



Peters Township School District

MINUTES
 PETERS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
 REGULAR MEETING
 MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2016
 7:30 P.M. – DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICES

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. McMurray, President, called the regular meeting of the Peters Township Board of School Directors to order at 7:34 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Allison, Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Briegel, Mr. Dunleavy, Dr. Hardy, Mr. Merrell, Mr. McMurray, and Mrs. Smith is present via dial-in call. Mrs. Bowman 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 M. Belczyk, Business Manager, Shelly Belcher, Communications Coordinator and Jocelyn Kramer, Solicitor.

- Celebration of Excellence - The District celebrated the following:
 - **Excellence in Academics**
 - **Annual PT Spelling Bee**
 On January 12, Peters Township held its annual spelling bee for students in grades 6, 7 and 8. More than 60 students participated with 7th grader Cade Voller coming out on top. Special thanks to teacher Mrs. Wendy Stark and the McMurray PTA for organizing the event and to Mr. Matt Cheran for serving as the announcer for the evening. Good luck to Cade as he moves on to the regional spelling bee in March.
 - **Sixth Grade Animal Adaptations**
 Sixth graders in Mrs. Kropiewnicki's class were given the challenge to create their own animal in science class. They had to select from one of the climates they had studied and create an animal that was strong and resilient enough to survive in that environment. They were to consider how the animal would stay warm or cool, what it would eat, how it would get its food and water, and how it would care for its young. Students had to create a model or illustration of their new creature and write a paper detailing its features.
 - **PTHS Spanish Club Events**
 In December, the High School Spanish Club held several special events for students. On December 17th, Ms. McKenna took 30 Spanish Club students on a Latin Food Tour of the Strip District. They sampled authentic Latin cuisine and learned about the countries and cultures from which it comes at each stop. The students also visited Mrs. Packrone's Spanish students at Pleasant Valley Elementary and shared some Spanish carols with the

students. Prior to the winter break, the students also had an opportunity to try Zumba afterschool with the help of instructor Kelly Borra (McMurray Art Teacher).

➤ **Gift of Reading at Bower Hill**

Bower Hill 3rd graders gave the Gift of Reading during the holiday season. Third graders visited 1st grade classrooms to share a story and "presents" that include elements of their stories detailing characters, setting and plot. Their love of reading is the best gift to share!

➤ **Polar Express at PV and BH**

The Polar Express visited Peters Township in December with stops at both Pleasant Valley and Bower Hill Elementary Schools. Dressed in their pajamas, the kindergarten students waved goodbye to their older classmates as they handed over their ticket for the story-booking telling of the classic tale. The students also enjoyed hot cocoa on their journey and found a bell from Santa's sleigh waiting for them back in their classroom.

➤ **Spanish Market at McMurray**

Before the holidays, McMurray Spanish teachers Nicole Makrinos and Abby Montgomery hosted a Spanish Market for 4th grade students. The students earn paper pesos in class for participation and were able to spend the pesos at the market. They have to say the price of their purchase in Spanish to check out at the market.

➤ **WACTC Students Earn Skills USA Honors**

Three Peters Township students who attend classes at the Western Area Career and Technology Center have received first place honors at the Skills USA competition. Kathryn Luttner (Culinary Arts) was recognized for her job interview skills, Joshua Camacho (Networking) was honored for his information technology skills and Sara Cox (Cosmetology) was recognized for her cosmetology skills. Skills USA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry representatives and the competitions reinforce occupational and leadership skills.

➤ **Pleasant Valley Read-a-Thon**

Pleasant Valley Elementary students read for an amazing 107,190 minutes and collected more than \$6,500 in their recent Read-a-Thon organized by the PTA. All students who participated received a medal in homeroom and the classroom winners at each grade level were Mrs. Nadberazny's kindergarten class, Mrs. Stunek's first grade class, Mr. Cirincione's 2nd grade class and Mrs. Burner's 3rd grade class. Second grader Isabelle Clark received the grand prize of a one year family membership to the Carnegie Museums. Isabelle read the most out of all students at Pleasant Valley with a grand total of 2,350 minutes.

