



Peters Township School District

MINUTES
PETERS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2017 AT 7:30 PM
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICES

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. McMurray, President, called the regular meeting of the Peters Township Board of School Directors to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Boy Scout Troop #4

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Allison, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Bowman, Mr. Briegel, Mr. Dunleavy, Dr. Hardy, Mr. McMurray, Mr. Merrell and Mr. Taylor were present.

Also present were: Dr. Jeannine French - Superintendent, Dr. Jennifer Murphy - Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Michael Fisher - Assistant to the Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Mrs. Patricia Kelly - Director of Pupil Services, Mr. Brad Rau - Business Manager, Mrs. Shelly Belcher - Communications Coordinator, Mr. Brandon Womer - Director of Buildings and Grounds, and Ms. Jocelyn Kramer – Solicitor.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

- **Excellence in Academics**
- **PTMS Works Crew Creates Video to Highlight Manufacturing**
Seven students from the PTMS Works Crew went to All Clad in Canonsburg recently to visit their manufacturing facility. Partnering with both Catalyst Connections and All Clad, these PTMS students will be creating a video highlighting manufacturing in Southwestern PA in the upcoming months.
- **Middle School Writing Lab Student Visit Duquesne**
Fifteen students from Peters Township Middle School's Writing Lab visited Duquesne University this month. The students met with 13 college writing tutors and worked on improving their writing as well as learning how to be a stronger peer coach. The students are: Adam Faina, Alexander Fielding, Sarah Grabowski, Julia Krugh, Sydney Levy, Gillian Logan, Olivia McCullough, Michael Mongelluzzo, Maya Nagiub, Annabelle Powell, Celia Ruth, Ethan Traumuller, Grace Meseck, Morgan Powell and Madalyn Willingham.
- **Bower Hill Celebrates 50th Day of School**
Third graders at Bower Hill celebrated the 5th day of school on November 9th with a 1950's theme day. Poodle skirts, black leather jackets, high pony tails, sunglasses, and Chuck Taylor shoes were the order of the day! The kids had a blast at their 50's bash - root beer floats, 50's themed tunes and even a classic car photo booth.

- **Junior Achievement Day at Pleasant Valley**
Many thanks to our volunteers from Junior Achievement who visited 3rd grade this month with some creative lessons about economics and our community.
- **PTHS Media Students Earn Awards**
On November 3rd, Digital Photography students from PTHS attended the first Juried Visual Arts Exhibition at Robert Morris University. In this new exhibition/contest, there were 300 photography entries from 10 schools - 100 were selected to be on display and only 6 awards given. PT Senior Jonah Hoskins won for "Best Landscape." The other students who had work on display at the event were Julia Csuk, Carla Goldsmith, Stephanie Untch, and Ava Bianco.
- **STEM Halloween Challenge**
This month, Bower Hill students in Mrs. Williams' 2nd grade class had some science fun with a Halloween STEM Challenge. Thanks to some help from parent volunteers, the students learned about structures and built their own spider webs and towers, and even studied the science of bottle flipping based on weight (supplied by candy corn, of course!).
- **McMurray Roller Coasters**
What has one loop, two hills, a straightaway and a cheering section? Roller coasters at McMurray! This month, 5th grade students put their knowledge of energy to the test by designing the mini coasters.
- **Bower Hill Read-A-Thon Totals Announced**
Earlier this month the winners of Bower Hill's annual Read-a-Thon were announced. There were awards for the top individual readers and top fundraiser in each grade and also awards for the top class for reading and fundraising. Overall, the students at Bower Hill read for a total of 239,729 minutes and raised \$28,262.91 for activities this year - a school record!
- **Excellence in the Arts**
- **PMEA Honors Jazz Band Named**
Three students from Peters Township High School have been selected by audition to take part in the PMEA Honors Jazz Band Festival. CJ Rhen (trumpet), Brian Weibel (trombone) and Ethan Cheek (tenor sax) will join other local musicians on December 8-9, 2017 at Moon Area High School.
- **PMEA District Honors Band**
Four students from Peters Township High School have been selected by audition to take part in the PMEA District Honors Band West. Dabria Dicenso (flute), Becky Schneirov (clarinet), CJ Rhen (trumpet) and Brian Weibel (trombone) will take part in the festival at Upper St. Clair High School on January 10-12, 2018.
- **Excellence in Athletics**
- **Student Athletes Sign National Letter of Intent**
Seven students from Peters Township High School have signed National Letters of Intent to continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level. Please join us in congratulating the following students:
Basketball: Lillian Young, Edinboro University
Golf: Hunter Bruce, Penn State University
Lacrosse:
Colton Abate, Wheeling Jesuit University
Shawn Caven, Wheeling Jesuit University

