

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTH PEKIN-MARQUETTE HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 102
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 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 6:01P.M. by President Scott Buhl. Present were Members K. Hasty, Stanley, Therry and Williams. Also present were Superintendent Jennifer Lindsay, Principal Jennifer Dietrich, Principal Camron Stanley, Special Education Coordinator Jennifer Turner, teachers Tiffany Clark, Jennifer Miller and facility dog Millie. Absent were Members D. Hasty and Richardson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

BOARD SALUTES

Member Buhl made a Board Salute thanking the teachers, administration and paraprofessionals for helping through a resignation, taking care of kids and handling everything with that.

CONSENT AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF:

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

Motion was seconded by Member Stanley.

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes, January 27, 2026
- B. Closed Session Minutes, January 27, 2026
- C. Committee of the Board Meeting Minutes, February 10, 2026
- D. Board expenditures – February, 2026
- E. Impress Fund Reports – January, 2026
- F. Activity Fund Reports – January, 2026
- G. Treasurer’s Report – January, 2026
- H. Request for Building Use
- I. Letter of Intent to Retire, Stacy Turner
- J. Resignation, Yelene Modley

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

Motion carried 5-0

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO SPEAK

Mrs. Lindsay introduced teachers that were in attendance. Tiffany Clark and Jennifer Miller, both 1st grade teachers at Marquette and Millie the facility dog.

Member Therry asked Mrs. Miller about what Millie does at school. Mrs. Miller responded that if a student is having a particularly rough time, someone will come get Millie so the student can sit and be with Millie. Mrs. Miller stated that sometimes kids need a break and Millie helps with that.

BUILDING REPORTS

Mr. Stanley informed the Board:

- School Spelling Bee was held on February 3rd. Congratulations to 5th grader Jackson K., who was named Champion, and to 6th grader Aalya M., runner up. Jackson will represent GMS at the Regional Spelling Bee at the Peoria Public Library on March 28.
- Illinois 5Essentials Survey opened on February 3. Information has been shared with families and staff and will continue to be promoted throughout the survey window.
- On February 2, GMS kicked off two weeks of the Books Are Fun Book Blast, giving students the opportunity to earn books for their home libraries. February 9 is the Scholastic Book Fair.
- Data teams met on February 3 to review STAR assessment results and monitor student intervention progress.
- Progress reports were sent home on February 13.
- During February 27 SIP Day, teachers will complete IAR security training and tour the district reunification site. Paraprofessionals will participate in IESE paraprofessional training as part of their ongoing professional development.
- February 6, eighth grade students participated in the Illinois Youth Survey.
- Scholastic Bowl meets began on February 10, kicking off another competitive season.
- Volleyball teams celebrated 8th grade Night on February 10.
- GMS hosted the Tazewell County Chess Tournament on February 21.

Mrs. Dietrich informed the Board:

- Mrs. Dietrich will be taking four students to lunch at Panda Express on March 4. Pekin High School Student Council representatives will be coming to Marquette and read to classes. All students will get to choose a book and we will be having a fun spirit week to promote a love of reading.
- Marquette will participate in IAR from March 17-26. Families have been notified of the testing dates, due to it occurring right before spring break.
- February SIP Day will give staff time to complete the 5Essentials Survey, SEL screener and touring our reunification site in Pekin.
- MES had a successful Book Blast. All students will earn at least three books as a result of contributions from families and friends. Marquette earned \$937 for materials and books. Of the 13-classrooms, 11 of them earned a \$100 gift card from student participation.
- The window for staff and families to take the 5Essentions Survey is open.
- Parents Club is hosting the Tiger and Me Dance for MES families on Friday, March 30 at GMS.

Mrs. Turner informed the Board:

- The \$3000 grant application from The Hambrick Foundation has been approved. These funds will be used to purchase materials for cooking curriculum in both self-contained classrooms.
- Two self-contained classroom teachers will be visiting local school districts to observe and to receive training in the Stryer-Fitzgerald Program for Functional Academics curriculum that they will implement next school year.
- One, possibly two special education teachers will be completing the Orton-Gillingham Plus Course-Asynchronous from April 27 to June 11. This will provide our district with more materials and another staff member training with Orton-Gillingham through IMSE (Institute for Multi-Sensory Education).

ACTION ITEMS

Member K. Hasty made a motion for the Approval 2026-2027 School Calendar

Motion was seconded by Member Therry.

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

Motion carried 5-0

Member Stanley made a motion for the Approval of Bus Purchase Agreement

Motion was seconded by Member K. Hasty.

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

Motion carried 5-0

Member Therry made a motion for the Approval of Agreement with Crisis Go.

Motion was seconded by Member Stanley.

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

Motion carried 5-0

Member K. Hasty made a motion for the Approval of Natalie Wendelin, Scholastic Bowl Coach

Motion was seconded by Member Williams.

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

Motion carried 5-0

Member Stanley made a motion for the Approval of Agreement with Farnsworth for Bidding and Architect Services for the Replacement of the Cafeteria Tables at Marquette.

Motion was seconded by Member Therry

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

Motion carried 5-0

Member K. Hasty made a motion to adopt the Resolution – Pekin Area School Districts, Mutual Aid – Emergency/Crisis Situations

Motion was seconded by Member Stanley. Motion passed.

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

Motion carried 5-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS

County Sales Facility Tax –

Mrs. Lindsay informed the Board that there are eighteen school districts in Tazewell County that are in discussion regarding a one-cent facilities tax to appear on the November election ballot with Board approval. A 1% tax would be imposed on purchases made in Tazewell County to include everything except: vehicles, boats, RVs, unprepared foods (groceries), drugs, farm equipment, services. All money goes directly to schools for facility needs.

Illinois Century Network –

Mrs. Lindsay informed the Board that currently the District purchases its internet services through Status. The District is no longer under a contract with Stratus and this allows the opportunity to pursue internet through the Illinois Century Network or ICN which is managed by the Illinois Department of Innovation and Technology. (DoIT). ICN and the circuit to reach the ICN is at no charge to Illinois school districts. It is a faster and free internet option with the service paid in part by eRate and additional funding through state appropriation. Mrs. Lindsay signed an agency agreement for intent to access the ICN beginning in July 2026.

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

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Member K. Hasty made a motion to adjourn to closed session at 6:59 P.M.

Motion seconded by Member D. Hasty.

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

Motion carried 5-0

The Board returned to open session at 7:43P.M.

Member Therry made a motion to adjourn at 7:43P.M.

Motion was seconded by Member Williams.

Motion carried by acclimation.

Scott Buhl, President

Ryan Williams, Secretary