee meeting minutes. Besides the items listed below on which whole Board action was recommended, the committee addressed the following issues: MSHS seven-period day assessment; HS Reform advisor-advisee quarterly update; Graduating seniors (Special Education) transition to postsecondary; Grade alignment energy usage data; Action Plan review / Strategic Planning update; Suggestion for closed session at November 30 Board meeting for negotiations update; and Future agenda topics.

Action Items:

2008-09 Audit Report - **John Blemberg** of Anderson Tackman and Company presented the 2008-09 Audit Report (copy attached to original Board Minutes). Mr. Blemberg advised the report reflects 2008-09 as the first year there has been a financial loss of such magnitude, but it represents good, valid, accurate information. Following discussion / questions / answers, **a motion was made by Alan Hawker and seconded by Tony Retaskie to accept the Audit Report as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.**

- **Kaufman Ticketing Proposal** – **A motion was made by Mark Smith and seconded by Scott Brogan to approve the Kaufman Auditorium Ticketing Proposal as presented to the Performance Committee by Sara Cambensy: That effective July 1, 2010, a \$1.00 fee be added to each ticket for events at the Kaufman Auditorium, with funds deposited in a capital projects fund for Auditorium upkeep. Following discussion, the motion carried, 6-0.**
- **Use of Aventa and Michigan Virtual School for Online / Virtual Course Offerings** – **Regarding Administrative Guidelines for Online / Virtual Students, a motion was made by Mark Smith and seconded by Scott Brogan to approve, as recommended by the Performance Committee and detailed in the Performance Committee minutes, use of Aventa and Michigan Virtual School for Online / Virtual Course offerings. Following discussion, the motion carried, 6-0.**

- **Other Board Committee Reports**

Mark Smith reported briefly on the November 17 MAPS **Parent Advisory Council** Meeting which he attended. He advised that the main discussion item was the dire State school funding situation.

- **New Business**

Consider Adoption of Great Start Readiness Program Resolution – A motion was made by Tony Retaskie and seconded by Scott Brogan to adopted the 2009-10 Great Start Readiness Program Resolution (copy attached) as presented. During discussion it was noted that the program involves flow-through funds and is at no cost to the MAPS. **Motion carried, 6-0.**

Approve Appointment of Family Life Advisory Committee Member – A motion was made by Mark Smith and seconded by Laura Songer to approve, as recommended by FLAC Chairman Bob Anthony, the appointment of MSHS Senior Alexandra Kitchen who applied to serve as a student representative on the committee. **Motion carried, 6-0.**

- **Gifts and Bequests**

Rock and Mineral Donation – On behalf of the Board, Dr. Kellie Holmstrom proclaimed acceptance of and expressed appreciation for a donation of numerous rocks and minerals donated by NMU Instructor Shawn Carlson and Tony Nikischer of Excalibur Minerals, New York. The items are being used to educate MSHS students.

- **Comments from the Public (general)**

None.

- **Board Member Comments**

Board Members' comments covered the following topics:

- Sarah Anthony commented on the Dance Team's New York visit; the Student Council's plan to donate money for a HS Counselor's project to assist students; the Student Council's \$3,000 donation to purchase one set of graphing calculators
- *Seussical, The Musical* – a great performance
- Thanks to the Education Foundation and congratulations to grant recipients
- Appreciation for the donation of rocks and minerals
- This is a good time to contact legislators about state school funding – a systemic change is needed
- Favorable comments on the student photography shared by teacher / EF grant recipient Cindy DePetro
- Thank you and best wishes to Tim Yeadon who is retiring December 31; appreciation for good financial accounting and reporting
- A request that Board members donate to the BMS Giving Tree Project – members may route donations through Jackie Winkowski

- **Board President's Comments**

Kellie Holmstrom extended get well wishes to Norman Gruber and said she hopes he can return soon.

- **Announcements and Other Meetings**

Meet the Redmen & Redettes	MSHS Gym	November 30	6:30 P.M.
Board Executive Committee Meeting	Board Room	December 1	7:30 a.m.
Assistant Superintendent Finalist Forum	Superior Hills Media Center	December 1	6:00 p.m.
Board Work Session on Budget	MSHS Library	December 2	5:15 p.m.
Special Board Meeting	Board Room	December 7	5:15 p.m.
Board Planning Committee	Board Room	December 9	7:30 a.m.
Board Performance Committee	Board Room	December 15	Noon
Board Meeting, Regular	MSHS Library	December 22	5:30 p.m.
Winter Break – no school		December 23-Jan. 3	
Board Reorganizational Meeting	MSHS Library	January 7	5:30 p.m.