Jake Hurley, Lindenwood University
Nicki Phelps, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Softball: Haley Cecere, Point Park University

➤ **Fall Season Highlights**

As the fall season drew to a close, we had several student athletes receive honors in their section and beyond. Please join us in congratulating these students:

First Team All-Section Honors from the Big 56 Conference:

Boys Soccer: Logan Brinsky, Bryce Gabelhart, Luke Kelly, and Matt Stuck

Girls Soccer: Natalie Daub, Regan Lavigna, Emma Sawich, Hannah Stuck

Girls Volleyball: Brooke Hjerpe

Football: Tanner Scott, Ian Chaudhari, Josh Casilli, and Adrian Williams

All WPIAL:

Field Hockey: Veronica Schratz,

All WPIAL Honorable Mention:

Field Hockey: Emily Anderson

All-Section:

Field Hockey: Emily Anderson, Megan Casciola, Greta Schratz, and Veronica Schratz

Congratulations Coach Dyer

Boys Soccer Head Coach Bob Dyer has been selected as the Section Coach of the Year. Coach Dyer has been with our Boys Soccer program for 19 years and in the last decade, he has guided our Boys Soccer team to four WPIAL Championships and 2 PIAA Championships.

➤ **Excellence in Leadership**

➤ **PTMS STEM Lab Goes Green**

Students in the Middle School STEM Lab are constructing compost boxes from old pallets that will be placed outside the school to assist in the school's recycling efforts. They are also working with the Food Service Department to determine how they can support the effort as well.

➤ **PT Parent Helps Students Celebrate Veteran's Day**

As the District got ready to celebrate Veteran's Day, PT parent Lieutenant Colonel James Kokoszynski visited the District to share some of his experiences serving our nation. His first stop was at PTMS where he was interviewed live on the morning announcements about his 23 years of service in the United States Marines. That afternoon, he also stopped by McMurray as well where the 4th graders had made cards for our service men and women in honor of the holiday.

➤ **Career Chats at PTMS**

Many thanks to Mrs. Amy Cesario who shared information about her career in accounting with students at PTMS. This month's presentation is part of a series of Career Chats that are available to students throughout the year during homeroom to expose them to a variety of occupations.

➤ **Excellence in Character**

➤ **PV's Got Talent**

On November 9, students at Pleasant Valley shared their amazing talents with our school community during the annual "PV's Got Talent" event. Guests voted for their favorite acts via donations that support Peters Township Meals on Wheels. Overall, the event raised \$3000.00 for this worthwhile cause.

