

**Marquette Area Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
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**Rescheduled Regular Meeting
Monday, October 26, 2009, 6:00 p.m.
Marquette Senior High School Library
1203 West Fair Avenue**

MINUTES

- **Call to Order**

A rescheduled regular meeting of the Marquette Area Public Schools Board of Education was held Monday, October 26, in the Library of the Marquette Senior High School. The meeting was called to order by Board President **Kellie Holmstrom** at 6:02 p.m.

- **Roll Call**

Members Present

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

Board Student Representative Present

Sarah Anthony

Central Administration Present

Jon Hartwig	Superintendent
Deborah Veiht	Assistant Superintendent
Jackie Winkowski	Administrative Assistant / Recording Secretary

Others Present

MAPS employees, parents and other citizens, Superior Productions videographer (about 40 people, total)

- **Approve Agenda**

A motion was made by Scott Brogan and seconded by Tony Retaskie to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Approve Minutes of the September 21, 2009, Regular Board Meeting**

A motion was made by Al Hawker and seconded by Norm Gruber to approve the Minutes of the September 21, 2009, Regular Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

- **Superintendent's Report:**

Superintendent Jon Hartwig's report covered the following topics:

-Marquette Senior High School Student planned overnight trips – 2009-10 (presented to the Board as an informational item):

AP Government:

“We the People,” Lansing, January 7-8, 2010

Band:

MSBOA All State Band, Grand Rapids, January 21-23, 2010

Michigan Youth Arts Festival, Kalamazoo, May 6-8, 2010

Essentially Ellington Competition, Lincoln Center for Performing Arts, NY, NY, May 2010

Choral:

MSBOA All State Band, Grand Rapids, January 21-23, 2010

Michigan Youth Arts Festival, Kalamazoo, May 6-8, 2010

Orchestra:

MSBOA All State Band, Grand Rapids, January 21-23, 2010

Michigan Youth Arts Festival, Kalamazoo, May 6-8, 2010

Business Professionals of America:

State Competition, Grand Rapids, MI, March 17-21, 2010

National Competition, Grand Rapids, MI, May 5-9, 2010

-The State Department of Education's recognition of MAPS' Food Service Program for achievement in the “Michigan School Breakfast Challenge”; Food Service Manager Peggy Mullen attended the Board meeting and accepted a plaque, presented by Mr. Hartwig, in recognition of the award. Mrs. Mullen advised that the Breakfast Challenge is a two-year effort, and MAPS' recognition was for first-year achievement.

-MAPS' response to influenza; Mr. Hartwig mentioned MAPS absence (due to illness) rates today were approximately 15% at the High School and 5-10% in other buildings. He also noted H1N1 student vaccinations were provided at three MAPS schools; however, because the County Health Dept. could not provide additional H1N1 vaccinations at this time, vaccination clinics scheduled to take place at other MAPS schools had to be postponed.

-MSHS's November 12-13-14 (8 pm, Kaufman) Musical, *Seussical*; student representatives of the cast were present and performed a number from the show.

-An update on Small Learning Communities / Secondary School Redesign (reported by Garee Zellmer).

-An update on the State School Funding situation.

-Grade alignment recommendation status / Board Work Session for discussion set for November 3, 5:15 pm, HS Library.

- **Comments from the Public**

Bruce Carter, district maintenance worker, expressed concern about possible contracting out of the Cherry Creek day shift custodial job.

- **Approve Consent Agenda**

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

- Revised Personnel Report dated October 26, 2009; and

- **Financial Reports:**

- September 2009 Receipts and Disbursements; and

- September 2009 Financial Reports.

Motion carried, 7-0.

- **Board Committee Reports:**

Executive Committee Meeting – Committee Chair Kellie Holmstrom reported on October 7 Board Executive Committee meeting discussion items, all of which are detailed in the committee meeting minutes. The following topics were addressed: Draft agendas for October Planning and Performance Committee meetings; several topics under “Other”; future agenda items; and a closed session to discuss MESPA I and MABA negotiations. The committee presented no recommendations for whole Board action.

