

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTH PEKIN-MARQUETTE HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 102
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2020, 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 and Vo. Therry and Williams were absent. Also present were Superintendent Byron Sondgeroth, Principals Tom Brown, Jennifer Lindsay and Jennifer Dietrich. Guests were Mrs. Clark and Miss Marlow.

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

Sondgeroth gave a Board Salute to the entire district employees for all their efforts to make this school year successful. There has never been a year like this before with all the preparation and planning for the Principals, Teachers, Teacher Aides, Secretaries, Kitchen Staff and Custodians.

Sondgeroth gave a Board Salute to all the students of District 102. They showed up to school wearing their masks and 100% of the remote learners have logged in by 9:00 a.m.

Buhl moved to approve, second by Shockley, the consent agenda consisting of Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2020; Closed Session Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2020; Board Committee Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2020; June and July, 2020 Treasurer's Report; August, 2020 Board Expenditures; July, 2020 Imprest Fund Report; July, 2020 Activity Fund Reports; FY21 Eligible Busing Streets; Updated Certified and Non-Certified Substitute Lists; Kaitlyn McDonald as GMS Student Council Coordinator; Jessica Rustman as GMS National Jr. Honor Society Sponsor and Transfer of \$2,000 within the GMS Activity Fund. Roll call vote. Ayes: Buhl, Higdon, Knox Shockley, and Vo. Nays: 0. Motion carried 5-0.

Higdon made a motion, second by Buhl to approve the FY21 Tentative Budget. Roll call vote. Ayes: Buhl, Higdon, Knox, Shockley, and Vo. Nays: 0. Motion carried 5-0.

Shockley made a motion, second by Higdon, to change the September Board Meeting from September 22, 2020 to September 29, 2020 and set the FY21 Budget Hearing for 6:00 p.m. at the start of the September 29, 2020 meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Georgetowne Library. Roll call vote. Ayes: Buhl, Higdon, Knox, Shockley, and Vo. Nays: 0. Motion carried 5-0.

Vo made a motion, second by Higdon, to approve PRESS Issue 104 updates to board: 2:220; 4:180; 7:40; 7:190; 7:340 and 7:345. Roll call vote. Ayes: Buhl, Higdon, Knox, Shockley and Vo. Nays: 0. Motion carried 5-0

Mrs. Dietrich reported to the Board:

Mrs. Dietrich informed the board that it has been an amazing week. She couldn't be happier with students and staff. Everyone was keeping their masks on and social distancing. The staff was happy to see their students and the students were happy to be back to school.

- Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Goeken and Mrs. Miller participated in the district and Marquette transition team to help develop our reopening plan.
- Fall Benchmark assessments will begin on Thursday, August 27, 2020.
- Pre-Kindergarten classes have been created. There are 48 students to start the year.
- There are many updates to the building; the library, touchless faucets and light switches and water bottle filling stations.
- Supply Drop Off night was held on August 14, 2020.
- October Board Meeting will be held at Marquette School.

Mrs. Lindsay reported to the Board:

Mrs. Lindsay informed the Board how well the students and staff have adjusted to all the changes for this year. The teachers and staff have been met with many challenges they have overcome. Mrs. Lindsay appreciates their flexibility during this time. Teachers from all schools participated in professional development through the Illinois Association of School Administrators. During the training, they learned how to use Google Sites as a learning management system. As a result, each grade level team built a Google Site to use as a platform to support both in-person and remote learners.

- The first day of school students adjusted well to the new procedures. Symptom screenings were successful outside.
- An outdoor classroom is being created at Rogers. This space will serve as the music room and allow opportunities for mask-free learning.
- Safety protocols have been implemented within the building.
- STAR benchmark screenings will begin August 27, 2020.
- File reviews for newly enrolled special education students are being completed. Intake meetings will be scheduled as needed.

Mr. Brown reported to the Board:

Mr. Brown shared with the Board a presentation of the teachers' remote learning platform. He was also impressed with the students first day of school. They all wore their masks and were social distancing.

- Wednesday, August 19, GMS conducted "Tiger Day". In-person learners were able to drop off supplies and load their lockers. While remote learners picked up requested chromebooks and other items. Each grade level was set up to attend at 2 hour increments.
- GMS Virtual Open House was held on Thursday, August 20, 2020.
- Miss Erica Higgins has joined the Georgetowne staff from Marquette School. She has done an incredible job of learning the GMS building and preparing for student attendance. Mr. Jim Prince is filling in for Cindy Tindall.

- Baseball, softball and cross country have begun. This year Georgetowne is coping with St. Joseph School in Pekin with softball, cross country and girls basketball.
- Parents Club has reached out as they are trying to procure picnic tables.

Mr. Sondgeroth informed the Board the start of school went very well. He would like to have professional development sessions to help staff with challenges. Bussing is going well. Aides are riding the bus to help take temperatures before students get on the bus. Routes are running smoothly. Discussion item only, no action required.

Mr. Sondgeroth informed the Board of Board Policy “4:140 Waiver of Student Fees”. He discussed with the Board the possibility of amending this policy to give a discount on book fees to parents whose students qualify for reduced meals. Discussion item only, no action required.

Mr. Sondgeroth informed the Board the Proposed City of Pekin TIF District. Mr. Sondgeroth joined a meeting with School District #303, #108 and the City of Pekin to discuss the possibility of a TIF District. Discussion item only, no action required.

Higdon made a motion, second by Shockley, to adjourn at 7:07 P.M. Roll call vote, Ayes: Buhl, Higdon, Knox, Shockley, and Vo. Nays: 0. Motion carried 5-0.

Board returned to Open Session at 7:46 p.m.

Buhl made a motion, second by Higdon, to approve the employment of Debbie Parlier as a second shift custodian at Marquette Elementary for the 2020-2021 school year. Roll call vote, Ayes: Buhl, Higdon, Knox, Shockley, and Vo. Nays: 0. Motion carried 5-0.

Buhl made a motion, second by Higdon, to allow the Superintendent to roll over 7.5 unused vacation days from 2019/2020 to 2020/2021 due to unusual circumstances. Roll call vote, Ayes: Buhl, Higdon, Knox, Shockley, and Vo. Nays: 0. Motion carried 5-0.

Vo made a motion, second by Higdon, to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. Motion passed by acclamation.

Keith Knox, President

Andrew Shockley, Secretary