- **Peters Township Character Counts Fall Awards**
On November 7th, the District hosted the Annual Character Counts Fall Awards Ceremony. Hosted by Brian Schill and Kelley Keane from the PT Chamber of Commerce, we honored 14 members of our community who are living the ideals of respect, honesty and responsibility everyday. Congratulations to our fall recipients:
Susan Hanawalt, Meal on Wheels; Sandy Levin & Carol Planitzer, PTA; Jason Wroblewski, PTHS Student; Buzz Pasquini, community member; Abby Stech, Uma Thachapuzha, Kaylee Petro and Andrew Zhang, PTHS students; Emily Kiswardy, Bower Hill Teacher; Rob Hassett, PTMS Cafeteria Monitor; Savannah Scarff, Marching Band Member; Kathleen Melnyk, McMurray Teacher; Conner Gielarowski, PTHS student.
- **Halloween Costume Madness**
Halloween was a big hit with the “big kids” in our schools. Staff members throughout the District showed their creative side. At the high school they held their annual Costume Madness Contest where students voted for their favorite costume with donations to breast cancer research.
- **C2bC Assembly at Peters Township Middle School**
As part of their Red Ribbon Week activities, the Peters Township Middle School Cool to Be Clean (C2bC) Club sponsored an anti-drug assembly as their kick-off event for the year. The assembly included medical information on the impact of drug use, background on the legal impact of drug possession and use by Officer Dave Stanton, and first person accounts of the impact of drug use on people’s lives.
- **Check Presentation for PT Fire Department**
Last month Pleasant Valley students and staff recognized Fire Safety Week with a spare change drive to support our PT Fire Department. On the morning announcements, the school welcomed two of our local firemen to accept the check for \$1,505.25 to help support their community education and fire prevention programs.
- **Field Hockey Team Spins for a Cure**
Over the past few months, the High School field hockey team has raised over \$8,500.00 for the [Crohn’s & Colitis Foundation](#) for their [spin4 cures](#) team in honor of a teammate battling this disease. The foundation has notified the District that the team is number 4 in the nation for their fundraising efforts and congratulated the team and the District for this team that cares.
- **McMurray Turkey Fund**
Thanks to the students and families at McMurray many people in our area will have a turkey dinner this Thanksgiving! The student leadership team organized a fundraiser and collected \$4,245.00 for the KDKA Turkey Fund. This is enough money to provide 283 families with a turkey dinner this Thanksgiving! These funds will now be matched by PNC Bank to help even more families this week!

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

(Peters Township School District Policy 903)

Peters Township School District values parent and community engagement.

Speakers listed on the agenda will be allotted a maximum of five (5) minutes for public comment.

Speakers not listed on this agenda will be allotted a maximum of two (2) minutes for public comment.

Part of our communication effort involves taping and sharing videos of our Board meetings to help our community stay informed on matters before the Board. Any guest speakers or members of the public who are taking part in the meetings are reminded to come to the podium and use the microphone when making comments so that they may be heard by those of us in the room and those watching online.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

An Executive Session was held immediately prior to this meeting to discuss personnel and other items.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

I. BUSINESS OFFICE

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

1. Approval of the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting dated October 16, 2017.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for October 2017 with a balance of \$29,169,127.96.
3. Approval of the General Fund bills for October 13, 2017 through November 15, 2017.
4. Approval of the Capital Facilities Fund bills for October 13, 2017 through November 15, 2017.
5. Approval of the Food Service Fund bills for October 13, 2017 through November 15, 2017.
6. Approval of the McMurray Elementary School Activity Fund report for October 2017.
7. Approval of the Middle School Activity Fund report for October 2017.
8. Approval of the High School Athletic Fund report for October 2017.
9. Approval of the High School Activity Fund report for October 2017.
10. Approval of the Budget Transfers for October 2017.

MOTION:

Dr. Hardy moved for approval of the Business Office recommendation items 1 through 10, seconded by Mr. Merrell.

Public Comment: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(9-0)

II. BOARD COMMITTEES

Personnel

Mr. Dunleavy

A representative of the District is needed for appointment to the Cable Television Advisory Board for a three (3) year term commencing January 2018.

Mr. Dunleavy made a motion to appoint Adam Swinchock as the District representative to the Cable Television Advisory Board, which must be approved by township council, seconded by Dr. Hardy.

Public Comment: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(9-0)

1. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Peters Township School District and the Peters Township Federation of Teachers. (attachment)

MOTION:

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

Public Comment: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(9-0)

Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Merrell

Buildings & Grounds Committee Meetings were held on October 23, 2017 and November 13, 2017.

Education

Mrs. Allison

An Education Committee Meeting was held on October 30, 2017. Mrs. Allison thanked Dr. Murphy, Mr. Fisher and Mrs. Ragland for their presentation of NMSI and AP data.

2. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve the following supplemental text for pilot:

HIGH SCHOOL

English, Grade 10

The Odyssey by Homer, Translated by Stephen Mitchell, Simon & Schuster, ©2013, ISBN 9781451674187, \$1,123.50

MOTION:

Mrs. Allison moved for approval of recommendation 2, seconded by Mr. Dunleavy.
Public Comment: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(9-0)

Finance

Dr. Hardy

3. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve the Resolution authorizing a transfer of funds from the General Operating Fund to the Capital Projects Fund. (attachment)

MOTION:

Dr. Hardy moved for approval of recommendation 3, seconded by Mr. Taylor.
Public Comment: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(9-0)

4. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to authorize the Administration to pay required invoices between November 21, 2017 and January 15, 2018 due to the length of time between regular meetings.

MOTION:

Dr. Hardy moved for approval of recommendation 4, seconded by Mr. Merrell.
Public Comment: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(9-0)

Policy

Mrs. Anderson

A Policy Committee Meeting was held on November 6, 2017.

This agenda includes the first reading of the following policies: (attachments)

100 Programs

103	Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom Practices
103.1	Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students with Disabilities
104	Nondiscrimination in Employment and Contract Practices
150	Title I – Comparability of Services

700 Property
718 Service Animals in Schools

800 Operations
808 Food Services
819 Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response

Mrs. Anderson made note of Policy 808 – Food Services. This was not discussed at the Policy meeting because the changes to the School Code were not enacted until November 6, 2017 and the legislation requires policy changes before the next regular meeting. The changes required to the policy refer to what is commonly known as “lunch shaming”. The revised School Code requires that a meal be served on credit if a student does not have enough funds in their account with the District. It also requires that communication regarding a student’s lunch account balance only be directed to the parent, not the student.

Also, there were some issues that came up regarding the nondiscrimination policies and the notice of appeal and time frames. All issues were run past the Solicitor’s office and there are resolutions based on the Solicitor’s recommendation.

5. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve suspension of the rule in Policy 003 requiring a second read prior to adopting the following policy:

800 Operations
808 Food Services

Comment: Mrs. Anderson explained the reason for asking to waive the requirement for the second read is that the policy must be implemented before the next regular meeting

MOTION:

Mrs. Anderson moved for approval of recommendation 5, seconded by Mrs. Allison.
Public Comment: None

MOTION PASSED
(8-1) Dr. Hardy voted no.

6. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve the adoption of the following policy:

800 Operations
808 Food Services

MOTION:

Mrs. Anderson moved for approval of recommendation 6, seconded by Mrs. Allison.
Public Comment: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PSBA

Mrs. Anderson

Mrs. Bowman went to the PSBA convention in October and presented highlights, including the concerns in some areas of the state where there are not many teachers available.

Mrs. Anderson announced that new board member training, which is also available for returning board members, will be held at Upper St. Clair High School Saturday, December 9th from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Western Area Career and Technology Center

Mrs. Bowman

Mrs. Bowman attended the meeting last week. The roof project is successful. .

The next Joint Operating Committee Meeting will be held on December 13, 2017.

SHASDA

Mr. Briegel

Mr. Briegel attended the SHASDA meeting last week. The consensus among those in attendance was that the meetings are worthwhile, specifically the updates on legislative issues and the Student Forum. The next SHASDA Meeting will be held on January 25, 2018.

Intermediate Unit

Mr. McMurray

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on December 14, 2017.

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:**

November 2017-2018-01

2. Approve the following **resignation**:

Name: Rachel Zahn
Position: 1st Semester Long Term Substitute Spanish Teacher
Assignment: McMurray Elementary
Effective: October 27, 2017

3. Approve the following **long term substitute**: (attachment)

Name: Chelsea Pendergast
Position: Special Education Teacher
Assignment: Pleasant Valley Elementary
Salary: Bachelors, Step 1 (pro-rated)
Effective: October 23, 2017 through March 20, 2018
Replaces: Stacey Meredith

4. Approve the following as **day-to-day substitute certificated personnel** for the 2017–18 school year:

Susan Albert - Elementary K-6
Kirsten Bare - Speech and Language Pathologist
Haley Comodor - Art PK-12
Sydney Krawiec - Grades 4-8 (All subjects 4-6, Mathematics 7-8)
Krista Wilson - Grades PK-4
Kyla Feliz - Williams - Spanish PK-12
Angela Zavadil - Grades PK-4 and Grades 5-6

5. Approve the following **student teachers/observers/interns** for the 2017–18 school year. All compliance documents for the following individual are on file.

