

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
NORTH PEKIN-MARQUETTE HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 102  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2019, 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, Shockley, Therry, Vo and Williams. Also present were Superintendent Byron Sondgeroth, Principals Tom Brown, Jennifer Dietrich, and Jennifer Lindsay.

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

Sondgeroth gave a Board Salute and a “Thank You” to the School Board Members for all the work and effort they put in each month.

Shockley gave a Board Salute to all the staff involved with putting together “Grandparent’s Day”.

Knox gave a Board Salute to the staff involved in the Veteran’s Celebration. It is always well attended and well received.

Sondgeroth gave a Board Salute to the Building Principals for the School Report Cards scores. The report card scores are very good.

Higdon moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of Regular Board Minutes of October 22, 2019; October, 2019 Treasurer’s Report; November, 2019 Board Bills; October, 2019 Imprest Fund Reports and October, 2019 Activity Reports. Seconded by Shockley. Roll call vote. Ayes: Buhl, Higdon, Knox, Shockley, Therry, Vo and Williams. Nays: 0. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Brown introduced Mr. Jacob Ewing, the new Social Studies and P.E. teacher at Georgetowne School. Mr. Ewing is happy to be here and happy for the opportunity to teach at Georgetowne School. He has eight years of teaching experience.

Miss Hickey had 2 teams from the Speech/Drama Club perform for the Board. Elizabeth Austin, Ruhi Patel, and Alina Vang performed “So Long Kitty” . Jolyne Faulkenberry, Zach Webb and Brianna Wood performed “Hickory Dickory What?” They all did a fantastic job. Miss Hickey had 15 groups go to contest this year.

Mrs. Dietrich informed the Board:

1. Parent/Teacher Conferences were very successful.
2. Midpoint assessments took place the week of November 12, 2019.
3. The Scholastic Book Fair was successful again this year. The school earned books for the library and incentives.
4. Grandparents Day was on Tuesday, November 19, 2019. They served lunch to over 140 grandparents.
5. Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade participated in the annual Veteran's Day assembly.
6. Mrs. Dietrich shared with the Board the results of the Illinois School Report Card.

Mrs. Lindsay informed the Board:

1. Parent/Teacher Conferences were held October 30 and November 1, 2019. Teachers always look forward to discussing their student's progress.
2. Mid-point assessments are being completed now.
3. Rogers Grandparents Day was held on November 20, 2019.
4. The Marquette Heights Fire Department presented fire prevention in the home to the students.
5. The annual Health Life Safety Inspection was completed on November 12, 2019.
6. There are 72 students enrolled in Special Education. There were 10 Special Education Meetings held in November.
7. Mrs. Lindsay shared with the Board the results of Illinois School Report Card.

Mr. Brown informed the Board:

1. Mrs. Short took six 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls to "Introduce a Girl to STEM Day" at the Tech Center in Mossville on Wednesday, October 23, 2019.
2. The 5-Essentials survey has been released for parents and GMS is reporting over 24% parent participation.
3. Pekin High School will be coming to speak with 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on Wednesday, November 30, 2019 regarding the PSAT testing.
4. The final parts of the library have been installed. The last shelf was installed and the television was mounted on the wall later in the week.
5. On Monday, November 11, GMS conducted its annual Veteran's Day Celebration. Lots of community members and Veterans were in attendance for this event. Student Council provided for the cake/coffee social prior to the program.
6. Meet the Tigers Night was held on Tuesday, October 29, 2019.
7. Mr. Brown shared with the Board the results of the Illinois School Report Card.

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Therry made a motion to adopt the tentative 2019 Tax Levy. Seconded by Higdon. Roll call vote. Ayes: Buhl, Higdon, Knox, Shockley, Therry, Vo and Walker. Nays: 0. Motion carried 7-0.

Shockley made a motion to purchase a salt spreader for the district truck in the amount of \$1,138.80. Seconded by Buhl. Roll call vote. Ayes: Buhl, Higdon, Knox, Shockley, Therry, Vo and Walker. Nays: 0. Motion carried 7-0.

Shockley moved to approve the proposal from Sam's Janitor Service in the amount of \$14,251.60 to sand, paint and refinish the Georgetowne School gym floor during the summer of 2020. The cost is covered by an insurance claim. The cost will be adjusted a little to include replacing the floor molding around the gym. Seconded by Hidgon. Roll call vote. Ayes: Buhl, Higdon, Knox, Shockley, Therry, Vo and Walker. Nays: 0. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Sondgeroth discussed with the Board the following press policy updates: 2:20; 2:70, 2:100, 2:105, 2:110, 2:200, 2:220, 2:250, 2:260, 3:50, 4:15, 4:30, 4:40, 4:60, 4:80, 4:110, 4:140, 4:150, 4:170, 4:175, 4:190, 5:10, 5:20, 5:30, 5:50, 5:90, 5:100, 5:120, 5:125, 5:150, 5:190, 5:200, 5:220, 5:250, 5:260, 5:285, 5:290, 5:330, 6:15, 6:20, 6:60, 6:65, 6:150, 6:180, 6:210, 6:270, 6:300, (6:310), (6:320), 7:20, 7:150, 7:180, 7:190, 7:200, 7:270, 7:290, 7:340 and 8:30. This item is for informational purposes only.

Mr. Sondgeroth discussed with the Board the summary of expenses for the Georgetowne Library renovations. This item is for informational purposes only.

Mr. Sondgeroth discussed with the Board that ISBE is starting up the maintenance grants again. ISBE will give up to \$50,000 in matching grant money to school districts. Mr. Sondgeroth would like to submit an application for grant money to finish Georgetowne's roof. This item is for informational purposes only.

Mr. Sondgeroth discussed with the Board the IASB School Safety Resolution. This resolution will be discussed in the Resolution Committee at the School Board Convention. This item is for informational purposes only.

Williams moved to adjourn to Closed Session at 7:18 P.M. Seconded by Vo. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Buhl, Higdon, Knox, Shockley, Therry, Vo and Walker. Nays: 0. Motion carried 7-0

Board returned to open session at 7:40 p.m.

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Vo made a motion to approve the transfer of Stacey Chapman and Teri Vogler from teacher aides to secretarial positions at Marquette School starting in January, 2020. Second by Williams. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Buhl, Higdon, Knox, Shockley, Therry, Vo and Walker. Nays: 0. Motion carried 7-0

Mr. Buhl discussed the possibility of using the other buildings to host board meetings at times during the year.

Buhl made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. seconded by Williams. Motion carried by acclamation.

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Keith Knox, President

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Andrew Shockley, Secretary