Winter Concerts and Programs – see attached

NOTE:

All regular MAPS Board meetings taking place at MSHS currently have delayed telecasts on Charter Communications Channel 8

- **Recess to Closed Session to Discuss Negotiations**

A motion was made by Al Hawker and seconded by Scott Brogan to recess to closed session to discuss negotiations. A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Kellie Holmstrom, Al Hawker, Mark Smith, Scott Brogan, Tony Retaskie, and Laura Songer.

Nays: None.

Motion carried; recessed to closed session (Central Office Board Room) at 6:20 p.m.

Dr. Holmstrom left at 6:20 due to another commitment

- **Reconvene to Open Session**

Acting Chair Al Hawker reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 6:49 p.m.

- **Adjourn**

A motion was made by Laura Songer and seconded by Mark Smith to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, 5-0; adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Kellie A. Holmstrom	Alan Hawker	Mark Smith	Jackie Winkowski
Board President	Vice President	Secretary-Treasurer	Recording Secretary

Attachments:

Education Foundation Grant Information, Personnel Report, Great Start Resolution, Winter Programs / Concerts List

The Marquette Area Public Schools Education Foundation

- *Students Connect with Digital Cameras and Mini Notebook Computer* submitted by Francine Darling, Supervisor of Technology Integration at Marquette Area Public Schools. The Foundation awarded \$2,329.01 to purchase one Mini Notebook PC, ten digital Cameras, two Video cameras and accessories. This grant award will benefit teachers and students in all subjects and at all grade levels. It will provide opportunities for teachers to provide multi-media formats of instructional materials, and opportunities for students to produce multi-media products that reflect and anchor their knowledge of subject matter.
- *"Advancing" Photography* submitted by Cynthia DePetro, teacher, and Mike Shelafoe, para-pro, both at Marquette Alternative High School, and Craig Lindstrom, Director of Technology. The Education Foundation awarded \$2,499.72 for the purchase of three Sony Cyber-shot digital cameras, camera cases, and accessories to be used in a new program this year at the Marquette Alternative High School. This program will provide instruction and use of advanced equipment for the advancing student in the field of photography and support innovative curriculum development. Students will photograph, print, edit, enhance and publicly display their products at school, an art show and in the Marquette Country Magazine.
- *Project 64* submitted by Donna Phillips, teacher at Cherry Creek Elementary School, Ann Thill, teacher at Sandy Knoll Elementary School, and Mary Butorac, teacher at Superior Hills Elementary School. These teachers were awarded \$1,849.50 to purchase three Document Cameras and accessories to use in the Project 64 program which uses sustained drawing practices to develop students' reading and writing skills. Fine motor skills are developed through this program which can positively impact all academic areas.
- *Moving Seniors to MAPS* submitted by Michelle Carne, Human Resources Specialist and Interim chairperson of the Senior Citizen Involvement Committee (SCIS), and Lynn Parker, retired MAPS teacher. The Education Foundation awarded \$270 to the SCIC to purchase 50 booklets of Marq-Tran bus passes to be used by senior citizens who volunteer in Marquette Area Public School buildings. Providing this transportation option will enable more seniors to be involved with MAPS students, thus enhancing the lives of both students and senior volunteers.

The Marquette Area Public Schools Education Foundation Coccia-Holmstrom Family Science Fund

- *On-line Tutoring for After School Sessions* submitted by Marquette Senior High School teacher Elsa Clement. The Coccia-Holmstrom Family Science Fund awarded \$300 to purchase twenty-five individual Mastering Physics tutoring programs which would allow five years of after school tutoring two days a week for interested students.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jon Hartwig
FROM: Michelle Carne
DATE: November 24, 2009
RE: Personnel Report for the November 30, 2009 Board Meeting

The following personnel changes are to be reported to the Board of Education at its November 30, 2009 meeting. These recommendations are contingent upon the successful completion and return of all necessary employment paperwork including the criminal records check and fingerprints.

RESIGNATION

Jim Yates has submitted a letter of resignation from his mid-day kindergarten run on Mondays in order to attend classes at NMU beginning in January. He continues to serve MAPS as a Bus Driver on another bus run.

LEAVE

Carolyn Piirala, BMS Library Aide, has requested an unpaid medical leave of absence from October 7th through at least December 6, 2009 or when her physician releases her to return to work.

Ceora Hull, HS Head Tutor, has requested an unpaid medical leave of absence from December 2, 2009 through January 3, 2010.