Name: Jacob Davis
Dates of Assignment: 12/9/17 - 1/7/18
College or University: Adrian College
Curriculum Major: Sports Management
PTSD Teacher/Bldg.: Brian Geyer/High School
Assignment: Internship

Name: Alec Searles
Dates of Assignment: 1/3/18 - 4/27/18
College or University: Duquesne University
Curriculum Major: Social Studies
PTSD Teacher & Bldg.: Matt Cheran/Middle School
Assignment: Student Teacher

Name: Jocelyn Secen
Dates of Assignment: 1/3/18 - 5/25/18

College or University: California University of Pennsylvania
Curriculum Major: Counseling
PTSD Teacher & Bldg.: Brenda Gruhn/McMurray Elementary
Assignment: Internship

Name: Kayla Smith
Dates of Assignment: 1/22/18 - 5/4/18
College or University: Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Curriculum Major: Speech Pathology
PTSD Teacher & Bldg.: Tammi Hanak/Bower Hill Elementary
Assignment: Student Teacher

Name: Casey Cottrill
Dates of Assignment: 1/22/18 - 5/10/18
College or University: Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania
Curriculum Major: Middle Level Social Studies
PTSD Teacher & Bldg.: Bethany Gallagher/Middle School
Assignment: Student Teacher

MOTION:

Mr. Dunleavy moved for approval of Certificated Personnel recommendation items 1 through 5, seconded by Mr. Merrell.
Public Comment: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(9-0)

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 **retirements:**

Name: Michelle Seman
Position: Paraprofessional
Assignment: Middle School
Effective: November 2, 2017

Name: Chester Cecotti
Position: Driver
Assignment: Bus Garage
Effective: December 31, 2017

2. Approve the following **resignation:**

Name: Mary Schweitzer
Position: Cafeteria Food Service
Assignment: Bower Hill Elementary
Effective: December 14, 2017

3. Approve the following **transfer:**

Name: Colleen Helbig
From: Long Term Substitute Part-time Paraprofessional, High School
To: Part-time Paraprofessional, McMurray Elementary
Salary: \$16.47/hr.
Effective: November 28, 2017
Replacing: Patricia Dycus

4. Approve the following **new hires:**

Name: Laurie Eiter
Position: Cafeteria/Playground Monitor
Assignment: Middle School
Salary: \$14.25/hr.
Effective: November 28, 2017
Replaces: Carol Polis

Name: Natalie Seery
Position: Paraprofessional
Assignment: Middle School
Salary: \$16.47/hr.
Effective: November 28, 2017
Replacing: Michelle Seman

Name: James Ferguson
Position: Custodian
Assignment: High School
Salary: \$16.85/hr.
Effective: November 28, 2017
Replaces: Russell Enlow

5. Approve the following **day-to-day non-teaching substitutes** for the 2017–18 school year:

Katherine Ackerman - Paraprofessional
Chester Cecotti - Driver
Deana Eutsey - Paraprofessional and Clerical
Sydney Krawiec - Paraprofessional
Heather Morrow - Paraprofessional
Vincent Peteya - Cafeteria/Playground Monitor

Lucy Robert - Cafeteria/Playground Monitor and Clerical

MOTION:

Mr. Dunleavy moved for approval of Non-Certificated Personnel recommendation items 1 through 5, seconded by Mr. Merrell.
Public Comment: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(9-0)

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** for the 2017–18 school year: (attachments)

HIGH SCHOOL

Drama, Choreographer, Musical

Nicole Uram

MCMURRAY ELEMENTARY

Intramurals (1st semester - maximum 12 hours)

Emily Bergman (cover for Dr. Conkle)

