

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTH PEKIN-MARQUETTE HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 102
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025, 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, Stanley, Therry and Williams. Also present were Superintendent Jennifer Lindsay, Jennifer Dietrich, Cameron Stanley, Jennifer Schlottman and Amy Russell. Member Richardson was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD SALUTES

Member Tisdale gave a Board Salute to Marquette Heights Men’s Club and to Tom’s Coffee.

Mrs. Dietrich gave a Board Salute to Mrs. Lindsay and Ms. Ealey for the Special Education Night and for the presenter. Mentioning that the presenter sees both the parents and the teachers side and that she was well spoken. Member Hasty added that the presenter is looking at fostering the relationship between parents and the school.

CONSENT AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF:

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

Motion was seconded by Member Hasty.

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes, December 17, 2024
- B. Closed Session Minutes, December 17, 2024
- C. Committee of the Board Meeting Minutes, January 14, 2025
- D. Treasurer’s Report – July, 2024
- E. Board Expenditures – January, 2025
- F. Imprest Fund Report – December, 2024
- G. Activity Fund Reports – December, 2024
- H. Request for Building Use

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

Motion carried 6-0

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO SPEAK

Mrs. Amy Russell, second grade teacher at Marquette, introduced herself and Mrs. Jennifer Schlottman, kindergarten grade teacher at Marquette, introduced herself to the Board.

BUILDING REPORTS

Mrs. Dietrich informed the Board:

- Middle of the year benchmarking is nearly complete after emergency day. Data will be reviewed in February to continue to monitor student progress and determine student growth towards evaluations.
- January SIP Day is CPR refresher training.
- Teachers are in the process of having conversations with parents of student in kindergarten and first grade who have academic concerns.
- Second quarter PBIS celebration will highlight the talents of our third grade students and fun winter activities with a Talent Show.
- Marquette will host student and novice teachers this spring. From Bradley University, Miss Katie Welborn. From Illinois State University, Miss Ashtyn McBride, Miss Jenna Romano, and Mr. Dane Rabe. From Eureka College, Miss Rebekah Nerad and Miss Shelby Clementz.
- Second Step SEL education begins for K-1st grade on February 5.
- Marquette will be participating in the Book Blast starting February 3. We have had a great success in the past and are excited to continue the partnership with Books Are Fun. All students will earn from one to ten books, depending on participation.
- Just Kidz Dentistry will be at Marquette on Friday, January 30 for dental presentations.

Mr. Stanley informed the Board:

- Mrs. Maize's 7th grade "wax museum" project showcased students' research on notable figures. The event drew participation from parents and students across grade levels.
- Winter STAR testing concluded last week, with data review scheduled for early February. In Math 79% of students showed growth and ELA is proficient.
- January SIP day was used to discuss our school's cardiac response plan. Teachers and staff also received CPR and AED training from the Marquette Heights Fire Department. Marquette Heights Men's Club, who provided lunch and presented the school and each teacher with a monetary donation for their classrooms.
- Classroom winners competed in the school-wide spelling bee on January 28. The champion qualifies for the regional spelling bee in the spring.
- Starting Wednesday, January 29, fourth and sixth grades will begin a six week bullying prevention program with the Center for Prevention of Abuse. Seventh and eighth graders will participate, focusing on healthy relationships.
- Eighth grader, Easton M. was selected for the inaugural Illinois All-State Choir on February 1st.
- Eighth grade student council members had the opportunity to attend the Tazewell County Teen Conference on January 9. Student had the opportunity to attend breakout sessions and listen to keynote speaker, Kate Garnes, speak about being told they aren't "good enough" and how to stop making excuses.
- Eighth graders toured PCHS' CTE programs on January 23 and will attend Freshman Kick-Off Night on February 6.

- Seventh grade Boys' Basketball team competed in the IESA Regional Tournament on January 25. The eighth grade tournament begins February 1.

ACTION ITEMS

Member Stanley made a motion for the Approval of PRESS Policy Update, Issue 117
Addressing Policies: 2:105; 2:110; 2:120; 2:140; 4:10; 4:30; 4:40; 4:60; 4:150; 4:160; 4:170;
4:190; 5:10; 5:20; 5:30; 5:35; 5:90; 5:120; 5:125; 5:150; 5:230; 6:20.

Motion was seconded by Member Buhl.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Member Therry made a motion to Approve Change Order, GIVSCO in the amount of \$7,835.66.
Motion was seconded by Member Hasty.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Member Stanley made a motion to Approve Request for Unpaid Leave.

Motion was seconded by Member Williams.

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

Motion carried 6-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2025-2026 Calendar Updates –

The District Calendar Committee met on Wednesday, January 22. Two drafts were presented to the committee to share with their colleagues and gather feedback. Mrs. Lindsay hopes to have something for meeting in February.

Vision 2030 –

Mrs. Lindsay emailed documents to the Board for their review. The state is exploring ways to have funds for all schools equally. Mrs. Lindsay will place the resolution on the February agenda for approval to allow everyone enough time to vet the documents.

Teacher Job Fair –

Mrs. Lindsay has signed up to participate in the teacher job fair at WIU and looking into ISU.

Bus –

During inspection German Bliss removed sticker from a bus and removed it from the fleet due to the strobe light. Mechanic has been contacted to fix the light and the bus will be taken back for inspection.

School Project Maintenance Grant – Original paperwork for use of grant to build a new outbuilding at Marquette was rejected. Project will be adjusted and paperwork for grant will be amended for destruction of outbuildings and repair of blacktop at Marquette.

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Report about Federal Grant –

Mrs. Lindsay informed the Board that funding could possibly affect food program, Title and IDEA grants. Mrs. Lindsay reported that \$285,000 of budget is this grant money. This year money is already allocated.

ADJOURN

Member Stanley made a motion to adjourn at 6:48 P.M.

Motion seconded by Member Buhl.

Motion carried by acclamation.

Scott Buhl, Vice President

Ryan Williams, Secretary