➤ **Excellence in the Arts**

➤ **McMurray Reflections Ceremony**

Students in grades 4-6 who took part in the PTA Reflections contest were recognized with a special ceremony at the school this week. Students received medals and had their

photos taken for the yearbook. Good luck to those students moving on to the state level competition!

➤ **PMEA Music Honors**

Student musicians from Peters Township High School have been honored by the Pennsylvania Music Educators' Association (PMEA) and the Washington County Music Educators' Association (WCMEA). The students were selected by audition to take part in regional band, chorus and orchestra events to learn from visiting conductors and other musicians and vocalists in our region. Please join us in congratulating these talented students:

➤ **PMEA District Orchestra:** Kyle Johnson (cello), Grace Casper (flute), Mekha Nair (viola), and Jenna Jacobs (violin)

➤ **PMEA Honors Jazz Band:** CJ Rhen (trumpet) and Addison Winterhalter (trumpet)

➤ **PMEA District Band:** Grace Casper (flute), Jordan Ranallo (trumpet), and Brian Weibel (trombone)

➤ **WCMEA County Band:** Margo Burkholder (tenor sax), Ethan Cheek (tenor sax), Matthias Campion (baritone sax), CJ Rhen (trumpet), Rebecca Schneirov (clarinet), and Brian Weibel (trombone).

➤ **WCMEA County Chorus:** Mason Down (Tenor), Cole McGlumphy (Bass), Mackenzie Mendenhall (Alto), Chloe Mesogitis (Alto), Jonah Philipp (Bass), Abbey Scannell (Alto), Allie Schroth (Alto), Chad Spencer (Bass), Bennett Spernak (Bass), Talia Tennis (Alto), Nick Traficante (Bass), Jared Weyers (Bass), and Jayden Whisker (Bass).

➤ **PMEA District Chorus:** Sabrina Liu (Soprano 2), Kayley Morrow (Soprano 1), Mallory Duane (Soprano 2), and Laura Shope (Soprano 1).

➤ **Music Education's All-National Honors Orchestra**

Senior Kyle Johnson was selected through a lengthy audition process to visit Nashville this October to perform with the National Association for Music Education's All-National Honors Orchestra. To reach this level, Kyle had to audition and place at the top of the District, Region, State, and All-Eastern orchestras throughout his junior year at PTHS. Once at the All-National level, Kyle placed as the 3rd cellist overall among the 20 musicians from throughout the nation. Kyle is also a member of the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra, South Hills Junior Orchestra, and the Penn String Quintet.

➤ **Excellence in Character**

➤ **PTMS Raises More than \$10K for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society**

PTMS students raised \$10,698.94 school-wide for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in December. The top 3 earning teams won parties that will take place this spring. In 3rd

place, Team Heinz raised \$2,087.61, Team Clemente came in second with \$2,268.24 earning both teams a pizza party. Team Salk was the grand prize winner, raising \$2,913.24 and has earned a catered pasta party from the Olive Garden. Thank you to everyone who donated their spare change to this worthy cause.

➤ **Humane Society Drive at McMurray**

McMurray Elementary Student Council organized a giving event for the building to make the holidays a little better for animals in need. Throughout December, students and staff donated bags of food, treats, litter, collars, leashes, toys, crates, and disinfectant supplies, to the Washington Area Humane Shelter, a no kill shelter. The students created videos and flyers to help get the word out about their efforts. On December 23, members of the Student Council and their families delivered these much needed items to the shelter.

➤ **Using the Force for Good at PTHS**

The Force is strong at PTHS! This December, the Peters Township Dance team sponsored a Star Wars themed costume contest in conjunction with the opening of Star Wars: The Force Awakens. Classes that day were taught by a few Darth Vaders and Princess Leias, with even a few Hans Solos in the mix. Students voted for their favorite costumes with their spare change and the winner was social studies teacher Sarah Corsinelli. Overall, the Dance Team's efforts raised more than \$600 for the North Side Food Bank this holiday season.

➤ **Excellence in Leadership**

➤ **C2bc at PTMS**

Middle School students attended an assembly that shared the hard facts of addiction. Sponsored by the school's Cool to be Clean initiative, the students heard from pharmacists, local police and former addicts who encouraged them to make positive choices and encourage their friends to do the same.