2. Approve the following **change of status of Athletic personnel** for the 2017–18 school year.

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Daniel DiDonato	Wrestling, Assistant Coach (Split 35%)	Wrestling, Volunteer
Daniel DiDonato	Wrestling, 9 th Grade Head Coach (Split 15% w/open position)	Wrestling, 9 th Grade Head Coach (Split 90% w/Smith)

3. Approve the following **extra-duty Athletic personnel** for the 2017–18 school year: (attachments)

HIGH SCHOOL

Wrestling, Assistant Coach
Wrestling, 9th Grade Head Coach
Wrestling, 9th Grade Assistant Coach

Kenneth Smith (Split 35% w/Evanovich)
Kenneth Smith (Split 10% w/DiDonato)
Alexander Holsopple

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Track/Field, Assistant Coach

Barbara Brown

MOTION:

Mr. Merrell moved for approval of Extra-Duty Personnel/Programs recommendation items 1 through 3, seconded by Mr. Taylor.
Public Comment: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(9-0)

VI. PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES, TRAININGS AND TRIPS

1. Approve the following **professional conference(s), training(s) and trip(s)**: (attachments)
(Employees/Representatives will not be reimbursed for meals included in the conference)

Name: Adam Swinchock – Director of Instructional Technology,
District Administrative Offices
Activity: 2017 Sharp National Dealer Meeting
Dates: November 28 – 30, 2017
Location: Phoenix, AZ
Estimated Cost: \$0.00

Name: Lora O'Brien – Gifted Support Teacher, Bower Hill Elementary
Activity: PDE's 2017 Standards Aligned System (SAS) Institute Personalize Learning:
Innovative Students... Innovative Educators
Dates: December 3 – 5, 2017
Location: Hershey, PA
Estimated Cost: \$210.00

Names: Michelle Hanna – 5th Grade Teacher, McMurray Elementary
Pam Guenther – Title I Teacher, McMurray Elementary
Activity: K-12 Student Assistance Program (SAP) Trainings
and SAP Thematic Workshops
Dates: December 5 – 7, 2017
Location: Latrobe, PA
Estimated Cost: \$1,525.87

Name: Kristin McCune – 8th Grade Mathematics Teacher, Middle School
Conference: Math Science Collaborative –
Math Open-Ended Item Workshops, Grades 6 - 8
Dates: December 11, 2017, January 22, February 5, and March 26, 2018
Location: Allegheny Intermediate Unit
Cost: \$1,137.34

Name: Robert Garvey – Principal, Bower Hill Elementary School
Conference: Math Science Collaborative –
Math Open-Ended Item Workshops, Grades 3 - 5
Dates: December 18, 2017, January 5, February 2, and March 5, 2018
Location: Allegheny Intermediate Unit

Cost: \$721.62

MOTION:

Dr. Hardy moved for approval of Professional Conferences, Trainings and Trips recommendation item 1, seconded by Mr. Dunleavy.
Public Comment: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(9-0)

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: Students Active for Environment (S.A.F.E.) Club – High School
Purpose: Club expenses
Dates: November 21 – 29, 2017
Location: High School and Community
Activity: Candle Sales

Organization: Lady Indians Basketball Boosters – High School
Purpose: Team expenses
Dates: November 21 – December 1, 2017
Location: Community
Activity: Spirit Shirt Sales (Sport Specific)

Organization: Cheerleading Boosters – High School
Purpose: Team expenses
Dates: December 1 – 25, 2017
Location: Community
Activity: Poinsettia Sales

Organization: Lady Indians Basketball Boosters – High School
Purpose: Team expenses
Dates: December 2017 – February 2018
Location: High School
Activity: Concession Stand and 50/50 Sales

Organization: Students Active for Environment (S.A.F.E.) Club – High School
Purpose: Club expenses
Dates: December 13 – 20, 2017
Location: High School
Activity: Candy Cane Grams

Organization: Lady Indians Basketball Boosters – High School
Purpose: Team expenses
Dates: January 13, 2018
Location: High School
Activity: Themed Table Luncheon

Organization: Thespian Backers – High School
Purpose: Group expenses
Dates: February 4, 2018
Location: High School or local country club
Activity: Prom Fashion Show

