



# Peters Township School District

**MINUTES  
 PETERS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
 SPECIAL MEETING  
 MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2014  
 7:00 P.M. – DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICES**

CALL TO ORDER: McMurray, President, called the special meeting of the Peters Township Board of School Directors to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

ROLL CALL: : Mr. Dunleavy, Mr. McMurray, Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Merrell, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Gregg, Dr. Hardy and Mrs. Bowman. Mrs. Erenberg was absent.

Also present were Dr. Jeannine French, Superintendent, Dr. Jennifer Murphy, Assistant Superintendent, Michael Fisher Assistant to the Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Patricia Kelly, Director of Pupil Personnel, Vincent Belczyk, Business Manager, Shelly Belcher, Communications Coordinator, Blair Stoehr, principal McMurray Elementary, Adam Swinchock Director of Instructional Technology.

SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS: None

**QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR (15 minutes)**

(Peters Township School District Policy 1312)

Peters Township School District values parent and community engagement.

**PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS**

Mr. McMurray announced an Executive Session was held on December 15, 2014 and also a meeting will be held tonight following the board meeting to discuss personnel, negotiation and legal issues.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Mrs. Bowman consider a motion to suspend Peters Township School District Policy 9368 (Order of Business) for this meeting only. Seconded by Dr. Hardy

Public Comment: None

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
 (8-0)**

I. BUSINESS OFFICE

**NO ACTION ITEMS AT THIS TIME**

II. BOARD COMMITTEES

**Education**

Sue Smith

**Course Name Change**

1. **RECOMMENDATION:** Consider a motion to approve the following course name change, effective immediately:

**High School:**

Mathematics Department

- Algebra II Foundations to *Algebra II A Foundations*

**MOTION:**

Mr. Dunleavy moved for approval of recommendation 1, seconded by Mr. Merrell

A discussion was held on the above recommendation

Public Comment: None

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**SUPERINTENDENT'S AGENDA**

III. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

**RECOMMENDATION:** Consider a motion to approve Certificated Personnel recommendations subject to all required pre-employment history reviews and clearance requirements as follows:

1. Approve the following leaves of absence:

December 2014-2015-01

December 2014-2015-02

2. Approve the following new hire: (attachment)

Name: Michael Brookie  
Position: Assistant Elementary Principal  
Assignment: McMurray Elementary  
Salary: \$85,000.00  
Effective: TBD  
Replaces: Gregory Marquis

3. Approve the following change of classification:

Name: Sarah Corsinelli  
From: Bachelors, Step 2  
To: Bachelors, plus 15, Step 2  
Effective: 2<sup>nd</sup> semester 2014-2015 school year

4. Approve the following day-to-day substitute certificated personnel for the 2014-15 school year:

1. Miles, Kathleen – Nurse
2. Rickard, Windelin – Elementary K-6, Mid-Level Science 7-9 and Mid-Level English 7-9
3. Shields, Mackenzie – Nurse

**MOTION:**

Mrs. Smith moved for approval of recommendations 1-4, seconded by Dr. Hardy  
A discussion was held on the above recommendations  
Public Comment: None

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
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**IV. NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Consider a motion to approve Non-Certificated Personnel recommendations subject to all required pre-employment history reviews and clearance requirements as follows:

1. Approve the following retirements:

Name: Patricia Pyle  
Position: Cafeteria/Food Service  
Assignment: Bower Hill Elementary  
Effective: December 19, 2014

Name: Nicholas Grosso  
Position: Custodian  
Assignment: Middle School  
Effective: January 9, 2015

2. Approve the following new hire:

Name: Anna Ritacco  
Position: Class IV Secretary  
Assignment: High School  
Salary: \$14.33/hr  
Effective: December 23, 2014  
Replaces: Pamela Slomiany

5. Approve the following day-to-day non-teaching substitutes for the 2014-15 school year:

1. Bratten, John – Driver
2. Strawn, Roland – Custodian
3. Vatter, Lynn – Cafeteria/Playground Monitor, Cafeteria/Food Service and Bus Aide
4. Wu, Timothy – Driver