Suzanne Coyne, BMS Teacher, has requested a medical leave of absence from November 13, 2009 through approximately January 3, 2010.

Cheryl Lewis Strong, Speech Pathologist, has requested a medical leave of absence from October 15th through the first semester of the 2009-10 school year, January 22, 2010.

APPOINTMENT

Sara Stabile has been recommended as a part time **Instructional Program Aide**, SK, posting #2161, effective November 2, 2009. Mrs. Stabile has been employed as a full time IPA at the HS since September. This is a new position.

Sarah Bohnsack has been recommended as a full time **Instructional Program Aide**, HS, posting #2146, effective November 9, 2009. Mrs. Bohnsack has been employed as a full time IPA at SK since September. This position is vacant due to the resignation of Laurel Johnston.

Monica Nordeen has been recommended as the **Director of Student Accounting**, posting #2152, effective January 7, 2010. Mrs. Nordeen has a bachelor's degree in Math and Theater as well as master's degrees in statistics and biostatistics. Previous experience includes working in a similar position at the University of Arizona as a Senior Research Specialist as well as experience as a Research Manager at American Express and Bristol-Myers Squibb Company. [to replace Dianne Linn who is retiring.]

APPOINTMENT – EXTRA DUTY

Bonnie Willcock has been recommended as the **Middle School Yearbook Advisor**, BMS, posting #2163. This position is vacant due to the non-renewal of Lisa St. Onge.

**MARQUETTE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
COACHING POSITION RECOMMENDATIONS
WINTER SPORTS
2009-2010**

<u>LEVEL/SPORT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
Boys Basketball	Varsity Head Coach	Brad Nelson
Boys Basketball	JV Head Coach	Joe Havican (PCMI)
Boys Basketball	Freshman Head Coach	Eric Schmoldt (PCMI)
Girls Basketball	Varsity Head Coach	Ben Smith
Girls Basketball	JV Head Coach	Rich Ledy (PCMI)
Girls Basketball	Freshman Head Coach	Paul Seibert (PCMI)
Boys Basketball	Intramural Coordinator	Eric Schmoldt (PCMI)
Gymnastics	Head Coach	Dawn Johnston (PCMI)
Gymnastics	Co-Assistant Coach	TBD
Gymnastics	Co-Assistant Coach	Cameron Fuller (PCMI)
Hockey	Head Coach	Joe Papin (PCMI)
Hockey	Assistant Coach	Mike L'Huillier (PCMI)
Alpine Ski	Head Coach	Christy Provost
Alpine Ski	Assistant Coach	John Lawrence (PCMI)
Swimming	Head Coach	Eric Eppensteiner (PCMI)
Swimming	Co-Assistant Coach	Gus Rydholm (PCMI)
Swimming	Co-Assistant Coach	Kathy Foulks (PCMI)
Wrestling	Head Coach	Charlie Gentz (PCMI)
Wrestling	Assistant Coach	Tony Gentz (PCMI)
Bowling	Head Coach (Non-Schedule C)	Hope Virch
Bowling	Assistant Coach (Non-Schedule C)	Chuck Pool
Competitive Cheer	JV & Varsity Head Coach (Non-Schedule C)	Courtney Beecher
Competitive Cheer	JV & Varsity Assistant Coach (Non-Schedule C)	Molly Grala
Competitive Cheer	JV & Varsity Assistant Coach (Non-Schedule C)	Lauren Nottle
Figure Skating	Head Coach (Non-Schedule C)	Chris Gauthier
Nordic Ski	Co-Head Coach (Non-Schedule C)	Matt Weier
Nordic Ski	Co-Head Coach (Non-Schedule C)	Joe Graci

Bold = New recommendation for 09-10

Informational

Charles Kelley, Volunteer Boys Varsity Head Soccer Coach, resigned 11/10/09.

c: M. Edgell, M. Carne, B. Jacobson, R. Plourde, J. Flath, J. Winkowski

Michigan Department of Education
2009-2010 Great Start Readiness Program

Participating Resolution

WHEREAS, the Legislature continues to acknowledge the importance of improving school readiness by providing quality preschool education for four-year-old children who may have extraordinary need of special assistance and the importance of providing parenting education programs for families of all children birth to kindergarten entry; and

