

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
NORTH PEKIN-MARQUETTE HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 102  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024, 6:00PM  
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

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:00P.M. by President Matt Tisdale. Present were Members Buhl, Hasty, Richardson, Stanley, Therry, Tisdale and Williams. Also present were Superintendent Jennifer Lindsay, Camron Stanley, Jennifer Dietrich, David Hasty, Bruce and Melissa Hofstetter, TJ Reynolds, Emily Dawson, Nola Wolf, Tiffany Richardson and Ashley Pierson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD SALUTES

Member Stanley gave a Board Salute to Mr. & Mrs. Woods for taking their band students to their first band competition.

Member Stanley gave a Board Salute to Mr. Stewart for regionals and for having a great turnout.

Member Buhl gave a Board Salute to the Volleyball team and gave a “Shout Out” to the coaches and players.

MOTION TO POSTPONE CONSENT AGENGDA ITEM B. UNTIL MARCH MEETING

Member Hasty made a motion to postpone the following agenda item:

Motion was seconded by Member Therry

B. Committee of the Board Meeting Minutes, February 13, 2024

Voting “Yea”: Buhl, Hasty, Richardson, Stanley, Therry, Tisdale and Williams

Motion carried 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF:

Member Stanley made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as listed.

Motion was seconded by Member Richardson.

A. Regular Meeting Minutes, January, 30, 2024

~~B. Committee of the Board Meeting Minutes, February 13, 2024~~

C. Treasurer’s Report – January, 2024

D. Board Expenditures – February, 2024

E. Imprest Fund Report – January, 2024

F. Activity Fund Report – January, 2024

Voting “Yea”: Buhl, Hasty, Richardson, Stanley, Therry, Tisdale and Williams

Motion carried 7-0.

### OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO SPEAK

Ms. Emily Dawson, National Certified Advocate, addressed the Board stating she is state and federally trained but not a lawyer. Ms. Dawson informed the Board of what she advocates for and that she volunteers her services. Ms. Dawson stated she provides advice to parents and that she advocated for IEP's and helps parents through the process of requests and complaints.

Mr. Bruce Hofstetter addressed the Board stating that he has concerns. Mr. Hofstetter spoke about students' with IEP's, added help in the classroom and evaluating what is going on to make sure kids are getting what they need.

Mr. TJ Reynolds addressed the Board regarding the Special Education program. Mr. Reynolds spoke about IEP's and 504's to be tailored or specific to the student needs, not one size fits all.

### BUILDING REPORTS

Mrs. Dietrich informed the Board:

- One student from each grade level who met their growth goals had lunch with Mrs. Dietrich on February 20.
- Marquette celebrated Read Across America Day on March 1. All students will receive a free book to take home to honor literacy.
- Third grade team is prepping for IAR that will take place March 4-8.
- Third grade students will parade through the classrooms in the morning so that the other students can cheer them on to do their best.
- Marquette's 11<sup>th</sup> annual Spelling Bee will be held on March 22.
- Kindergarten round up will begin on March 4 for any in district students who will be five by September 1 and not currently in the Pre-K program. Screening will be held in April.
- February SIP Day will focus on Science of Reading and working with defiant students. The Special Education team will also met for a brief time that afternoon.
- The 5 Essentials Survey is open for teachers and families to fill out for feedback on Marquette.

Mr. Stanley informed the Board:

- The 5 Essentials survey opened on January 30. Information has been sent out to families and teachers regarding survey and will continue to be shared. Students will be taking the survey with their ELA or homeroom teachers after IAR testing is completed in March.
- Eighth grade students visited Pekin High school on February 2 so they could learn about the Career and Technical Education electives at PCHS.
- Progress reports were sent out on February 16.
- Eighth grade students participated in the Illinois Youth Survey on February 9<sup>th</sup>. This survey polls students and their health habits including substance use/abuse, sleep habits, home life, screen time, etc. The survey is anonymous and the data is collected and shared with the principal to help better understand student body and help create initiative to better support our students' health and lifestyle choices.

- Georgetowne teachers met with Theresa Olsen from the ROE #53 on February's SIP Day. Staff learned about Restorative Practices, which describe behaviors, interactions and approaches which help to build and maintain positive relationships, resolve difficulties and repair harm where there has been conflict regarding the classroom.
- Several fourth and fifth grade teachers began after school tutoring. Students were identified through an analysis of the 2023 IAR data reports and teacher input. The program aims to support students in preparing for the IAR test and other district-level assessments.
- Scholastic Bowl practice began on January 29. First meet is on February 27 at Midwest Central.
- Scholastic Book Fair raised around \$1,400 that will be used to buy new books for the Georgetowne library.
- Volleyball teams celebrated eighth grade night on February 21. Georgetowne is hosting the IESA 2A volleyball regionals for seventh and eighth grades.
- Georgetowne hosted the Tazewell County Chess Tournament on February 17. Two students placed 1<sup>st</sup> in their grade level and one placed 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Cohen planned the event and help students prepare for the tournament.
- Band and Choir participated in the IGSMA organizational contest on February 23 at Germantown Hills Middle School.
- Information was sent out to parents about the 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip in May. This year will be a day trip to Chicago to visit Shedd's Aquarium and see a performance by the Blue Man Group.

#### ACTION ITEMS

Member Hasty made a motion to approve Application for Approval of Ten-Year Safety Survey Report.

Motion was seconded by Member Buhl.

Voting "Yea": Buhl, Hasty, Richardson, Stanley, Therry, Tisdale and Williams

Motion carried 7-0.

Member Williams made a motion to approve the Action to Employ Robert Hanson, Bus Driver.

Motion was seconded by Member Richardson.

Voting "Yea": Buhl, Hasty, Richardson, Stanley, Therry, Tisdale and Williams

Motion carried 7-0.

Member Stanley made a motion of the Approval of 2024-2025 School Calendar

Motion was seconded by Member Williams.

Voting "Yea": Buhl, Hasty, Richardson, Stanley, Therry, Tisdale and Williams

Motion carried 7-0.

Member Stanley made a motion of the Approval of Agreement with IDEAL for Engineering Services.

Motion was seconded by Member Ricardson.

Voting “Yea”: Buhl, Hasty, Richardson, Stanley, Therry, Tisdale and Williams

Motion carried 7-0.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

Natural Gas Market Watch – Superintendent Lindsay informed the Board that no rate has been locked in yet and she will continue to follow the market.

Other Items- Member Buhl mentioned a possible work day being an option for Marquette and Georgetowne Schools.

#### ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Member Hasty made a motion to adjourn at 6:31PM.

Motion seconded by Member Buhl.

Voting “Yea”: Buhl, Hasty, Richardson, Stanley, Therry, Tisdale and Williams

Motion carried 7-0.

The Board returned to open session at 7:46 PM.

Member Hasty made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 PM

Motion seconded by Member Buhl.

Voting “Yea”: Buhl, Hasty, Richardson, Stanley, Therry, Tisdale and Williams

Motion carried 7-0.

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Matt Tisdale, President

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Ryan Williams, Secretary