

**NORTH PEKIN-MARQUETTE HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 102**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**GEORGETOWNE MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**Tuesday, March 23, 2021**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL**

President Knox called the meeting to order at 6 PM. Present were Buhl, Higdon, Knox, Shockley, Therry, Williams and Vo. Also present was Superintendent Sondgeroth, Principal Tom Brown, Principal Jennifer Dietrich and Principal Jennifer Lindsay.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BOARD SALUTES**

Mr. Sondgeroth gave a Board Salute to Mrs. Jennifer Lindsay in recognition of getting selected as the Principal of the Year by the Central Illinois Valley Principals and also getting selected as the State of Illinois Principal of the Year. Congratulations Mrs. Lindsay.

Therry gave a Board Salute to Mr. Sondgeroth and Mrs. Dietrich for nominating Mrs. Lindsay for the Central Illinois Valley Principal of the Year.

Buhl gave a Board Salute to Mr. Woods, Mr. Stambaugh, Mr. Ewing and Mr. Hoffman for their hard work in removing brush and trees at the Georgetowne field.

Sondgeroth gave a Board Salute to the Mrs. Long and the Pom Pon Squad for their performance last week. The Poms and Cheerleaders have practiced all summer and they did not have a lot of opportunity to perform. Cheerleaders will perform next week.

Sondgeroth gave a Board Salute to the Tazewell County Sheriff Office and the Ford Motor Company for their donation of face masks to the school district. The district received a case of adult size and a case of children size.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Williams, with a second by Higdon, to approve the consent agenda items consisting of:

- Regular Meeting Minutes, February 23, 2021
- Closed Session Meeting Minutes, February 23, 2021
- Committee of the Board Meeting Minutes, March 9, 2021
- Treasurer's Report – February, 2021
- Board Expenditures- March, 2021
- Imprest Fund Report – February, 2021
- Activity Fund Reports – February, 2021
- Set April 27, 2021 for Board Organizational meeting after the April 6, 2021 consolidated election.

Voting "Yea" were: Buhl, Higdon, Knox, Shockley, Therry, Vo and Williams. Motion carried 7-0.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO SPEAK**

Mr. Jones addressed the Board to say what a great job Jim Prince, substitute custodian, is doing filling in for the night custodian position at Marquette School.

## BUILDING REPORTS

Jennifer Dietrich informed the Board:

Seven students returned from remote learning for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Congratulations to Bronson Torres for winning the MES Spelling Bee. Good Behavior will be celebrated for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter PBIS celebration. The Jump Rope for Heart campaign kick-off is on March 29. Marquette staff participated in a Smartboard training on March 19. Thank you to Mr. Jim for helping until the end of the school year.

Jennifer Lindsay informed the Board:

Mrs. Lindsay gave a Board Salute to the staff for their perseverance and dedication, to the students who have demonstrated resilience and to the parents who continue to be supportive as we strive to maintain a safe learning environment. IAR is scheduled for District 102 schools April 14-21. Five students returned from remote learning for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Mr. Hoffman continues to remove the broken fence between the playground and the creek line. Current Special Education enrollment is 69 students.

Tom Brown informed the Board:

11 students returned from remote learning for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Social Skills and self-care was the focus of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter PBIS. The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter skill focus is Finish Strong and will focus on keeping students motivated to finish the school year with a purpose in mind. Miss Long hosted a Rebecca Caudill voting party for those students who read and took AR tests over three books by Rebecca Caudill. The girls basketball season began with a round robin tournament at Saint Joseph School. Boys and girls track and field has begun.