Organization: Softball Boosters – High School
Purpose: Team expenses
Dates: February 5 – 9, 2018
Location: High School and Middle School
Activity: Valentine Lollipop Sale

Organization: Peters Township Education Foundation
Purpose: Peters Township Education Foundation Grants
Dates: June 8, 2018
Location: High School
Activity: Water/Snack Sales

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

Organization: PTHS Thespian Troup – High School
Advisor: Jeanie Cygrymus
Event: 2017 Pennsylvania Thespian Conference
Dates: November 29 – December 3, 2017
Location: Central York High School, York, PA
Est. Cost to Dist.: \$210.00

Organization: Girls Basketball Team – High School
Advisor: Bert Kendall
Event: Warwick Basketball Tournament
Dates: December 26 – 28, 2017
Location: Lititz, PA
Est. Cost to Dist.: \$0.00

Organization: High School Marching Band – High School
Advisor: Lorne Hyskell
Event: Marching Band Away Camp
Dates: August 5 – 10, 2018
Location: Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania

Est. Cost to Dist.: \$1,715.65

3. Approve the following request for **student trip solicitation**:

Sponsor: Jessica Neidermeyer and Jill Kern
Event: Middle School Ski Trips to Seven Springs Mountain Resort
Date: Winter Season of the 2017–18 school year

MOTION:

Mr. Briegel moved for approval of Educational Programs and Student Activities recommendation items 1 through 3, seconded by Mr. Merrell.

Public Comment: None

Comment: Mrs. Allison asked for more details on Item #3 – Student Trip Solicitation. Dr. Murphy stated the trip is listed as open dates for the season, instead of restricting it to a certain date range. Mrs. Anderson commented that the trip solicitation is not a school sponsored trip and it is up to interested parents to check everything about it carefully, per the recently updated trip policies.

Mr. Briegel asked why the change in the location of the Marching Band camp in August from CalU to Slippery Rock. Were the various booster groups notified and what is the affect on the expense to the District? Mr. Fisher stated the cost is less than last year, the facilities have been updated recently and from what he understands it is a nicer facility.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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VIII. OTHER

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

1. Approve a \$200.00 donation from Dr. Jennifer Murphy to the Peters Township School District.
2. Approve the following **substitute drivers** from Mlaker L.L.C. Student Transportation for the 2017–18 school year:
 - Monica Bozza
 - Lenore Buchta
 - Renee Dillman
 - Cynthia Reedy
3. Approve a one (1) year subscription to the KnowB4 Cyber Security Awareness Training and Simulated Phishing Platinum package, through the Seneca Highlands IU9, at a cost of \$1,800.00. (attachment)
4. Approve the purchase of a Dell NX3230 network attached storage solution at a cost of \$8,229.11. All bidding requirements have been met.

5. Enter into a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding with Mt. Lebanon School District's Adult/Continuing Education Program to offer Classroom Theory (CT) and/or Behind-the-Wheel (BTW) Driver's Education courses, at the annually published fee, to Peters Township School District students. (attachments)

MOTION:

Mr. Dunleavy moved for approval of Other recommendation items 1 through 5, seconded by Mrs. Bowman.

Public Comment: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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BOARD INFORMATION

Mrs. Bowman acknowledged Lt. Col. Kokoszynski who celebrated Veteran's Day in two of our buildings and then he participated as a judge at the forensics tournament the following weekend. We have four 5th graders who have already qualified for finals.

Mr. Merrell commended the Boy's Soccer team for advancing to the PIAA semi-finals.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: None

QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD ON AGENDA ITEMS

CORRESPONDENCE: Bob Donnan (attachment)
 107 Southview Court
 McMurray, PA 15317

Mr. Donnan commented on environmental issues regarding the new high school project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November Board Meeting:

No additional meetings have been scheduled at this time.

December Board Meeting:

Monday, December 4, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Reorganization Meeting

Monday, December 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting

Monday, December 18, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Education Committee Meeting

January Board Meeting:

Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mrs. Bowman moved for adjournment at 8:19 p.m., seconded by Mr. Merrell.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Board Secretary

Board President