➤ **Recognition for Mr. McMurray**

Tonight we welcome a member of the PSBA Governing Board to recognize Board President Tom McMurray for 32 years of service to the community of Peters Township.

➤ **Board Recognition Month**

Tonight we celebrate National School Board Recognition Month and honor those who dedicate their time and talents to this School District and our community. Board members have been presented with tokens and tributes from our schools. Books have also been donated to our school libraries in honor of our Board by the PTA area council. Students from PTHS have produced a brief video to show their thanks for the support of our school board.

- Mr. Joseph M. Zupancic, representing the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, presented Mr. Thomas McMurray with a plaque in honor of his 32 years of service as a Public School Board Member.

- Dr. French thanked the Board for their commitment of service to provide the best possible education to the students of Peters Township School District.
- Mr. Adam Sikorski thanked the Board for their dedication and ongoing commitment to the students and the District.
- Kris Bergman, President of PTFT and Jan Ruzicka, Clerical and Bus Drivers Union Representative thanked the Board for their dedication, leadership and for creating a solid foundation that allows the District to grow in providing educational services to the students. They also thanked them for their commitment to serve our community and the creation of the next generation of leaders. They thanked the Board for their dedication and tireless partnership.
- Margaret Rauscher, President PTA Area Council, the PTA wanted to thank the Board for their commitment and dedication to providing a high education standard for the students of Peters Township. She also thanked the Board for their tireless dedication that happens all year long, not just in January. PTA Area Council has donated books to the school libraries in honor of the Board.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

(Peters Township School District Policy 903)

Peters Township School District values parent and community engagement.

Mr. Matthew Cheran (Perspective from a PTSD Teacher)
PT Middle School

Mr. Cheran addressed the Board on the image of a teacher by a teacher. He is an eighth grade Social Studies Teacher, Middle School Forensics Coach, and President of the Peters Township Education Foundation.

He shared some actual notes and comments that have been sent to him by parents and former students. He then contrasted those comments with what has happened over the last several months. I never cease to be amazed by the keyboard courage in today's society, examples being the anonymous emails that have been sent to the teachers and comments online. He stated he has been called an extortionist and a terrorist and has had obscene gestures made to him.

I'm not here to beg for an equitable contract. I am shocked at the response from the community. Before the strike, we were asked to be professional and not strike. Now we are being asked to be professional so the children aren't uncomfortable coming back into the classroom. Nothing has changed, he's still Mr. Cheran – he was not running around the community making accusations and calling people names. He was in the private sector and gave up a larger salary with a retirement in the form of a 401k to work for less with an end result of the retirement from the state system. In his twelfth year and doesn't make \$60,000. We want a fair and equitable contract with adequate compensation. We are not even being offered a fair increase. In business as costs increased, you have to look for new ways to find increase, using grants, higher fees, etc. I now feel I am so expendable, Never felt like that before.

Let us work collectively to resolve this contract issue.

Where were the residents in years past when taxes were raised for other issues? Where were you for the Early Bird talks? Now we are in the final best offers stage of the process. I too am waiting.

Katherine Karolick
224 Walnut Drive

Mrs. Karolick thanked Mr. Cheran for his comments and stated she wanted to have an open dialogue with the teachers. Both sides have made outrageous comments and hope everyone regrets the comments made. Request the Board give what is fair and equitable in the final best offer. Economic times are hard. It is not about not giving the teachers a raise. Striking hurts the students. She is willing to work together to resolve the issues.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

An Executive Session was held on January 5, 2016.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

I. BUSINESS OFFICE

RECOMMENDATION: Consider a motion to approve Business Office recommendations as follows: (attachments 1 through 9)

1. Approval of the minutes for the Reorganization Meeting dated December 7, 2015 and the Regular Board Meeting dated December 7, 2015.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Reports for November 2015 and December 2015 with a balance of \$19,319,497.58.
3. Approval of General Fund bills for December 1, 2015 through January 13, 2016.
4. Approval of the Capital Facilities Fund bills for December 1, 2015 through January 13, 2016.
5. Approval of Food Service Fund bills for December 1, 2015 through January 13, 2016.
6. Approval of the McMurray Elementary School Activity Fund reports for November 2015 and December 2015.
7. Approval of the Middle School Activity Fund reports for November 2015 and December 2015.

