

# OLD MISSION PENINSULA SCHOOL

Special Board Meeting – Minutes

Friday, March 6, 2020 8:30am

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Meeting held at:

At Peninsula Township Hall

13235 Center Road, Traverse City, MI 49686

1. CALL TO ORDER

Amanda Igra called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was held.

The following board members were present: Amanda Igra (President), Becky Seah (Vice-President), Susie Shipman (Secretary/Treasurer), Jen Coleman, Mike Smiley, Isaiah Wunsch and Mike Jager.

Non-Board Members Attending:

Rick Couturier, OMPS Head of School

Beth Simon Assistant Principal

Matt Missias, GVSU

Amanda Renkiewicz, OMPEF President

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Igra requested that all public comment be moved to the beginning of the meeting.

Motion made by Wunsch and supported by Seah to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Allison O'Keefe requested that the board discussion about middle school expansion consider and honor the leap of faith that was made to open the school in the first place.

5. MEETING MINUTES

a. February 21, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Seah and supported by Jager to approve the February 21, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. BUSINESS

b. Middle School Discussion

Couturier wants to keep to the forefront of discussion the overarching goal of building a school that is K-8. The board discussed a range of considerations for expanding the middle school, including enrollment, appropriate timing and financial implications.

Smiley is concerned about the school getting to a budget that is sustainable within the state aid funding.

Coleman is interested in looking at more detailed financial outlooks including one for a K-5 configuration.

Shipman outlined potential income that could come from a strong preschool program.

Jager brought up the issue of the families that could decide to leave if the middle school. Shipman was hopeful that once a defined plan for the next three years is settled, families will no longer feel the uncertainty they have expressed currently.

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Additional comments were made regarding the importance of long-term sustainability, and moving forward with a thoughtful step-by-step plan.

Motion made by Wunsch and supported by Igra to formalize the work of the middle school committee of board, staff, parents to set outcome goals to establish a 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – *this item was amended to be included in item 4.*

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Shipman and supported by Igra.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.



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Board Secretary