

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTH PEKIN-MARQUETTE HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 102
TUESDAY, MARCH 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 6:00P.M. by President Scott Buhl. Present were Members D. Hasty, K. Hasty, Richardson and Williams. Also present were Superintendent Jennifer Lindsay, Principal Jennifer Dietrich, Principal Camron Stanley, Special Education Coordinator Jennifer Turner, Dale Hamm, Stan Jones, Natalie Wendelin and Dawn Morey. Absent were Members Stanley and Therry.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

BOARD SALUTES

Mrs. Lindsay made a Board Salute to the custodial crew for wrapping up the winter weather.

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, February 24, 2026
- B. Closed Session Minutes, February 24, 2026
- C. Board expenditures – March, 2026
- D. Impress Fund Reports – February, 2026
- E. Activity Fund Reports – February, 2026
- F. Treasurer’s Report – February, 2026
- G. Updated Certified Substitute List
- H. Approval Cory Harris, Volunteer Track Coach

Voting “Yea”: Buhl, D. Hasty, K. Hasty, Richardson and Williams

Motion carried 5-0

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO SPEAK

Mr. Dale Hamm, President of Marquette Heights Men’s Club, presented the Board with a donation of \$6,500. Donation is as follows: \$2,500 for scholarships, \$1,000 to Marquette Elementary, \$1,000 to Georgetowne School, \$500 to Parents Club, \$500 to Band, \$500 to Choir, \$500 to Dance Club.

Mrs. Lindsay introduced others in attendance: Mrs. Natalie Wendelin, GMS math teacher, Ms. Dawn Morey, new teacher at GMS for the 2026-2027 school year and Mr. Stan Jones, MES custodian who will be retiring at the end of the school year.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Marquette School Report –

Mrs. Dietrich informed the Board:

- Report cards were distributed on Friday, March 20.
- Third quarter PBIS celebration will be Friday, March 27. Students will be allowed to bring an electronic device and will have an extra recess with a treat. This was voted on by the MES Student Ambassadors.
- Kindergarten screenings are scheduled for March 23 and April 7. The MES office has started taking appointments for students coming to Kindergarten in August who are not currently in the pre-k program.
- April SIP Day will allow teachers to work together to create class lists for the 26-27 school year. A Class Dojo post was shared with families asking if they have moved, to contact me so their child will not be included in a class.
- After spring break, appointments will be taken for the Preschool for All screening that will take place in May.
- Over Spring Break, the storage building will be emptied in preparation for the demolition and new building.
- School Spelling Bee will be held on April 10. Each class 1st – 3rd grade will submit their winners and parents will be invited to watch.
- Parents Club will be hosting the annual Spring Carnival on Friday, April 24.

Georgetowne School Report-

Mr. Stanley informed the Board:

- GMS completed IAR Testing March 10-12. Fifth grade students began the Illinois Science Assessment on March 24, and eighth grade will take ISA starting April 14. Students meeting IAR and ISA testing expectations will earn a field trip to Striketown Bowl April 4.
- Teacher and staff completed training on the ChatGPT for teachers during the March 13 SIP Day.
- The 3rd quarter ended on March 13. Report cards were sent home on Friday, March 20.
- The PBIS 3rd quarter focus was Respect. 89% of students met their PBIS goal and earned participation in an ice cream social after Spring Break.
- The 7th and 8th grade volleyball teams competed in the IESA Regionals on February 28 and March 7.
- GMS students participated in the IGSMA Solo and Ensemble Contest at ICC on March 13.
- Several GMS choir students were accepted into the WIU Junior Honor Choir, which will take place at Western Illinois University on March 27.
- Track practice began on March 16.
- Band and choir participated in the IGSMA organizational contest on February 27, both ranking 1st place for their performances.
- The Singing Tigers performed at PCHS Chorus Night on March 18.
- Band members will attend Pekin Dragon Band Day at PCHS on March 24.

Special Education Report-

Mrs. Turner informed the Board:

- Initial evaluations are underway, and meetings have been scheduled for the rest of the school year.
- IAR accommodations are in place. A few IEPs need amendments to better meet students' needs, as some were created earlier this year.
- Some students have been dismissed from special services due to significant progress shown in their three-year re-evaluation testing.
- Selected teachers will receive CPI (Crisis Prevention Institute) training towards the end of the school year. This training is essential for maintaining compliance with Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) RTO policies. CPI specializes in person-centered de-escalation and behavior management programs.

Retirement, Paraprofessional Joy Rees – Ms. Rees is a Marquette paraprofessional retiring at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. She started at Rogers as a paraprofessional in September of 2013.