Planning Committee Meeting – Committee Chair Al Hawker reported on October 14 Board Planning Committee discussion items, all of which are detailed in the committee meeting minutes. The following topics were addressed: Board Goals and Objectives; Strategic Planning / initial Action Plan review; Foundation Allowance legislative discussions; Concept of local districts working together cooperatively; New website; and Future Agenda topics. The committee also discussed and recommended bringing the following Action Items to the whole Board:

Discussion on Letter regarding Corporate Sponsorship – Jon Hartwig’s draft letter (copy attached) was reviewed and discussed. There was consensus among Board members to proceed with finalizing and sending the letter.

Cherry Creek Custodial Vacancy – Al Hawker reported that as noted in the Planning Committee meeting minutes, contracting the Cherry Creek’s day shift custodial services through Hi-Tec would save approximately \$25,271.43 per year compared to employing a MAPS custodian. It was noted that Hi-Tec’s proposal is \$32,340 per year for three years, however, MAPS could exit the agreement at any time. There was lengthy discussion, during which Tony Retaskie expressed concerns about contracted services, while other Board members expressed support for contracted services as a cost-saving measure or trying the service for the balance of the current school year and then evaluating it.

A motion was made by Al Hawker and seconded by Norm Gruber to contract with Hi-Tec for Cherry Creek day shift Custodial Services as presented and to direct the Administration to evaluate the program in June 2010. Following further discussion, during which Tony Retaskie expressed support for seeking requests for proposals rather than obtaining one bid from just one company, the **motion carried** with six yes votes and one no vote cast by Tony Retaskie.

Performance Committee Meeting – Committee Chair Mark Smith reported on October 20 Board Performance Committee discussion items, all of which are detailed in the committee meeting minutes. The committee addressed the following topics: Initial Action Plan review; Enrollment update; Staffing update; Kaufman ticketing update; MSHS cell phone discussion; Swimming pool cost review; Online course review; and Future agenda topics. The committee also discussed and recommended bringing the following “Action Items” to the whole Board:

Cherry Creek Custodial Vacancy – Addressed under “Planning Committee,” above.

Board Goals and Objectives – A motion was made by Mark Smith and seconded by Norm Gruber to adopt the proposed Board Goals and Objectives (copy attached) as presented. During discussion, Tony Retaskie expressed concern about the timeline for Board members completing CBA courses. Kellie Holmstrom requested that the dates specified in the Goals and Objectives be examined by the Executive Committee and placed on the next Executive Committee meeting agenda. **Motion carried, 7-0.**

Kellie Holmstrom initiated discussion on **student use of cell phones**, a topic discussed by the Performance Committee. She mentioned students and parents were not surveyed when MSHS staff were surveyed on student cell phone use; she suggested consideration of a parent survey during fall P-T conferences. Dr. Holmstrom expressed support for considering students being allowed to use cell phones during lunchtime in the HS cafeteria and mentioned that because students cannot use them on the premises at that time, many opt to leave the property. Sarah Anthony mentioned an upcoming MSHS “Fishbowl” discussion where it might be possible to address this topic.

Tony Retaskie requested that information on the **MSHS Pool**’s budget, history, and use be provided to everyone prior to the upcoming Board of Education Budget Work Session.

- **Other Board Committee Reports: Parent Advisory Council** – Mark Smith reported on the October 17 MAPS PAC meeting which he attended. He advised attendance was up and among discussion items were the budget situation, grade alignment, and school organizations’ tax exempt status.
- **Unfinished Business: Adopt Resolution Designating Depository (River Valley Bank)** – A motion was made by Al Hawker and seconded by Norm Gruber to adopt the Resolution (copy attached) designating River Valley Bank as MAPS’ depository. **Motion carried, 7-0.**
- **New Business: A proposed revision to Board Bylaw 0165.1, Regular Meetings** was presented for review. It was requested that the Administration check with legal counsel regarding this and then follow up with the Board.
- **Gifts and Bequests**

On behalf of the Board, Kellie Holmstrom proclaimed acceptance of and expressed appreciation for the following donations:

- (16) 2-Cycle Backpack Blowers from Michigan Sales and Equipment (for MSHS small gas engine repair class);
- \$5,000 check from Shiras Institute – second and final contribution toward restoration and beautification of Graveraet Fountain and Courtyard Project;
- Computer and office items from Dr. Brett Goymereac to Alternative High School (see attached).