8. Approval of the High School Athletic Fund report for November 2015 and December 2015.
9. Approval of the High School Activity Fund report for November 2015 and December 2015.

MOTION:

Mr. Merrell moved for approval of the Business Office recommendation items 1 through 9, seconded by Mr. Dunleavy.

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

II. BOARD COMMITTEES

Personnel

Ron Dunleavy: No Report
Public Comment: None

Buildings and Grounds

Bill Merrell

1. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve the purchase of 1,138 desks from P.E.M.Co. Educational & Contract Furniture at a cost of \$94,250.00 through the Pennsylvania Costars program for use in the McMurray Elementary School. This purchase is funded through the Capital Projects Fund.

MOTION:

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

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

2. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to award the purchase of a new replacement Ford F350 4X4 Pickup with Plow and Equipment to Woltz & Wind Ford, Inc at a cost of \$43,142.00. The purchase is made in accordance with the Costars 25-032 PA Purchasing Program Contract. This purchase is funded from the 2015-2016 Capital Project.

MOTION:

Mr. Merrell moved for approval of recommendation 2, seconded by Mrs. Allison.
A discussion was held on the above recommendation.
Public Comment: None

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

Education

Sue Smith

An Education Committee meeting was held on Monday, December 21, 2015.
Public Comment: None

Finance

Jamison Hardy

A Finance Committee meeting was held on Monday, December 14, 2015.
Public Comment: None

Policy

Lisa Anderson

A Policy Committee meeting was held on Monday, December 14, 2015.

This agenda includes the first reading of the policies discussed. (attachments) If anyone has comments or concerns on the following policies, please email those to her.

100 PROGRAMS

115 Career and Technology Education

300 EMPLOYEES

317 Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures

800 OPERATIONS

806 Child Abuse

824 Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries

Public Comment: None

PSBA

Lisa Anderson: Mrs. Anderson reported on recent developments on the immunization legislative issue, the status of the state budget, and School Performance Profile.

Public Comment: None

Western Area Career and Technology Center

Rebecca Bowman: No Report

The next Joint Operating Committee Meeting will be held on January 27, 2016.

Public Comment: None

SHASDA

Rolf Briegel

The SHASDA meeting scheduled for January 28, 2016 has been cancelled.

Public Comment: None

Intermediate Unit

Thomas McMurray

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2016.

Public Comment: None

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 **leave of absence:**

January 2015-2016-04

2. Approve the following **day-to-day substitute certificated personnel** for the **2015-16** school year:

Meier, Justine – Grade PK-4

Popovich, Victoria – Grade PK-4

MOTION:

Mr. Dunleavy moved for approval of Certificated Personnel items 1 and 2, seconded by Mr. Merrell..

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(8-0)

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 **leaves of absence:**

January 2015-2016-05

January 2015-2016-06

2. Approve the following **resignation:**

Name: Alise Hull

Position: Paraprofessional, Middle School
Effective: January 29, 2016

3. Approve the following **new hire**:

Name: Kylie Smith
Position: Paraprofessional
Assignment: McMurray Elementary
Salary: \$15.99/hr
Effective: January 25, 2016
Replaces: Meredith Hoskins

4. Approve the following **change of classification**:

Name: Brandon Womer
From: Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds
To: Director of Buildings and Grounds
Salary: \$78,000.00
Effective: January 18, 2016

MOTION:

Mr. Dunleavy moved for approval of Non-Certificated Personnel items 1 through 4, seconded by Mr. Merrell.

