

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
NORTH PEKIN-MARQUETTE HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 102  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020, 6:00 P.M.  
GEORGETOWNE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by President Keith Knox. Present were Buhl, Higdon, Vo and Williams. Absent were Shockley and Therry. Also present were Superintendent Byron Sondgeroth, Principal Tom Brown, Principal Jennifer Dietrich and Principal Jennifer Lindsay.

All Board Members received their notices of the regular meeting at least 48 hours in advance.

Sondgeroth gave a Board Salute to Miss Long for all her work in organizing the County Chess Tournament and to Mrs. Short and the student council members for all their work with serving concessions. It went very well and the students played very well. Georgetowne School has hosted the event for 28 years and Tazewell County has hosted the event for 42 years.

Sondgetoth and Brown gave a Board Salute to Mrs. Turner, certified substitute teacher, for filling in during Mrs. Humke's maternity leave. Mrs. Turner did an amazing job with the students.

Williams moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of Regular Board Minutes of January 28, 2020; Closed Session Meeting Minutes, January 28, 2020; Committee of the Board Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2020; January, 2020 Treasurer's Report; February, 2020 Board Bills; January, 2020 Imprest Fund Reports and January, 2020 Activity Reports; updated Substitute List; and request for paternity leave. Second by Higdon. Roll call vote. Ayes: Buhl, Higdon, Knox, Vo and Williams. Nays: 0. Motion carried 5-0.

Jennifer Dietrich reported to the Board:

- Growth Goals – 89% of students reached reading goals and 92% reached math goals
- Kindergarten round up is on March 23, 2020.
- Young author stories will be collected up to March 20, 2020.
- Students in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades will compete in the 7th annual Spelling Bee on March 13, 2020.
- Read Across America is on March 2, 2020, in honor of Dr. Seuss.
- Custodians have been disinfecting the buildings due to all the illness.

Jennifer Lindsay reported to the Board:

- Illinois Assessment of Readiness testing will begin on March 23, 2020.
- 100% of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in the Illinois 5 Essentials Student Survey.
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade participation in the Second Step Program will conclude in the next couple weeks. 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will begin their sessions on character education and social emotional development on March 18.

Jennifer Lindsay report continued:

- The American Red Cross discussed with the students the importance of blood donation.
- The Parents Club school carnival will take place on Friday, March 20, 2020.

Tom Brown reported to the Board:

- Seven students represented the GMS choral program at the ILMEA All-State Elementary Chorus Concert.
- GMS held its fourth “Lock-In” on Friday, February 7, 2020.
- The District spelling bee was conducted in the GMS auditorium, Gavin Taylor was the winner and competed in the County Spelling Bee.
- The NJHS students sponsored annual blood drive is on March 5, 2020.
- Mrs. Short received a grant and she will take the 7<sup>th</sup> grade class to the Peoria Riverfront Museum on March 9, 2020.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade students attended PCHS registration on Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2020.

Mr. Brown also addressed the board about his meeting with St. Joseph’s School Principal, Athletic Director and Josh Wonsowski, Georgetowne’s Athletic Director. This meeting was to discuss the possibility of forming a coop to combine softball, cross country, girls’ basketball and volleyball athletics. Each school has had difficulties getting enough students to go out for some athletic events to form a team. Georgetowne Middle School has never had a girls basketball team. If a coop is formed there would be a 2 year agreement.

Buhl made a motion to table the “Action Item” to approve the 2020/2021 School Calendar. Second by Vo. Roll call vote. Ayes: Buhl, Higdon, Knox, Vo, Williams. Nays: 0. Motion carried 5-0.

Higdon made a motion to approve Board Policy 5:20-Exhibit – Resolution to Prohibit Sexual Harassment. Second by Williams. Roll call vote. Ayes: Buhl, Higdon, Knox, Vo, Williams. Nays: 0. Motion carried 5-0.

Vo made a motion to approve Vogue Painting, Inc.’s proposal of \$11,375.00 to paint Georgetowne’s gym walls. This will be paid out of the 2020/2021 budget. Second by Higdon. Roll call vote. Ayes: Buhl, Higdon, Knox, Vo, Williams. Nays: 0. Motion carried 5-0.

Higdon made a motion to accept the proposal of \$2,156.00 from Kelley Ironworks to build and install a ships ladder at Georgetowne to use to access the roof. Second by Buhl. Roll call vote. Ayes: Buhl, Higdon, Knox, Vo, Williams. Nays: 0. Motion carried 5-0.

Williams made a motion to approve the proposal of \$1,025.00 from Roy Keith Electric Company to install 2 new breakers and outlets in the Georgetowne Tech Room. Second by Higdon. Roll call vote. Ayes: Buhl, Higdon, Knox, Vo, Williams. Nays: 0. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Sondgeroth discussed with the board his recommendation to advertise for bids for the Georgetowne Roof Project. He has contacted our architect to assemble bid specks for the replacement of the remainder of Georgetowne's roof. This is a discussion item only, no action taken.

Mr. Sondgeroth discussed with the Board that the March board meeting will be held at Marquette School in the library. This is a discussion item only, no action taken.

Mr. Sondgeroth discussed with the Board that the Central Il Valley Division Dinner Meeting is held this year on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at Dunlap Valley Middle School. The open house begins at 5:30; dinner is at 6:00 with break-out sessions beginning at 7:00. This is a discussion item only, no action taken.

Mrs. Lindsay addressed the board about obtaining a social worker intern for next year. The Illinois Education Job Bank shows 94 school social worker vacancies. This is a discussion item only, no action taken.

Vo made a motion to adjourn at 7:12 P.M. Second by Higdon. Roll call vote. Ayes: Buhl, Higdon, Knox, Vo, Williams. Nays: 0. Motion carried 5-0.

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Keith Knox, President

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Andrew Shockley, Secretary