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

Jake Guter, parent, asked about the following with reference of the 2009 and Beyond Alignment Committee: Options reviewed; criteria evaluated. Is the recommendation what’s best or what’s most expedient? Are there meeting minutes?

- **Board Member Comments**

Board members comments covered the following topics:

- Recent MASB CBA 103 course on finance and budget.
- State school funding situation; citizens should contact legislators .
- State Police school bus inspectors were recently laid off.
- Dillon health care plan for government and school employees, if enacted, could produce substantial savings.
- Sarah Anthony: Will follow up regarding MSHS “Fishbowl” discussion.
- H1N1.
- Encouraged everyone to attend “Seussical” musical, November 12, 13, 14, 8:00 p.m., Kaufman.
- Grade realignment issue – parents’ input is welcome.
- Could we include a link to legislators on MAPS website?
- Legislators do read hand-written letters.
- Congratulations to Peggy Mullen / Food Service Dept. on their MDE Breakfast Challenge achievement.
- Student trips; Mr. Hartwig described them as non-district sponsored.
- Appreciation to audience for attending Board meeting.
- November 3 work session on grade alignment.

- **Board President’s Comments**

Dr. Kellie Holmstrom:

- Extended congratulations to Peggy Mullen and Food Service staff on their Breakfast Challenge achievement.
- Said she would like to commend MAPS students who participated in the October 14 Marquette County Pops Concert at Westwood and mentioned they cheered for students from other schools.
- Commented on the recent Cross Country meet.
- Mentioned that Soccer went well.
- Commented that the State Funding crisis is real and mentioned cost-saving measures enacted in other states, including furlough days and removal of professional development funding.

- **Announcements and Other Meetings:**

All UP Orchestra Concert	BMS Gym	October 29	7:00 p.m.
MAPS Family Life Advisory Committee	MSHS Library	November 2	4:00 p.m.
Dance Team’s “Not Just a Half Time Performance”	MSHS Gym	November 2	7:00 p.m.
Election Day		November 3	
Board Executive Committee, rescheduled	Board Room	November 3	7:30 a.m.
Board Work Session re: Grade Alignment	MSHS Library	November 3	5:15 p.m.
Board Work Session re: Budget	MSHS Library	November 10	5:15 p.m.
Board Planning Committee	Board Room	November 11	7:30 a.m.
Student Musical, “Seussical”	Kaufman Aud.	Nov. 12-13-14	8:00 p.m.
Board Performance Committee	Board Room	November 17	Noon
MAPS Parent Advisory Council	MSHS Library	November 17	6:30 p.m.
MASB CBA234 Team Building	MARESA	November 23	6:00 p.m.
Board Members Breakfast with Legislators	MARESA	November 24	7:30 a.m.
Marquette Community Schools Turkey Trot 5 & 10K	MSHS	November 26	9:00 a.m.
Thanksgiving Break – no school		November 26-27	
Board Meeting, Regular	MSHS Library	November 30	4:30 p.m.

NOTE:

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

- **Adjourn**

**A motion was made by Al Hawker and seconded by Tony Retaskie to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried; adjourned at 8:10 a.m.**

Kellie A. Holmstrom
President

Mark Smith
Secretary-Treasurer

Jackie Winkowski
Recording Secretary

Attachments: MDE Letter re: Breakfast Challenge
Personnel Report
Draft letter regarding corporate sponsorship
Board Goals and Objectives
River Valley banking resolution
Letter: Dr. Goymerac donations to Alternative High School



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October 16, 2009

Mr. Jon Hartwig, Superintendent
Marquette Area Public Schools
1201 W. Fair Avenue
Marquette, MI 49855-2668

Dear Mr. Hartwig:

On behalf of the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), I would again like to congratulate you on your district's efforts to meet the School Breakfast Challenge. This is an important challenge because research shows that students who eat breakfast:

- ✓ Score better on standardized tests.
- ✓ Improve academic achievement.
- ✓ Have fewer health issues.
- ✓ Behave better in class.