Retirement, Custodian Stanley Jones – Mr. Jones is a Marquette custodian retiring at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. He started as a custodian in January of 2003.

Revised Resignation, Social Worker Yelene Modley – Ms. Modley is a Social Worker for the district, she started with the district in September of 2025. She resigned from the district effective March 27, 2026. This is a shortened time from what the previous resignation letter stated.

Resignation, Teacher Jennifer Mooney – Mrs. Mooney is a fifth-grade teacher at Georgetowne, she resigned effective at the end of 2025-2026 school year. Mrs. Mooney started teaching at Rogers school in August of 2006.

Resignation, PT Custodian Ariel Kinney – Miss Kinney is a second shift custodian at Rogers. She resigned effective March 11, 2026, she started with the district December of 2024.

ACTION ITEMS

Member D. Hasty made a motion for the Approval of Can Do Outdoor Services Mowing Agreement.

Motion was seconded by Member Richardson.

Voting “Yea”: Buhl, D. Hasty, K. Hasty, Richardson and Williams

Motion carried 5-0

Member K. Hasty made a motion for the Approval of Agreement with Mangieri Refinishing for GMS Gym Floor Care.

Motion was seconded by Member Williams.

Voting “Yea”: Buhl, D. Hasty, K. Hasty, Richardson and Williams

Motion carried 5-0

MINUTES of a regular public meeting of the Board of Education of North Pekin-Marquette Heights District #102 held in the Georgetowne Middle School Library, 51 Yates Road, Illinois, in said School District at 6:27 o'clock P.M., on the 24th day of March, 2026.

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The President announced that the Board of Education would consider the adoption of a resolution directing the Regional Superintendent of Schools for The County of Tazewell, Illinois, to certify to the County Clerk of said County the question of imposing a retailers' occupation tax and a service occupation tax at a rate of 1% to provide revenue to be used exclusively for school facility purposes, school resource officers, and mental health professionals, for submission to the electors of said County at the general election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026.

Whereupon Member Buhl presented and the Secretary read by title a resolution as follows, a copy of which was provided to each member of the Board of Education prior to said meeting and to everyone in attendance at said meeting who requested a copy:

RESOLUTION directing the Regional Superintendent of Schools for The County of Tazewell, Illinois, to certify to the County Clerk of said County the question of imposing a retailers' occupation tax and a service occupation tax to be used exclusively for school facility purposes, school resource officers, and mental health professionals, for submission to the electors of said County at the general election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026.

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WHEREAS, Section 5-1006.7 of the Counties Code of the State of Illinois, as amended (the "*County School Facility Occupation Tax Law*"), authorizes the imposition of a tax upon all persons engaged in the business of selling tangible personal property, other than personal property titled or registered with an agency of the government of the State of Illinois, at retail in The County of Tazewell, Illinois (the "*County*"), on the gross receipts of the sales made in the course of business and a service occupation tax upon all persons engaged in the County in the business of making sales of service, who, as an incident to making those sales of service, transfer tangible personal property within the County as an incident to a sale of service, at a rate of 1% to provide revenue to be used exclusively for school facility purposes, school resource officers, and mental health professionals (the "*County School Facility Occupation Taxes*") if a proposition for the County School Facility Occupation Taxes (the "*Proposition*") is submitted to the electors of the County at a regular election and approved by a majority of the electors voting on the Proposition; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of the County School Facility Occupation Tax Law, "*school facility purposes*" means (i) the acquisition, development, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, improvement, financing, architectural planning, and installation of capital facilities consisting of buildings, structures, and durable equipment and the acquisition and improvement of real property and interest in real property required, or expected to be required, in connection with the capital facilities and (ii) the payment of bonds or other obligations heretofore or hereafter issued, including bonds or other obligations heretofore or hereafter issued to refund

or to continue to refund bonds or other obligations issued, for school facility purposes provided that the taxes levied to pay such bonds are abated by the amount of the taxes imposed under the County School Facility Occupation Tax Law that are used to pay such bonds; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of the County School Facility Occupation Tax Law, “*school facility purposes*” also includes fire prevention, safety, energy conservation, disabled accessibility, school security, and specified repair purposes set forth under Section 17-2.11 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the County School Facility Occupation Tax Law provides that upon receipt of a resolution or resolutions of school district boards that represent more than 50% of the student enrollment within the County, the Regional Superintendent of Schools for the County (the “*Regional Superintendent*”) must certify the Proposition to the proper election authority in accordance with the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended (the “*Election Code*”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the “*Board*”) of North Pekin Marquette Heights School District 102 (the “*District*”), deems it necessary, advisable and in the best interest of the District that the Regional Superintendent certify the Proposition to the County Clerk of the County (the “*County Clerk*”) for submission to the electors of the County at the general election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026 (the “*Election*”):

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It and It Is Hereby Resolved by the Board of Education of North Pekin Marquette Heights School District 102, as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Preambles. The Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Resolution are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Direction to Regional Superintendent. The Regional Superintendent is hereby directed to certify the Proposition to the County Clerk in the form set forth in the County School Facility Occupation Tax Law and in accordance with the Election Code for submission to the electors of the County at the Election. The Proposition shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as *Exhibit A*.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

Section 4. Repeal. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed, and this Resolution shall be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption.