## ACTION ITEMS

Member Shockley made a motion to approve the closure of Rogers School at the end of the 2020-21 school year and consolidate students and staff into Marquette and Georgetowne Schools for the 2021-22 school year. The motion was seconded by Therry. Voting “Yea” were: Buhl, Higdon, Knox, Shockley, Therry, Vo and Williams. Motion carried 7-0

Member Vo made a motion to approve the 2-Year bus lease extension from Midwest Bus Sales for an annual cost of \$12,470.72 per bus. The motion was seconded by Higdon. Voting “Yea” were: Buhl, Higdon, Knox, Shockley, Therry, Vo and Williams. Motion carried 7-0

Member Therry made a motion to approve the mowing proposal from Classy Grass for the 2021 and 2022 school years at \$206.00 per mow for all 3 buildings. The motion was seconded by Higdon. Voting “Yea” were: Buhl, Higdon, Knox, Shockley, Therry, Vo and Williams. Motion carried 7-0

Member Buhl made a motion to approve 3 proposals from George Rump Construction. Proposal 1 - \$16,700 to move a wall and renovate rooms 133 and 134 in the lower level of GMS to create 2 new classrooms. Proposal 2 - \$4,575 to renovate and add a wall in room 145 in the lower level of GMS to create one classroom and a smaller work area for Speech. Proposal 3 - \$3,700 to add a door between GMS cafeteria and room 143 in the lower level of GMS. The motion was seconded by Shockley. Voting “Yea” were: Buhl, Higdon, Knox, Shockley, Therry, Vo and Williams. Motion carried 7-0

#### ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

Member Vo made a motion to approve 5 proposals from City Coal and Asphalt. Proposal 1 - \$12,760 to perform asphalt repairs and seal coating to GMS parking lots and driveways. Proposal 2 - \$9,175 to perform asphalt repairs and seal coating to the MES playground. Proposal 3 - \$5,800 to perform asphalt repairs and seal coating to the MES parking lot. Proposal 4 - \$4,850 to perform asphalt repairs and seal coating to the RES playground. Proposal 5 - \$5,175 to perform asphalt repairs and seal coating to the RES parking lot. Motion was seconded by Williams. Voting “Yea” were: Buhl, Higdon, Knox, Shockley, Therry, Vo and Williams. Motion carried 7-0

Member Higdon made a motion to approve the proposal from Sam’s Janitorial for \$3,375 to clean, prep and coat GMS gym with two coats of water based floor finish. Motion was seconded by Buhl. Voting “Yea” were: Buhl, Higdon, Knox, Shockley, Therry, Vo and Williams. Motion carried 7-0

Member Shockley made a motion to approve the proposal from Illini Plumbing for \$3,300 to install a working sink and drain in the new upper level science room at GMS. Motion was seconded by Vo. Voting “Yea” were: Buhl, Higdon, Knox, Shockley, Therry, Vo and Williams. Motion carried 7-0

Member Williams approved the proposal from the Farnsworth Group for \$2,700 to inspect the pedestrian bridge and provide a condition report of the bridge. The motion was seconded by Vo. Voting “Yea” were: Buhl, Higdon, Knox, Shockley, Therry, Vo and Williams. Motion carried 7-0

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

Presentation by David Pistorius, First Midstate Inc., on the possible Advance Refunding of Bonds: Mr. Sondgeroth tabled this presentation. This is not the right time to do advance refunding, interest rates are going up. We will look at it again in the fall.

Other Items – School Board Elections - Mr. Sondgeroth informed the Board there is one person running for a 4 vacant seats, and 1 person submitted paperwork for a write-in candidate.

Carpeting Bids for Georgetowne School: Mr. Sondgeroth informed the Board bids for carpeting for rooms in the lower level and one room in the upper level. Carpet Weavers will bring in a machine for the custodians to use to remove the old carpet. We could make the committee meeting into a special meeting to vote on the carpet bid.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Higdon made a motion to adjourn to closed session at 6:27 PM. The motion was seconded by Buhl. Voting “Yea” were: Buhl, Higdon, Knox, Shockley, Therry, Vo and Williams. Motion carried 7-0

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:45 PM.

Member Therry made a motion to employ April Troyer as the District #102 Social Worker for the 2021-22 school year. The motion was seconded by Member Buhl. Voting “Yea” were: Buhl, Higdon, Knox, Shockley, Therry, Vo and Williams. Motion carried 7-0

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At 6:47, Vo made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Higdon. Motion carried by acclamation.

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Keith Knox, President

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Andrew Shockley, Secretary