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 Activity personnel** for the **2015-16** school year:
(attachments)

HIGH SCHOOL

Drama, Tech Director – Musical	Sean Sullivan (split 50% w/Fornear)
Drama, Tech Director – Musical	Chance Fornear (split 50% w/Sullivan)
Literary Publications Advisor	Angel Schranz
SAT Prep Course (Math Winter Session)	Sara McCarthy
SAT Prep Course (English Winter Session)	Timothy Hanley

2. Approve the following **renewal of extra-duty Athletic personnel** for the **2015-16** school year:

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Softball Girls Head Coach

Kenneth McWilliams

HIGH SCHOOL

Track 1st Assistant Coach

Fred Burns

Track 1st Assistant Coach

Timothy Wu (split 50% w/open position)

Track Coed Assistant Coach

Gillian Callendar

Track Coed Assistant Coach

Kaye Gasper

Track Volunteer Coach

Dennis Scott

3. Approve the following **renewal of extra-duty Athletic personnel** for the **2016-17** school year:

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Volleyball, Head Coach

William Amend

Volleyball, Girls Assistant Coach

Joshua Elders

Volleyball, Girls Assistant Coach

Sean Apple

HIGH SCHOOL

Field Hockey Assistant Coach

Courtney Schratz

Golf, Boys Assistant Coach

Justin Pinto

Golf, Boys Volunteer Coach

Joseph DiPardo

Golf, Girls Assistant Coach

Kevin Lawrence

Soccer, Boys Assistant Coach

Joseph Dyer

Soccer, Boys Assistant Coach

Lucas Heasley

Soccer, Boys Assistant Coach

Joseph Jelinski

Soccer, Boys Volunteer Coach

Frankie LaManna

Soccer, Girls Assistant Coach

David Molisee

Soccer, Girls Assistant Coach

Abby Montgomery

Soccer, Girls Assistant Coach

Jaclyn Wolf

Soccer, Girls Volunteer Coach

James Matthew Burnett

Tennis, Girls Assistant Coach

Michelle Smelko

Volleyball, Girls Assistant Coach

April Santavy

4. Approve the following **extra-duty Athletic personnel** for the **2015 – 2016** school year.
(attachments)

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Softball Assistant Coach

Kayla Ferguson

HIGH SCHOOL

Baseball Assistant Coach

Joseph Scaglione

Swimming Assistant Diving Coach

Ryan Fagan

Volleyball Boys Assistant Coach

Gregory Hillard (split 50% w/Swauger)

Volleyball Boys Assistant Coach

Nathan Swauger (split 50% w/Hillard)

5. Approve the following **extra-duty Athletic personnel** for the **2016 – 2017** school year.
(attachment)

HIGH SCHOOL
Football Head Coach

Thomas Plack

MOTION:

Mr. Merrell moved for approval of Extra Duty Personnel/Programs items 1 through 5, seconded by Mr. Dunleavy.

A discussion was held on the above recommendation.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(8-0)

VI. PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES AND TRIPS

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

Name: Patricia Kelly – Director of Pupil Personnel
Activities: Disciplining Students with Behavioral Issues
Dates: February 12, 2016
Location: Pittsburgh, PA
Estimated Cost: \$379.63

Names: Vicky Cunningham – Counselor, High School
Heather Wawrzeniak – Counselor, High School
Activities: PA Annual School Counselors Conference
Dates: February 18 – 20, 2016
Location: Hershey, PA
Estimated Cost: \$1,459.25

Names: Vincent Belczyk – Business Manager
Activities: Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials (PASBO)
Annual Conference
Dates: March 8 – 11, 2016
Location: Hershey, PA
Estimated Cost: \$1,046.87

Name: Brian Geyer – Athletic Director
Activities: PSADA Annual Convention
Dates: March 15 – 18, 2016
Location: Hershey, PA
Estimated Cost: \$1,166.36

Name: Michael Lacey – Math Teacher, High School
Activities: 2016 AP Statistics Reading

Dates: June 9 – 17, 2016
Location: Kansas City, Missouri
Estimated Cost: \$680.00

Name: Scott Sussman – Math Teacher, High School
Activities: 2016 AP Statistics Reading
Dates: June 11 – 17, 2016
Location: Kansas City, Missouri
Estimated Cost: \$510.00

MOTION:

Mr. Merrell moved for approval of Professional Conferences and Trips item 1, seconded by Mr. Dunleavy.