Adopted March 24, 2026.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

EXHIBIT A

FORM OF PROPOSITION

Shall a retailers' occupation tax and a service occupation tax (commonly referred to as a sales tax) be imposed in The County of Tazewell, Illinois, at a rate of 1% to be used exclusively for school facility purposes, school resource officers, and mental health professionals?

Member Richardson moved and Member K. Hasty seconded the motion that said resolution as presented and read by title be adopted.

After a full discussion thereof, the President directed that the roll be called for a vote upon the motion to adopt said resolution.

Upon the roll being called, the following members voted AYE:

BUHL, D. HASTY, K. HASTY, RICHARDSON, WILLIAMS

The following members voted NAY: 0

Whereupon the President declared the motion carried and said resolution adopted, approved and signed the same in open meeting and directed the Secretary to record the same in the records of the Board of Education of North Pekin-Marquette Heights District #102 which was done.

Other business not pertinent to the adoption of said resolution was duly transacted at the meeting.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Board of Education

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF TAZEWELL)

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES AND RESOLUTION

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of North Pekin-Marquette Heights District #102 (the “Board”), and as such official I am the keeper of the records and files of the Board.

I do further certify that the foregoing constitutes a full, true and complete transcript of the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on the 24th day of March, 2026, insofar as same relates to the adoption of a resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION directing the Regional Superintendent of Schools for The County of Tazewell, Illinois, to certify to the County Clerk of said County the question of imposing a retailers’ occupation tax and a service occupation tax to be used exclusively for school facility purposes, school resource officers, and mental health professionals, for submission to the electors of said County at the general election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026.

a true, correct and complete copy of which said resolution as adopted at said meeting appears in the foregoing transcript of the minutes of said meeting.

I do further certify that the deliberations of the Board on the adoption of said resolution were conducted openly, that the vote on the adoption of said resolution was taken openly, that said meeting was called and held at a specified time and place convenient to the public, that notice of said meeting was duly given to all of the news media requesting such notice, that an agenda for said meeting was posted at the location where said meeting was held and at the principal office of the Board on a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday in the State of Illinois and at least 48 hours in advance of the holding of said meeting, that a true, correct and complete copy of said agenda as so posted is attached hereto as *Exhibit A*, that at least one copy of said agenda was continuously available for public review from the time of such posting until said meeting, that said meeting was called and held in strict compliance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, and with the provisions of the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, and that the Board has complied with all of the provisions of said Act and said Code and with all of the procedural rules of the Board.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature, this 28th day of April, 2026.

Secretary, Board of Education

Member K. Hasty made a motion for the Approval of Dawn Morey, GMS Science Teacher 2026-2027

Motion was seconded by Member Richardson.

Voting “Yea”: Buhl, D. Hasty, K. Hasty, Richardson and Williams

Motion carried 5-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Amended 2025-2026 School Calendar –

Mrs. Lindsay informed the Board that the calendar adjustment is the result of the emergency day used on January 23, 2026. School will now be in session for a full student attendance day on May 1, 2026.

Budget Summary Reports, January & February –

Mrs. Lindsay informed the Board that the District is on track and where it should be right now. The reports were given to Board Members for review.

Parent and Family Engagement Policy –

Mrs. Lindsay informed the Board that this is a new requirement of our Consolidated District Plan, required by ISBE, in advance of the submission of grant applications for FY27.

Mrs. Lindsay formed a parent advisory committee with district teachers who are district parents, to get an educator’s lens, to develop the initial policy. The draft will be brought to the Board in April for approval.

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

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Member Williams made a motion to adjourn to closed session at 6:45 P.M.

Motion seconded by Member D. Hasty.

Voting “Yea”: Buhl, D. Hasty, K. Hasty, Richardson and Williams

Motion carried 5-0

The Board returned to open session at 8:22P.M.

Member Williams made a motion to adjourn at 8:22P.M.

Motion was seconded by Member D. Hasty.

Motion carried by acclimation.

Scott Buhl, President

Ryan Williams, Secretary