A school breakfast can even provide peace of mind for parents who are often rushed in the morning trying to send children off to school.

As you know, districts meeting this challenge were honored at the Michigan Association of School Administrators' September 2009 Conference. Your district's plaque honoring your school's success is enclosed and we hope it will continue to encourage your district to meet Superintendent Flanagan's Breakfast Challenge.

Questions regarding the content of this letter may be directed to the School Nutrition Training and Programs unit by email to mde-schoolnutrition@michigan.gov or phone 517-373-3347.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Chartrand

Mary Ann Chartrand, Director
Grants Coordination and School Support

Enclosure

cc: Peggy Mullen

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Jon Hartwig
FROM: Michelle Carne
DATE: October 26, 2009
RE: Personnel Report for the October 26, 2009 Board Meeting

REVISED

The following personnel changes are to be reported to the Board of Education at its October 26, 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

Laurel Johnston, HS Instructional Program Aide, has submitted a letter of resignation effective September 18, 2009. Ms. Johnston served MAPS as a sub and aide since September 2006.

Gregg Corne, HS Noon Hour Supervisor, has submitted a letter of resignation effective the end of the day October 30, 2009. Mr. Corne has served MAPS since April 2009. He has acquired a full time position elsewhere.

RETIREMENT

Mike Anthony, CC Head Custodian, has submitted a letter of retirement effective September 30, 2009. Mr. Anthony has served MAPS since 1979.

Dianne Linn, Adult & Community Ed / Student Database Director, has submitted a letter of retirement effective December 31, 2009. Mrs. Linn has served MAPS since 1995.

APPOINTMENT

The following people have been recommended as a part time **Bus Driver** for an annual Kindergarten run:

James Yates, posting #2153
Doug Chandler, posting #2154
Sandy Biolo, posting #2155
James Randall, posting #2156
John Kronberg, posting #2158
Nancy Fletcher, posting #2159
Leland Kersey, posting #2160

LEAVE

Mary Guenette, SK Teacher Assistant, has submitted a letter requesting an unpaid medical maternity leave of absence from approximately December 1, 2009 through February 23, 2010.

Mindy Longton, VA Kindergarten Teacher, has submitted a letter requesting an unpaid medical maternity leave of absence from approximately November 30, 2009 through February 28, 2010 or earlier.

INFORMATIONAL

Long Term Substitute

Erin LaValley has been recommended as a part time, .50 FTE **Substitute Special Ed Resource Room Teacher** at Bothwell Middle School for the remainder of the 2009-10 school year. Mrs. LaValley has previously worked at MAPS in a variety of regular and substitute teaching and aide positions.

PCMI

Ben Olsen, resigned as **Boys JV Basketball Coach and Intramural Basketball Coordinator**

James Brooks, resigned as **Head Swim Coach**

Steve McLain, resigned as **HS Yearbook Advisor**

Lisa St. Onge, non-renewed as **BMS Yearbook Advisor**

Joe Havican, recommended as **Boys JV Basketball Coach**

Eric Eppensteiner, recommended as **High School Head Swim Coach**

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

DRAFT

October 14, 2009

Business Owner
Business Title
Street Address
Marquette, Michigan

Dear Mr. / Mrs. Last Name:

Michigan ranks last among our nation's states when key national economic indicators are used to evaluate our region's health. Leaders sense growing concern that our state's plight has become permanently associated with high unemployment and conditions adverse to growth and prosperity. As was inevitable, the bottom dropped out of revenue sources for State public schools. Marquette is among districts now facing loss of programs due to growing deficits. Much of what has promoted our unique nature is now at risk.

The purpose of this letter is twofold. First, our Board of Education and Administration recognize the importance of local business leaders understanding the dire nature of funding for public schools throughout Michigan, specifically Marquette Area Public Schools. Escalating costs contrast diminishing revenues, placing current programs at risk. Our 2009-2010 budget will again rely on General Fund Balance to equalize revenues and expenditures. That reliance may exceed \$2,000,000 for this school year, greatly reducing available cash reserves.

