

**North Pekin-Marquette Heights School District No. 102**  
**Committee of the Board of Education**  
**September 12, 2017**  
**District Office Conference Room**

**MINUTES**

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

President Knox called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM in the library of Georgetowne School.

Knox	Isbell	Miller	Shockley	Stevenson	Therry	Walker
X	X	X	X	X	absent	absent

Others Present: Mr. Sondgeroth

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Transportation

Review of Current Busing – Mr. Sondgeroth reviewed the current enrollment per bus and route. The numbers are always changing as student move in and out. Mr. Sondgeroth also reported that the capacity listed on the front of each bus is 71 passengers. That includes the driver, so the student capacity is actually 70. There are 24 seats on a bus. 23 of those can seat three per seat ( $3 \times 23 = 69$ ) and one seat in back can only seat one student. That is how the 71 passenger capacity is calculated. Three per seat is tough with the RES/GMS routes, and it is sometimes impossible with certain GMS students. In reality, it is preferred to seat two per seat as it is more comfortable when students are carrying book bags, sports equipment, instruments, projects, etc. while going and coming from school. Looking at the a bus route to/from school with students seated with only two to a seat and carrying book bags, etc., Mr. Sondgeroth said he likes to plan for a reasonable capacity of around 47 students, knowing that more can be included on the bus if needed.

Bus Accident – Mr. Sondgeroth reported that there was a call from a parent saying one of the District buses clipped her daughter’s car mirror and broke it during the bus route. After talking with the parent and gathering facts about the exact time and location of the incident, it was later determined that the damage to the car was caused by a Pekin Municipal bus and not a District 102 bus.

Finance

Public Hearing on FY18 Budget – Mr. Sondgeroth reminded the Board that the FY18 budget is scheduled for approval at the September 26 Board meeting. That meeting will begin at 6:00 PM as usual, but will begin with a public hearing for community members to be able to voice comments on the proposed budget which has been available in the office for public viewing since August 23.

School Funding for FY18 – Mr. Sondgeroth discussed Illinois School Funding for FY18 and the new evidence-based funding model which will be used for FY2018. Exact figures for District 102’s new state funding will not be available for several months.

Personnel

70/30 Deviation Application Waiver – Mr. Sondgeroth reviewed a letter the District received from the state granting approval for the 70/30 application waiver that was submitted to the ISBE prior to the start of school in August. Mr. Sondgeroth discussed the specifics and challenges of meeting the 70/30 rule.

#### Policy

PRESS Policy Updates, July 2017, Issue 95 – The Board briefly reviewed the PRESS policy memo from July discussing recommended Board policy updates. Policies recommended for review or update include 2:210, 2:260, 4:70, 6:80, 6:180, 6:210, 6:290, 6:330, 7:80, 7:160, 7:275, 8:70.

#### Extra-Curricular Activities

Mr. Sondgeroth briefly reviewed the fall extra-curricular sports with the Board. The softball and baseball seasons have ended. Carter Stevenson has qualified for the state golf tournaments on Saturday, September, 16. Cross Country is off and running with seven students participating and eight meets scheduled.

#### Other Items from the Superintendent and Board Members

County School Facility Sales Tax – A special meeting of the Tazewell County Superintendents was held late August to discuss the possibility of placing the 1cent School Facilities Sales Tax on the ballot either in the spring or fall of 2018. The Board reviewed a map of the 49 counties which have passed the tax. Mr. Sondgeroth explained that, if the item is to be placed on the ballot, the boards of education representing at least 51% of the student population in the county need to approve a resolution requesting that the item be placed on the ballot. Local superintendents are currently discussing with their Board to determine if Boards want to work to get this item on the ballot in the spring or fall of 2018.

Help-a-Thon – Both last year and again early this year, Mr. Ketcham has discussed the idea of holding a Help-a-Thon. He explained that Junior Highs in Morton and East Peoria hold such events. Mr. Sondgeroth shared an article that recently ran in the Peoria paper over the weekend about Morton's Help-a-Thon. Mr. Sondgeroth asked the Board for feedback.

Illinois Association of School Boards advertising its Fall Dinner Meeting – This event is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 26 at Dunlap High School. If Board members are interested in attending, let Terri know and she can get you registered.

Board Convention – Mr. Sondgeroth reminded the Board that the annual Board Convention is scheduled for Thursday – Sunday, November 16-19. Rooms are reserved as requested. If a Board member cannot make it, please let Mr. Sondgeroth know so he can try to cancel things in a timely manner.

#### ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:06 PM by Stevenson. Seconded by Miller. Motion passed by acclamation.

  
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Keith Knox, President

  
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Jeff Miller, Secretary