

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
NORTH PEKIN-MARQUETTE HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 102  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2019, 6:00 P.M.  
GEORGETOWNE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:02 P.M. by Secretary Shockley. Present were Buhl, Vo and Williams. Knox arrived at 6:23 p.m. Higdon, and Therry were absent. Also present were Superintendent Byron Sondgeroth, Principals Tom Brown, Jennifer Lindsay and Jennifer Dietrich.

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

Sondgeroth gave a Board Salute to the Principals and building staff for the very smooth first week of school.

Buhl gave a Board Salute to Mr. Sondgeroth for stepping in and driving the school bus while the regular bus driver is out on medical leave.

Buhl moved to approve, seconded by Vo, the consent agenda consisting of Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2019; Closed Session Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2019; Special Board Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2019; June and July, 2019 Treasurer's Report; August, 2019 Board Expenditures; July, 2019 Imprest Fund Report; July, 2019 Activity Fund Reports; FY20 Eligible Busing Streets; Facility use request for Cub Scouts Pack 3193 and the Girl Scouts; Updated Certified and Non-Certified Substitute Lists. Roll call vote. Ayes: Buhl, Shockley, Vo and Williams. Nays: 0. Motion carried 4-0.

Williams made a motion, seconded by Buhl, to set the FY20 Budget Hearing for September 24, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Georgetowne Library.

Buhl made a motion, seconded by Williams to approve Press Issue 101 policy updates and revisions to policies: 2:110, 2:140, 2:230, 2:240, 3:10, 3:60, 4:20, 4:90, 5:35, 5:40, 5:130, 5:180, 5:310, 6:40, 6:110, 6:340, 7:170. Roll call vote. Ayes: Buhl, Shockley, Vo and Williams. Nays: 0. Motion carried 4-0

Mrs. Angela VonDerheide, Mrs. Eliza Mast, Mrs. Kelli Schmillen and Mrs. Gidget Elliott addressed the Board with their concerns for their children, who now attend Georgetowne School, who do not qualify to ride the bus to school. Their concerns are the safety of their children walking and caring instruments, walking during the winter months and the buses are not full. They were asking if bus passes could be available to purchase and then the children could go to already established bus stops. Mr. Sondgeroth addressed the parents about the limited space on the buses. He will look into what the cost of a bus, a bus driver and fuel for the year to determine how much the fee would be for parents to purchase a bus pass for the year. The Board will continue discussing this concern at its next committee meeting.

Mrs. Jennifer Miller, Pre-Kindergarten teacher, introduced Millie, the Therapy Dog, to the Board. Mrs. Miller informed the Board what the job is of a Therapy Dog and how well her students did the first day of school with Millie in the classroom. Once Millie gets adjusted Mrs. Miller will have her available for the other classrooms and for reading time.

Mrs. Dietrich reported to the Board:

- MES staff rejoined together for the beginning of the year institutes.
- Fall Benchmark assessments began on Wednesday, August 28, 2019.
- Pre-Kindergarten classes have been created.
- The Center for Prevention of Abuse will begin teaching Second Step to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades in September. Kindergarten will begin at the end of January.
- Supply Drop Off night and Pre-K Parent Orientation was held on August 15, 2019.

Mrs. Lindsay reported to the Board:

- Rogers School Improvement Team has chosen “Rising Up, Straight to the Top” as the theme for the 2019-2020 school year.
- STAR Reading and Math assessments will begin on Wednesday, August 28, 2019.
- Rogers’ school grounds look fantastic after summer cleaning and organizing.
- A picnic table has been added to the playground at RES. The table was purchased with donations made to the school in memory of Mrs. Skinner.
- File reviews for newly enrolled special education students are being completed. Intake meetings will be scheduled as needed.

Mr. Brown reported to the Board:

- Friday, August 16 GMS conducted “Tiger Day’. All 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and new students were invited to come to GMS from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is a day for the students to practice their locker combinations, organize their lockers, walk their schedules, meet their teachers and receive a cinch sack.
- Open House was held on Thursday, August 22, 2019.
- GMS started the 2019-2020 school year with four new staff members, Mrs. Rachel Bloch, Special Education Teacher, Mr. Jacob Ewing, P.E./Social Studies Teacher and Mrs. MacDonald, ELA Teacher and Ms. Cynthia Tindall, custodian.
- Thanks to the custodial staff the building looks fantastic.
- Class Dojo has been launched with a lot of buy in from parents.
- Baseball, Softball and Cross County Track seasons are well underway under the guidance of Coaches Jeff Chapman, Amanda Jackson and Mrs. Coker.

Mr. Sondgeroth informed the Board the start of school went very well, Georgetowne floors look great. Brenda Schaefer’s, bus driver, hand is not healing very well after her surgery. He will continue driving for her. We will, also, use Pekin Buses for some of our trips. Discussion item only, no action required.

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Mr. Sondgeroth informed the Board the replacement updates for Georgetowne's gymnasium roof. The Insurance company and Liberty Mutual have finally come up with an agreement on the cost to repair the roof, which is over \$148,000. Justin is contacting River City Roofing to begin the repairs in the next month. Discussion item only, no action required.

Mr. Sondgeroth informed the Board the Georgetowne Library is waiting on a new shelving unit to complete the library. This unit had to be special ordered due to the limited space available. Discussion item only, no action required.

Shockley made a motion, seconded by Buhl, to adjourn at 7:05 P.M. Roll call vote, Ayes: Buhl, Knox, Shockley, Vo and Williams. Nays: 0. Motion carried 5-0.

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Keith Knox, President

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Andrew Shockley, Secretary