The second purpose of this letter is to encourage regional business owners to consider limited or complete sponsorship of local public education programs. Marquette Area Public Schools provides thousands of youngsters with fine arts, athletic and extra-curricular opportunities. Decreased revenue, currently being approved by our Legislature and Governor, put all **such** programs at risk. Seeking private group sponsorship is an avenue we must pursue.

On behalf of a grateful school community, we thank you for taking time to read this letter. If your organization has interest in pursuing discussions aimed at supporting aspects of our public school program, please contact me at your convenience. At that point we will provide more specific examples of how your organization may help.

Sincerely,

Jon Hartwig, Superintendent of Schools
Marquette Area Public Schools
jhartwig@mapsnet.org

DRAFT

Topic One Board Member Effectiveness

Goal Statement

Utilize local, regional, statewide and national enrichment/educational opportunities to enhance board members' capacity.

2009-2010 Objectives

- 1) Each MAPS board member will complete and receive credit for two MASB-sponsored Certified Board Member courses during the 2009-2010 school year.
- 2) Each MAPS board member will identify and participate in opportunities for community interaction.

Topic Two District Planning

Goal Statement

Promote strategic and coordinated planning of important Board-related responsibilities.

2009-2010 Objectives

- 1) By January, 2010, annual Board of Education goals and objectives will be approved by the Board and made available to the community.
- 2) By July 1, 2009, annual Superintendent goals and objectives will be approved by the Planning Committee and presented to the Board of Education.

Topic Three Assessment of Effectiveness

Goal Statement

Increase effectiveness through self-assessment.

2009-2010 Objective

- 1) The Board of Education will conduct and consider results of one formal self-assessment prior to January 1, 2010.

Topic Four Visioning

Goal Statement

Utilize visioning to guide development of important district initiatives.

Objectives

- 1) Using appropriate community and school district resources, the Board of Education will develop and adopt a District Vision Statement by January 1, 2010.


RESOLUTION DESIGNATING DEPOSITORY OF
COUNTY, CITY, VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP, OR
SCHOOL DISTRICT MONEYS
MARQUETTE AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS _____, Michigan
[Name of County, City, Village, Township, or School District]

WHEREAS, under the law of the State of Michigan, MCL § 129.12, this [county board of commissioners, board of county auditors, township board of a township, the district board or board of education of a school district, or the legislative body of a city or village] ("**Municipality**") is required to provide by resolution for the deposit of all public moneys, including tax moneys, coming into the possession of the Treasurer or Tax Collector, in one or more financial institutions in the proportion and manner as may be provided in the resolution.

RESOLVED, that this Municipality hereby authorizes the Treasurer or Tax Collector to deposit all public moneys coming into his or her hands with the Michigan branch of River Valley State Bank, located at 1140 W. WASHINGTON ST., MARQUETTE, MI 49855 ("**Bank**"), a depository of public funds under Chapter 129, Michigan Compiled Laws, and the Bank is hereby designated as a depository in which the public moneys of this Municipality may be deposited;

RESOLVED, that the Treasurer or Tax Collector may invest public money with the Bank as legally permitted by MCL § 129.91 or Federal law or regulation within the limits set therein;

RESOLVED, that, pursuant to MCL § 129.101 public moneys held in an account of the Municipality and on deposit in the Bank may be drawn upon by checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money bearing the facsimile signature or signatures of any _____ [number] of the following persons:

[Name or Type of Account]


[Type or Print Title of Authorized Signers i.e. Clerk, Treasurer, etc]
BONNIE JACOBSON
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MARK E. SMITH

and the Bank shall be entitled to honor and to charge the appropriate account for such checks, drafts and other orders regardless of by whom or by what means any such actual or purported facsimile signature may have been affixed thereto if, in the exercise of ordinary care, such signature would be honored by the Bank as being the facsimile signature duly certified to the Bank; and

RESOLVED, that Bank and the Treasurer or Tax Collector are authorized to rely on the continuing of this resolution until amended or replaced by a subsequent resolution of this Municipality.

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Donations to Alternate HS from Dr. Brett Goymerac

1. Television monitor with keyboard and base
2. HP 4000 LaserJet printer
3. Tower computer without hard drive
4. Cannon copier
5. HP ink cartridge