

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
NORTH PEKIN-MARQUETTE HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 102  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026, 6:00PM  
GEORGETOWNE 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 Scott Buhl. Present were Members D. Hasty, K. Hasty, Richardson, Stanley, Therry and Williams. Also present were Superintendent Jennifer Lindsay, Principal Jennifer Dietrich, Principal Camron Stanley, Special Education Coordinator Jennifer Turner, Brooke Jackson, Heather Woods, Brian Woods, Citizens: Joey Prater, Shylo Rich, Jennifer Sullivan, Angela VonDerHeide, Maria & Ranee Ricca, Brett & Melissa Musgrave

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

BOARD SALUTES

Mrs. Lindsay recognized the custodial crew and their work throughout the winter months with the snow and ice.

CONSENT AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF:

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

Motion was seconded by Member Richardson.

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes, December 16, 2025
- B. Closed Session Minutes, December 16, 2025
- C. Committee of the Board Meeting Minutes, January 13, 2026
- D. Board expenditures – January, 2026
- E. Impress Fund Reports – November, 2025
- F. Activity Fund Reports – November, 2025
- G. Treasurer’s Report – November, 2025
- H. Treasurer’s Report – December 2025
- I. Request for Building Use
- J. Resignation by Teacher Clarice Chick

Voting “Yea”: Buhl, D. Hasty, K. Hasty, Richardson, Stanley, Therry and Williams  
Motion carried 7-0

### OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO SPEAK

- Joey Prater (parent of homeschooled student) addressed the Board regarding her concerns about the science teacher and how that was handled by GMS staff.
- Shylo Rich (parent of homeschooled student) addressed the Board regarding the professionalism of GMS staff and her concerns with the demerit system
- Parent Jennifer Sullivan addressed the Board to share her concerns about the science teacher and the reasons one of her students was homeschooled.
- Parent Angel VonDerHeide addressed the Board to support the science teacher and to share her son's enthusiasm for school because of the things he was doing in science.

### BUILDING REPORTS

Mr. Stanley informed the Board:

- January 9, seventh grade presented their "Wax Museum" project. This project highlighted student research on notable figures and was enjoyed by families and students across grade levels.
- Winter STAR testing concluded. With data review scheduled for February 3. Report cards were emailed January 16, honor roll letters were sent home. Students in 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grade began their new enrichment classes on January 12.
- Classroom spelling bees were held. Two winners from each homeroom will compete in the All-School Spelling Bee on February 3. The school champion will advance to the regional bee at the Peoria Public Library.
- Fourth and fifth grade students will participate in a six-week bullying prevention program with the Center for Prevention of Abuse during PE. Sixth grade students will take part in the same program while 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will participate in a healthy relationships program.
- A huge thank you to our maintenance team for all their hard work over Winter Break. Highlights include a focused deep clean of the GMS gym, installation of our new ROAR signage, and fresh was on the cafeteria floor.
- The last day before Winer Break was filled with classroom parties and building-wide celebrations. Along with homeroom holiday parties.
- Eighth grade Student Council member attended the Tazewell County Leadership Conference on January 8. Gown fittings were on January 13, graduation is scheduled May 18.
- January 16, students participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter PBIS celebration. Students earned a movie afternoon by staying accountable and turning in work on time. The PBIS skills focus for this quarter is Respect.
- Eighth graders toured PCHS CTE programs on January 22 and will attend Freshman Kick-Off Night on February 5.
- Scholastic Bowl tryouts were held January 12-13.
- Seventh grade boys basketball team competed in the IESA Regional Tournament on January 17. Eighth grade boys competed in their regional January 24.

Mrs. Dietrich informed the Board:

- Middle of the year benchmarking is nearly complete. Data will be reviewed on January 28 to monitor students' progress and interventions, will also determine student growth towards evaluations.
- MES will continue work on aligning to the Illinois Literacy Plan for January SIP meeting and have grade level, Book Blast teacher meeting and paraprofessional training.
- Teachers will begin having conversations with parents of students we have major academic concerns for.
- Marquette will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school on January 26.
- Second quarter PBIS celebration will be a pajama and movie day.
- On January 30, MES will be celebration the 1<sup>st</sup> semester Students of the Week
- Pre-k will be attending a field trip at the Children's Museum in Bloomington on January 30.
- The Book Blast launches February 2. Money collected from this event benefits Marquette. Students will all get at least one book, in addition to resources and books for the school.
- Students will be making Valentines to donate to seniors in the state of Illinois through a program with Senator Sally Turner.
- Kindergarten will have the QU wedding on February 13. Just Kidz Dentistry will present dental health, and classes will celebrate Valentine's Day.