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

VII. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND STUDENT ACTIVITIES

RECOMMENDATION: Consider a motion to approve the Educational Programs and Student Activities as follows:

1. Approve the following **fundraising** activities:

Organization: Tennis Racquet Backers – High School
Purpose: Banquet and uniforms
Dates: January 24 – February 5, 2016
Location: PTHS & Community
Activities: Chocolate Covered Strawberry Orders

Organization: Literary Magazine – High School
Purpose: Publication expense
Dates: February 8 – 12, 2016
Location: PTHS
Activities: Matchmaker Sales

Organization: Boys Volleyball Boosters – High School
Purpose: Offset cost of Pirate Game
Dates: February 8 – 20, 2016
Location: Community
Activities: Popcorn Sale

Organization: Thespian Backers – High School
Purpose: New sound system equipment
Dates: February 28, 2016

Location: PTHS
Activities: Prom Fashion Show

Organization: Boys Volleyball Boosters – High School
Purpose: End of the year celebration
Dates: April 11 – 22, 2016
Location: Community
Activities: Mother’s Day Flower Sale

Organization: Girls Lacrosse Boosters – High School
Purpose: Lacrosse expenses
Dates: April 16, 2016
Location: Century Sports
Activities: Car Wash

2. Approve the following **student trips**: (attachments)

Organization: High School Orchestra – High School
Advisor: Stephen McGough
Event: PMEA Western Region Orchestra
Dates: February 25 – 27, 2016
Location: State College High School, State College, PA
Est. Cost to Dist.: \$1,497.00

Organization: Boys Lacrosse – High School
Advisor: Mike Kaplan
Event: Strath Haven Lacrosse Tournament
Dates: March 18 – 19, 2016
Location: Wallingford, PA
Est. Cost to Dist.: \$0.00

Organization: Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) – High School
Advisor: John Good
Event: FBLA State Leadership Conference
Dates: April 10 – 13, 2016
Location: Hershey, PA
Est. Cost to Dist.: \$3,920.00

Organization: Boys Lacrosse – High School
Advisor: Mike Kaplan
Event: Ohio Lacrosse Competition
Dates: April 29 – 30, 2016
Location: Worthington, OH
Est. Cost to Dist.: \$0.00

MOTION:

Dr. Hardy moved for approval of Educational Programs and Student Activities items 1 and 2, seconded by Mr. Merrell.

A discussion was held on the above recommendation.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(8-0)

VIII. OTHER

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

1. Approve the Resolution designating local holidays for the 2016-17 School Year. (attachment)
2. Approve the 2016-17 School Calendar. We are requesting ACT 80 approval for August 30, 2016 and October 28, 2016. (attachment)
3. Approve a donation in the amount of \$1,500.00 from Valerie Visconti of VALIC Financial Advisors.
4. Approve the Durham Bus Company Driver for the 2015-16 school year.

Ferrence, John

5. Approve the Security Agreement with The Intermediate Unit 1 Health Insurance Consortium Trust thereby protecting the interest of all participating districts in the event of an unlikely default. (attachment)
6. Approve the purchase of fourteen (14) new replacement library chairs in accordance with PA State Contract # 4400009412 at a cost of \$2,544.60 from P.E.M.Co. for use in the Middle School Library. This purchase will be funded from the 2015-16 Capital Project Fund.
7. Approve the contract with Sierra Transportation L.L.C., on terms and conditions approved by the Solicitor, to provide transportation for the identified student for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year. (attachment)
8. Exonerate Jordan Tax Service Incorporated for liened real estate taxes in the amount of \$394,755.05 for the 2015-16 school year.

MOTION:

Dr. Hardy moved for approval of Other items 1 through 8, seconded by Mr. Merrell.

A discussion was held on the above recommendation.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(8-0)

BOARD INFORMATION: Mr. Merrell informed the public of a Buildings Grounds and Transportation Committee Meeting next Monday.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: No Public Report all items were reviewed in executive session.

QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board has received and reviewed correspondence from Mr. Bob Donnan regarding natural gas drilling in Peters Township. A copy of which will be placed in the minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January Board Meeting:

Monday, January 25, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting

February Board Meeting:

Monday, February 1, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. Joint Workshop with Township Council
Location: District Administrative Offices

Monday, February 15, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

Monday, February 29, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Education Committee Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Merrell moved for adjournment at 8:24 p.m., seconded by Dr. Hardy.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(8-0)

Board Secretary

Board President