

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
NORTH PEKIN-MARQUETTE HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 102  
TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021  
GEORGETOWNE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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

**CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL**

President Knox called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Present were Buhl, Shockley, Stanley, Therry, Tisdale and Williams. Also present were Superintendent Byron Sondgeroth, Principals Jennifer Dietrich, Jennifer Lindsay and Tom Brown.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BOARD SALUTES**

Sondgeroth gave a Board Salute to the Band and Chorus performances. Mr. and Mrs. Woods integrated awards while parents were there.

Sondgeroth gave a Board Salute to Mrs. Rustman, Mrs. Carver and Mr. Brown on the nice 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation ceremony. Band and Chorus students gave a nice performance.

Sondgeroth gave a Board Salute to Mrs. Dietrich for volunteering to help distribute food to families of District 102. Left over items were donated to Bridgeway Church.

Sondgeroth gave a Board Salute to the district employees who are retiring at the end of this school year. Mrs. Auffrey 28 years of service, Mrs. Donahue 26 years of service, Mrs. Burdick 11 years of service and Mrs. Bussone 6 years of service.

Member Therry gave a Board Salute to Mr. Sondgeroth for his leadership and his 9 years of service to District 102.

Member Buhl gave a Board Salute to the entire staff of District 102 for making it possible to have in-person learning this year. He has received positive feedback supporting the decision to continue to have in-person learning. He thanked everyone that made it possible.

President Knox read a Board Resolution in recognition and appreciation of the distinguished service by Superintendent Byron Sondgeroth.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Member Shockley, with a second by Member Buhl, to approve the consent agenda items consisting of:

- Regular Board Meeting Minutes for April 27, 2021
- Closed Session Meeting Minutes for April 27, 2021
- Committee of the Whole Board Meeting Minutes for May 11, 2021
- April, 2021 Treasurer's Report
- May, 2021 Board Bills
- April, 2021 Imprest Fund Reports

- April, 2021 Activity Reports
- 2021-22 Board of Education Meeting Calendar
- MES & GMS Schoolwide Plans
- District 102 District Consolidated Plan for FY 22
- Set Budget Hearing for Amended FY21 Budget in the GMS library

Voting “Yea” were: Buhl, Knox, Shockley, Stanley, Therry, Tisdale and Williams. Motion carried 7-0

#### BUILDING REPORTS

Mrs. Dietrich informed the Board:

The final teacher institute days will be used to wrap up the end of the year and prepare for the next school year. Pre-K screening was held on May 17 and 18. There will be another Pre-K screening in August. A virtual Read-a-Thon will take place on the last full day of school. For a fun day on May 20 students received grade level shirts and Kona Ice. The custodial staff has been working hard to get rooms ready for the end of the year.

Mrs. Lindsay reported to the Board:

Time is being set aside during the end of year SIP day and teacher institute for grade level articulation meetings and packing of Rogers school. Mr. Brown, Mrs. Rustman and the NJHS graduates hosted a GMS orientation and tour for all Rogers students on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Classes participated in IAR Cinema to celebrate the culmination of state testing. Track and field days are May 24 through May 26. Students enjoyed an ice cream cone day on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the Parents Club for providing funds for the ice cream.

Mr. Brown reported to the Board:

Spring STAR assessments took place the first week of April. Thank you to Mrs. Rustman, Mrs. Short and NJHS for freshening up the landscaping around the school. Thank you to Mrs. Rustman and Mrs. Carver for planning and execution of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation program. Custodial crews are starting on the summer cleaning projects early and prepping rooms for the big move. Congratulations to Mr. Stambaugh and Miss Jackson on a successful track season and great showing at Sectionals on Saturday, May 8. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall.

#### ACTION ITEMS

Member Shockley approved the Board Resolution in recognition and appreciation of the distinguished service by Superintendent Byron Sondgeroth. Motion was seconded by Member Buhl. Voting “Yea” were: Buhl, Knox, Shockley, Stanley, Therry, Tisdale and Williams. Motion carried 7-0

Member Tisdale made a motion to approve the School Board Legal Liability Insurance and Workers Comp Renewal. Motion was seconded by Member Stanley. Voting “Yea” were: Buhl, Knox, Shockley, Stanley, Therry, Tisdale and Williams. Motion carried 7-0

Member Buhl made a motion to approve the License Agreement between the Board of Education of North Pekin-Marquette Heights School District #102 and Tazewell Mason Counties Special Education Association for the use of Rogers School. Motion was seconded by Member Williams. Voting “Yea” were: Buhl, Knox, Shockley, Stanley, Therry, Tisdale and Williams. Motion carried 7-0

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

Use of Pekin Diamonds in the Fall for baseball/softball – Mr. Sondgeroth discussed with the Board the possibility of moving the baseball and softball games to the Pekin Park District. The fields at the Independence Park are not in good shape. The water does not disburse properly after a rain. Last year the softball team could not play any games at home. Mr. Sondgeroth will contact Pekin Park District.

Application for Occupancy Form – This is a reminder item, the form needs to be signed by certain board members now that the project has been completed and inspected by the ROE.

District Logo – Mr. Sondgeroth wanted to get feedback from the Board on the change to the district logo.

2021-22 School Handbooks - Mr. Sondgeroth informed the Board the Principals had a committee review the handbooks. Marquette and Georgetowne handbooks will be on the Board agenda in July for approval.

Georgetowne Graduation – Mr. Sondgeroth discussed with the Board some changes made to the graduation. 7<sup>th</sup> grade Honor Marshalls were eliminated this year. The Enhanced the Future Scholarship award winners were not part of the ceremony. The event went very well with few modifications.

Other Items as Presented by the Superintendent - Mr. Sondgeroth expressed his appreciation of the support he has always received from the Board. He gave kudos to the community and the Board. It has been a great district to work for.

2020 Tax Rate – Mr. Sondgeroth gave the board members a copy of the 2020 tax rate for all Tazewell County Elementary Districts.

Survey Regarding Bus Passes – Mr. Sondgeroth discussed with the Board he has a survey to parents regarding bus passes. Neighborhood stops will be created for bus pass students. He asked the board members to go over the survey and to give him feedback.

Chicago Convention – Mr. Sondgeroth informed the board that 5 board members submitted the survey to the convention.

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Member Tisdale moved to adjourn at 7:13 P.M to closed session. Motion was seconded by Member Stanley. Voting “Yea” were: Buhl, Knox, Shockley, Stanley, Therry, Tisdale and Williams. Motion carried 7-0

Board returned to Open Session at 7:56 P.M.

Motion by Member Tisdale, with a second by Member Shockley, to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 P.M. Motion passed by acclamation.

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Keith Knox, President

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Andrew Shockley, Secretary