WHEREAS, Sections 32d and 37 through 40 of the State School Aid Act provide for comprehensive compensatory education for these children and families; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 38 of the State School Aid Act, **Marquette Area Public Schools** is eligible to receive an allocation of **\$95200** for fiscal year 2009 - 2010 to operate a school readiness program for a maximum of **28** children and/or to provide comprehensive parent involvement and education programs for all families of children birth to kindergarten entry; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that **Marquette Area Public Schools** certifies that it **will** provide **Part-Day, All-Day/Alternate Day, GSRP/Head Start Blend or Home-Based** preschool education for **28** eligible four-year-old children, and that **\$95200** of the stated amount, based on the approved per capita allowance of **\$ 3400** will be used specifically for this purpose; and be it

RESOLVED that **Marquette Area Public Schools** certifies that it **will** provide **Full-Day** preschool education for **0** eligible four-year-old children, and that **\$0** of the stated amount, based on the approved per capita allowance of **\$ 6800** will be used specifically for this purpose; and

Marquette Area Public Schools further certifies that more than 50 percent of the children enrolled in the school readiness program will meet the income eligibility guidelines outlined in Sections 32d and 37 through 40; and therefore be it

RESOLVED that **Marquette Area Public Schools** certifies that it **will** provide comprehensive parent involvement and education programs for all families of children birth to kindergarten entry, and that **\$0** will be used specifically for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, Section 11d of the State School Aid Act provides for a district to apply the allocation to absorb a reduction in the 2009-10 per-pupil foundation allowance, be it

RESOLVED that **Marquette Area Public Schools** certifies that it **will** absorb a reduction in the 2009-10 district per-pupil foundation allowance, and that **\$0** will be used specifically for this purpose; and be it finally

RESOLVED that any unallocated funds, as a result of this resolution, shall be redistributed to other eligible districts.

ADOPTED: 30 Nov 9 _____
DATE SIGNATURE OF SCHOOL OR ACADEMY BOARD PRESIDENT

ADOPTED: 11/30/09 _____
DATE SIGNATURE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY

One (1) original of the signed board resolution must be retained in administrative files.

Marquette Area Public Schools
Holiday Season Programs & Concerts - 2009

Thursday, December 3, 7:00 p.m., **Graveraet Intermediate School Holiday Program, *Christmas with the Classics***, Kaufman Auditorium

Monday, December 7, 7:00 p.m., **Bothwell Middle School Holiday Season Band Concert**, Kaufman Auditorium. Admission: \$3 per person or \$6 per family; free for senior citizens

Wednesday, December 9, 6:00 p.m. (2:00 p.m. with Kindergarten "A" classes), **Cherry Creek 1st and 2nd grade Holiday Program, *'Twas the Night Before Christmas***, Cherry Creek School Gym

Wednesday, December 9, 6:00 p.m., **Sandy Knoll 3rd and 4th grade, *Holiday Celebration***, Sandy Knoll School Gym

Wednesday, December 9, 7:00 p.m., **BMS/MSHS Winter Orchestra Concert, *December Classics***, Kaufman Auditorium. Admission: \$5 adults; \$3 students; \$12 families; free for senior citizens

Thursday, December 10, 2:45 p.m., **Sandy Knoll Elementary School, *Kindergarten Holiday Celebration***, Sandy Knoll School Gym

Thursday, December 10, 6:00 p.m. (2:00 p.m. with Kindergarten "B" classes), third and fourth grade, **Cherry Creek Holiday Program, *December 'Round the World***, Cherry Creek School Gym

Thursday, December 10, 6:00 p.m., **Sandy Knoll 1st and 2nd grade, *Holiday Celebration***, Sandy Knoll School Gym

Monday, December 14, 6:00 p.m. (10:00 a.m. with Kindergarten "A" classes), **Superior Hills 3rd and 4th grade Holiday Program, *December 'Round the World***, Superior Hills School Gym

Monday, December 14, 7:00 p.m., **MSHS Bands Winter Concert**, Kaufman Auditorium. Admission: \$5 adults; \$3 students; \$12 families; free for senior citizens

Tuesday, December 15, 6:00 p.m. (2:00 p.m. with Kindergarten "B" Classes), **Superior Hills 1st and 2nd Grade – *'Twas the Night Before Christmas***, Superior Hills Gym

Wednesday, December 16, 7:00 p.m., **MSHS Choral Holiday Concert, *Sure on this Shining Night***, Kaufman Auditorium. Admission: \$5 adults; \$3 students; \$12 families; free for senior citizens

Thursday, January 14, 7:00 p.m., **Bothwell Middle School Winter Choral Concert, *Jazz in January***, Kaufman Auditorium. Admission: \$3 per person; \$6 families; free for senior citizens