Mrs. Turner informed the Board:

- A big shoutout to the Special Education Department! At the beginning of the school year, there were 40 re-evaluations and 10 initial evaluations. Currently, there are 13 re-evaluations and 3 initial evaluations remaining. Heading into the final stretch with 46 meetings left from the total of 133 IEP meetings scheduled for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Paraprofessionals continued with training through the IESE at the recent SIP day.
- Projects on the horizon are data days at both schools to discuss students' progress to determine if students are needing to be referred for special education services. This will give our special education team an idea of remaining initial evaluations for the 2025-26 school year.
- Mrs. Jennifer Turner will be attending the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Illinois Alliance of Administrators of Special Education (IAASE) Winter Conference which includes three general sessions featuring two dynamic keynote speakers, and a legal panel of Illinois' top special education attorneys. Participants can select from over 40 breakout sessions on a variety of topics related to leadership and the education of students with disabilities.
- Awaiting results for Hambrick Foundation Grant to purchase items for our 2 self-contained classroom to work on following directions through recipes in the classroom.

ACTION ITEMS

Member Stanley made a motion for the Approval of FY26 School Maintenance Project Grant Application.

Motion was seconded by Member Therry.

Voting "Yea": Buhl, D. Hasty, K. Hasty, Richardson, Stanley, Therry and Williams

Motion carried 7-0

Member K. Hasty made a motion for the Adoption of PRESS Policy Update 120 Update to Policies: 2:120; 2:150; 2:270; 3:10; 3:50; 3:60; 4:10; 4:30; 4:80; 4:110; 4:140; 4:150; 4:160; 4:170; 4:190; 5:10; 5:20; 5:90; 5:100; 5:120; 5:185; 5:190; 5:200; 5:220; 5:280; 5:300; 6:20; 6:40; 6:60; 6:130; 6:135; 6:140; 6:160; 6:210; 6:220; 6:235; 6:240; 6:260; 6:270; 6:280; 6:300; 6:310; 6:315; 7:10; 7:70; 7:130; 7:140; 7:150; 7:180; 7:190; 7:250; 7:290; 7:310; 7:340; 8:30; 8:100

Motion was seconded by Member Williams.

Voting "Yea": Buhl, D. Hasty, K. Hasty, Richardson, Stanley, Therry and Williams

Motion carried 7-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Transportation Updates –

Mrs. Lindsay notified the Board that bus lease proposals had been received from Midwest Bus Sales and Central States Bus Sales. Options include: 3-year lease agreements, 5-year lease agreements and a 5-year lease to purchase agreement.

2026-2027 School Calendar Updates-

Per collective bargaining agreement with certified staff, a calendar committee made up of two administrators and three certified personnel appointed by the Federation, will provide input to the Superintendent who will make a final recommendation to the school board regarding the school calendar. Two calendars were drafted for the committee to consider as a starting point for discussion during its meeting on January 27. Due to illness an additional meeting of the committee will be scheduled at a later date.

Staffing Update –

Mrs. Lindsay notified the Board that Mrs. Shelley Turner will be providing substitute coverage at GMS for the science vacancy.

Other Items as Presented by the Superintendent – No additional items were presented.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO SPEAK

- Parent Ranae Ricca addressed the Board to share her student enjoyed science class. She also discussed concerns regarding communication from GMS. She struggles checking grades in Lumen.
- Parent Brett Musgrave shared some suggestions for navigating Lumen.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Member K. Hasty made a motion to adjourn to closed session at 7:00 P.M.

Motion seconded by Member D. Hasty.

Voting "Yea": Buhl, D. Hasty, K. Hasty, Richardson, Stanley, Therry and Williams

Motion carried 7-0

The Board returned to open session at 8:10 P.M.

Member Richardson made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 P.M. Motion was seconded by Member Stanley.

Motion carried by acclimation.

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Scott Buhl, President

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Ryan Williams, Secretary