

North Pekin-Marquette Heights School District No. 102
Committee of the Board of Education
March 9, 2021
Georgetowne School Library

MINUTES

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Knox called the meeting to order at 6 PM in the Georgetowne library. Mr. Sondgeroth took board attendance. Members who were present are marked with an "X".

Knox	Higdon	Shockley	Buhl	Therry	Vo	Williams
X	absent	X	X	X	X	X

Others Present: Mr. Sondgeroth, Mrs. Lindsay

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

Building and Grounds

Discussion Regarding Building Consolidation –The board conducted a final discussion about the possible closure of Rogers School. After three months of discussing the issue, conducting public hearings and listening to presentations from the administration, the items will be placed on the March 23 board agenda for a final vote.

Upcoming Projects – Mr. Sondgeroth shared a list of planned spring/summer maintenance projects. The list included the vendor and the proposed cost for each project. The projects included asphalt repairs at all three buildings, renovations to the Georgetowne School classrooms and inspection of the pedestrian bridge.

Mowing Bids – Mr. Sondgeroth reported that the advertisement requesting proposals/bids to mow the lawns at the three buildings was posted this week. He plans to have a recommendation for the board to approve the March 23 board meeting.

Possible Sale of Property – Mr. Sondgeroth informed the board the he was approached by an individual interested in purchasing the Rogers shed and small portion of land it sits on. He shared a photo with an arrow pointing at the shed. He informed the interested person that the district had not discussed selling the shed if Rogers School was closed, but that he would discuss the request with the board. Mr. Sondgeroth also reached out to the district attorney to see what requirements would need to be followed if the district did decide to move ahead to sell this parcel of land with the shed. Mr. Sondgeroth included the email response from the attorney in this packet. Mr. Sondgeroth said he informed the interested person that this issue was not a priority for the district if the decision was made to close Rogers School and that it might take several months or a year before any decisions were made.



Transportation

Transportation of Non-Qualifying Bus Students – Mr. Sondgeroth confirmed with the board that it was in favor of him continuing to create a bus pass system for the coming year, especially if Rogers School is closed.

Renewal of Bus Lease – Mr. Sondgeroth shared the bus renewal proposal that he plans to have the board approve at the March 23 board meeting.

Finance

Monthly Budget Summary – Mr. Sondgeroth shared and reviewed a copy of the monthly budget summary for the month of February 2021.

Advance Refunding of Bonds – After discussing the concept of Advance Refunding of bonds with the board at its February board meeting, Mr. Sondgeroth informed the board that he reached out to David Pistorius from first Midstate to invite him to an upcoming meeting. He indicated that he would be at Creve Coeur on March 23, the same night as the board's March board meeting. Mr. Sondgeroth invited him to attend that meeting. Mr. Pistorius plans to arrive between 6:45-7:00 PM that evening to talk to the board about a possible Advance Refunding of bonds.

Support and Certified Staff Salary Increases for FY22 - Mr. Sondgeroth shared and reviewed a spreadsheet containing his salary projections for the coming school year.

Personnel

Special Education Personnel for 2021-22 –Mrs. Lindsay talked about the status of working with TMCSEA to contract for a Special Education Coordinator for next year. She also discussed the status of the search process to find a social worker.

Policy

Board Elections – Mr. Sondgeroth reminded the board that it has four vacancies on the ballot for the April 6 election. After checking with the County Clerk's office, Mr. Sondgeroth confirmed that there is one person

who has submitted paperwork to be on the ballot for the full term and a second who has indicated that he has submitted paperwork to be a write-in candidate. The board will need to fill the remaining two vacancies on the board after the election by appointing two candidates.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Sports Update – Mr. Sondgeroth reported that boys’ basketball is wrapping up this week, but will have no state competition because the season was delayed for almost two months. Volleyball is also ending its regular season, but will have an IESA regional for both 7th and 8th grades. There will be no sectional. Track & field and the girls’ basketball coop with St. Joe’s (the host school) will be kicking off in the coming weeks as will.

Other Items from the Superintendent and Board Members

Mr. Sondgeroth reported on the number of positive cases of Covid in the district for the year. He also presented statistics on the number of staff members in the district who had received their first and second doses of the Covid vaccine.

Mr. Sondgeroth reminded board members to complete their Statements of Economic interest that were recently mailed to them from the County Clerk & Records office.

Mrs. Lindsay shared copies of the 2021-22 school calendar.

ADJOURN

Motion by Williams to adjourn at 7:26 PM. Second by Vo. Motion passed by acclamation.



Keith Knox, President



Andrew Shockley, Secretary