**MOTION:**

Mrs. Smith moved for approval of recommendations 1, 2 and 5, seconded by Dr. Hardy  
Public Comment: None

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(8-0)**

**V. EXTRA-DUTY PERSONNEL/PROGRAMS**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Consider a motion to approve Extra-Duty Personnel/Program recommendations subject to all required pre-employment history reviews and clearance requirements as follows:

1. Approve the following extra-duty Activities personnel resignations for the 2014-15 school year:

**HIGH SCHOOL**

Drama, Tech Director, Musical Spring	Kevin Kocher
Drama, Choreographer, Musical Spring	Lisa Elliott

2. Approve the following Activities personnel renewal for the 2014-15 school year:

**HIGH SCHOOL**

Ski Club Advisor	Fred Burns
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3. Approve the following extra-duty Activities personnel for the 2014-15 school year: (attachment)

**HIGH SCHOOL**

Drama Tech Director Spring Musical	Philip Irvin
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4. Approve the following extra-duty Athletics personnel resignation for the 2014-15 school year:

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Girls Basketball Assistant Coach	Elizabeth Bladel
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5. Approve the following Athletic personnel renewals for the 2014-15 school year:

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Basketball Girls Assistant Coach	Will Amend
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**HIGH SCHOOL**

Softball Assistant Coach

Beth Anne Swartzwelder

6. Approve the following extra-duty Athletic personnel for the 2014-15 school year: (attachment)

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Basketball Boys Volunteer

Robert Williams

**MOTION:**

Mrs. Smith moved for approval of recommendations 1-6, seconded by Mr. Merrell

Public Comment: None

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**VI. PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Consider a motion to approve Professional Conferences as follows:

1. Approve the following professional conference(s):  
(Employees will not be reimbursed for meals included in the conference--attachments):

Names: Shelly Belcher – Communications/Safety Coordinator  
Adam Sikorski – Principal, Middle School  
Christian Lesnett – Assistant Principal, High School  
Activities: Advanced ALICE Training  
Dates: January 26 – 27, 2015  
Location: Keystone Oaks High School, Pittsburgh, PA  
Estimated Cost: \$1,918.00

Names: Adam Swinchock – Director of Instructional Technology  
Activities: Attendance/Child Accounting Professional Association  
Dates: February 25 – 27, 2015  
Location: Hershey, PA  
Estimated Cost: \$1,040.00

Names: Adam Swinchock – Director of Instructional Technology  
Activities: Data Quality Summit 2015  
Dates: March 22 – 25, 2015  
Location: Hershey, PA  
Estimated Cost: \$563.00

**MOTION:**

Mr. Dunleavy moved for approval of recommendation 1, seconded by Mrs. Smith

A discussion was held on the above recommendation

Public Comment: None

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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VII. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AND STUDENT ACTIVITIES

**NO ACTION ITEMS AT THIS TIME**

VIII. OTHER

**RECOMMENDATION:** Consider a motion to approve other recommendations as follows:

1. Approve the following Durham Bus Company Drivers for the 2014-15 school year:

Allen, Lori  
Whewell, Mary

**MOTION:**

Mrs. Smith moved for approval of recommendation 1, seconded by Mr. Dunleavy  
A discussion was held on the above recommendation  
Public Comment: None

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
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**BOARD INFORMATION:** Mrs. Anderson stated there are some interpretation issues with the new state statute as to which volunteers would need a clearance. PSBA had stated that because of that interpretation issue PSBA gave us one policy but it was not a rewrite of our current policy on volunteer clearances. Mrs. Anderson stated she is working with the solicitor on this issue.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** None at this time

**QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD ON AGENDA ITEMS (15 minutes):** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Buildings & Grounds	January 5, 2015	6:30 pm
Finance Committee	January 12, 2015	6:30 pm
Regular Board Meeting	January 20, 2015	7:30 pm
Policy Committee	January 26, 2015	6:30 pm

Mrs. Bowman stated National History Day is at the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, we have nineteen students participating and eleven entries for this event.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mrs. Smith moved for adjournment at 7:35 pm, seconded by Mr. Merrell

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
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Board Secretary

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Board President