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Marquette Area Public School Board selects Sentinels as new nickname



The Marquette Area Public School Board has selected the 'Sentinels' as the new MSHS nickname with a six-to-one vote on Monday.

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MARQUETTE, Mich. (WLUC) - With a six-to-one vote, the Marquette Area Public School Board voted to adopt the ‘Sentinels’ as the school’s new nickname.

Jason Zdunek was the only board member voting no to the selection. This comes after months of debate in the community, thousands of suggestions and feedback from students.

“I’m just happy to see that we have a new nickname, and I’m hoping it’s something the students can rally around and find a sense of community in it. Personally, I think there’s a lot of cool things that can be done with the Sentinels, including, like the school board president said, having an actual mascot at sporting games and stuff, possibly like a Roman Sentinel or Greek, or something like that would be pretty cool,” MSHS Senior and Student Council President Cully Papin said.

After the meeting, MAPS Superintendent Zack Sedgwick said he’s proud of the process.

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“I’m proud of our board, proud of a process where these democratically elected officials made a decision on behalf of a community that values its schools, values its high school, that values the importance of a name that represents them,” Sedgwick said.

Board President Kristen Cambensy says the students’ feedback was very important during the process.

“I’m excited that they were here and that they were involved in the process and they took some ownership in it by expressing their opinions, so I’m hoping that that will help us with the public and the community,” Cambensy said.

Board members also received an email from Margaret Brumm, a Marquette resident who says she’s obtained property rights to all three of the finalists including the ‘Sentinels.’



In the email, Brumm says “I will leave it to your attorney to advise you of the risks the school board will take if the school board decides to change the name without first obtaining the property rights that I own. I look forward to beginning negotiations with the school board with respect to my property rights in the proposed nicknames.”

Both Superintendent Sedgwick and Board President Cambensy declined to comment on Brumm’s email. Cambensy did say the public is still welcome to email the board regarding the ‘Sentinels’ mascot ideas or designs.

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