

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
NORTH PEKIN-MARQUETTE HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 102  
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2020  
GEORGETOWNE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:02 P.M. by Vice President Shannon Higdon. Present were Buhl, Shockley and Therry. Knox, Vo and Williams were absent. Also present were Superintendent Byron Sondgeroth, Principals Jennifer Dietrich, Jennifer Lindsay and Tom Brown.

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

Sondgeroth gave a Board Salute to the following employees who received Service Awards: Sheila Bussone, Megan Hickey, Sarah Keck, Anne Look, Shannon Neidermeier, Brenda Schaefer, Ann Shanklin, Beth Strunk and Joan Wodstrchill for 5 years of service; Laura Burdick for 10 years of service; Terri Donahue and Patti Massaglia to 25 years of service.

Higdon gave a Board Salute to the staff for arranging the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation parade. They did a great job and Mr. Therry also agreed.

Therry gave a Board Salute to the staff that mentored their peers on using new technology during the "At Home Learning".

Therry moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of Regular Board Meeting Minutes for April 28, 2020; Committee of the Whole Board Meeting Minutes for May 5, 2020; April, 2020 Treasurer's Report; May, 2020 Board Bills; April, 2020 Imprest Fund Reports; April, 2020 Activity Reports; District Fees for the 2020-2021 School Year; 2020-2021 Board of Education Meeting Calendar. Seconded by Buhl. Roll call vote Motion carried 4-0.

Mrs. Dietrich reported to the Board:

- ❖ Mrs. Dietrich appreciated all of the staff's efforts through the COVID-19 school closure. They took their students and their families' needs into account with planning.
- ❖ Mrs. Keck's students, Emily Daniels, Troy Scurlock, Chevy Blake and Alivia Embry, were chosen to have their haiku poems published by Young American Poetry Digest 2020.
- ❖ Teachers delivered student supplies and end of the year fun to their students.
- ❖ Pre-K graduates received t-shirts and other gifts from their teachers.
- ❖ The library renovation has begun. Furniture and flooring have been ordered. All furniture and carpet have been removed and the walls are painted. Thank you to the district custodial staff for all their efforts with this renovation.
- ❖ Marquette staff enjoyed supporting the 2020 GMS graduates.

Mrs. Lindsay reported to the Board:

- ❖ Mrs. Lindsay expressed her appreciation for the efforts of the teachers who quickly and effectively transitioned to remote learning. They continuously provided students with access to instructional materials and made themselves available through Zoom or Google Hangouts for virtual meetings.
- ❖ Teachers held the annual read-a-thon through virtual bitmoji classroom. Student awards were shared on Class Dojo.
- ❖ Rogers' teachers enjoyed standing along the parade route to celebrate our District 102 8<sup>th</sup> graders.
- ❖ Materials exchange was held May 20-22 for families to return Chromebooks and library books. Students also picked up their personal belongings.
- ❖ Summer cleaning is completed at Rogers School.
- ❖ The special education teachers and therapists have worked diligently to continue providing services through remote learning.
- ❖ Additional gratitude goes out to Mrs. Burdick for checking in with families throughout the district. She made porch visits and helped with phone calls when teachers had a concern.

Mr. Brown reported to the Board:

- ❖ Teacher's continued to conduct Remote Learning through a combination of Google Classroom, Class Dojo, and paper packets until May 15.
- ❖ Teachers conducted porch visits with their students.
- ❖ Student pick-up of belongings and turn-in of all educational materials occurred the week of May 18 through May 22.
- ❖ 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation parade and diploma drive thru was held on Wednesday, May 20. This event was wonderfully successful. We received many positive comments from families and community members. Thank you to GMS Staff for assisting in the execution of this event.
- ❖ Thank you to Mrs. Short for not only working hard in the planning and execution of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation program, but for landscaping the garden area around the Georgetowne sign.
- ❖ Congratulations to Mrs. Chris Short on her retirement. Her 34 years of service to District #102 and Georgetowne Middle School is beyond measure. She will be missed greatly.
- ❖ Congratulations to Mr. Bill Mathewson on his retirement. He has worked hard at maintaining and improving GMS for many years and will be missed.

Buhl made a motion to approve the School Board Legal Liability Insurance and Workers Comp Renewal. Second by Shockley. Roll Call Vote: Motion carried 4-0.

Shockley made a motion to approve the updates to Board PRESS Policy Issue 103: 2:125, 2:160, 4:50, 5:35, 5:50, 5:60, 5:150, 5:210, 5:280, 6:135, 6:235, 6:280, 7:70, 7:90, 7:130, 7:325, 8:10, 8:30, 8:80 and 8:110. Second by Therry. Roll Call Vote Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Sondgeroth discussed with the Board the updates to the school handbooks. Since the Legislators have just finished meeting, we do not have the recommended changes/updates. Hopefully, he will have these to share with the Board at the June meeting. This is for information and feedback only.

Mr. Sondgeroth discussed with the Board the Georgetowne 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation parade. The parade was a success. We have received very positive feedback. Parents were asked to complete a survey on whether they would like to have a traditional graduation or the parade. The majority liked the parade. There is a graduation video that will be sent to parents. This is for information and feedback only.

The principals discussed issues they had with the Covid-19 shut down. Some originally thought Remote Learning would be just like school but at home. That was not possible. The students' were to receive 10 to 15 minutes of instruction per course. The state said the students do not have accountability. The state has suggested schools plan for multiple scenarios in the fall. This is for information and feedback only.

Mr. Sondgeroth informed the Board the Summer Meal distribution will extend through the summer. The district will provide meals if there is a need. The summer serving hours are now 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Meals are served at Georgetowne School only. This is for information and feedback only.

Buhl moved to adjourn at 7:00 P.M to closed session. Second by Shockley. Roll call vote. Motion carried 4-0

Board returned to Open Session at 7:17 P.M.

Motion by Shockley, with a second by Buhl, to approve the retirement of Miss Debra Long, pursuant to 5:12 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective at the end of the 2022-23 school year. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Therry, with a second by Shockley, to approve the non-collective bargaining unit employee salary increases for FY21 as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Therry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 P.M. Second by Buhl. Motion carried by acclamation.

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Keith Knox, President

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Andrew Shockley, Secretary