



Peters Township School District

MINUTES
PETERS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2018 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 7:36 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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**
- **PTHS Junior Accepted into NHD Student & Teacher Institute**
Congratulations to Peters Township High School Junior Alain Nypaver who has been accepted into the prestigious [*Normandy: Sacrifice for Freedom® Albert H. Small Student & Teacher Institute*](#). Along with Middle School teacher, Joshua Elders, she will embark on a year-long course of study that concludes with a journey to Normandy, France to honor a WWII Silent Hero who died during or after the Normandy Invasion. Courses, materials, and international travel are all paid for by the Institute.
- **Senior Earns Science Honors**
Peters Township High School Senior Nicole Munne has been named as one of the top 300 Scholars from the Regeneron Science Talent Search. She will receive a \$2,000 scholarship and \$2,000 will be donated to the school in her name. Her project was entitled “Developing an Invitro Human Liver Model for Non-alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease.” She is now in consideration to be one of 40 students invited to DC to compete in the next level of competition.
- **Student Essay Contest Winners**
Sophomores Juliette Langley – 1st Place, Makenna Marino – 2nd Place and Morgan Byers – 3rd Place recently placed in the Voices of Democracy Writing Contest, sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW Post 764). The contest theme this year was “American History: Our Hope for the Future.”

In addition, three 8th grade students – Katie Belcher, Alexandra Wilson and Madison Langlois - are also being recognized by the VFW for the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest. The essay theme this year was "America's Gift to My Generation."

Langley and Belcher, who both earned first place at the VFW District Level, will be moving on to compete at the state level. Last year, Langley won all three titles and received a \$1,000 cash prize.

➤ **Colonial Christmas at Bower Hill**

After reading a novel about George Washington, 3rd graders at Bower Hill celebrated the holiday colonial style in December. Students attended a colonial tea and learned about the manners of the day, played games and sang carols common in those times and even made a special holiday craft! Many thanks to the teachers and parent volunteers who made the afternoon possible!

➤ **Gift of Reading at Bower Hill**

Third grade students at Bower Hill gave the gift of reading to 1st graders in the school in December. The 3rd graders selected a book and they put together a "gift" of items that represent the books theme, characters, setting etc. to help share their love of reading with the younger students in the building!

➤ **Polar Express at Bower Hill**

The Polar Express made a few stops in Peters Township this year – with special treats for kindergarten students at Pleasant Valley and Bower Hill. The kindergarten students walked the building on their way to the North Pole where they had hot chocolate while watching the storybook version of the classic story.

➤ **PT Students Present at Regional Conference**

Four students from Peters Township High School traveled to Washington DC to present at the regional writing center conference in December. The students represented Peters proudly in two presentations - explaining how our high school writing lab is so successful and sharing how to coach a friend who comes in to the writing lab for help. Ms. Brown currently serves as the middle school's representative for the Secondary Schools Writing Centers Association.

➤ **PT Named to AP District Honor Roll**

Peters Township High School has been named one of 447 school districts in the U.S. and Canada being honored by the College Board with placement on the 8th Annual AP[®] District Honor Roll. Peters Township has received this honor for increasing the number of students participating in the AP Program, while also increasing or maintaining the percentage of students earning AP Exam scores of 3 or higher.

➤ **Hour of Code at PTMS**

Last month Middle School students took part in "Hour of Code" activities during their study lab time. PTMS trained 45 students as ambassadors for the Hour of Code, who then taught coding to more than 700 of their fellow peers. The goal was to have every student at PTMS code for at least one hour during the week. The staff also used homeroom time to highlight careers in Computer Science and provide the students with other computer coding activities.

➤ **McMurray Forensics Team Honors**

In December, the McMurray Elementary forensics team competed in the season's second league tournament with great success. Please join us in congratulating the students above.

PROSE:

Billy McGrath, two 1st place awards (including a perfect score)

Nickjay Saini, 1st and 2nd place awards

Kaitlyn Devine, 1st and 2nd place awards (including a perfect score)

Wyatt Skillings, 1st and 2nd place awards

DECLAMATION:

Kaitlyn Strine, two 1st place awards

Samhitha Santebennur, two 1st place awards

EXTEMPERANEOUS:

Kaylee Gryboski, two 2nd place awards

IMPROMPTU:

Olivia Koucoumaris, two 2nd place awards

Sam Gorgonio, 2nd and 3rd place awards

MULTIPLE READING:

Jackson Baldassare, Theo Petrey, and Eli Hemmingson, 1st and 2nd place awards

Sophia and Alana Landis, Two 1st place awards (including a perfect score)

➤ **Alumni Visits at PTHS**

We welcomed some recent PT grads back to the school in December to talk college with our current students. General sessions were open to all students in the library and Mr. Wilkinson hosted some former German students talking about how their world language studies were going at the collegiate level. There were many great insights from these young adults on college choice, AP classes, choosing your major and more!

➤ **Excellence in the Arts**

➤ **PMEA Region 1 Band**

PTHS students Becky Schneirov and CJ Rhen were selected to take part in the PMEA Region 1 Band based on their District Band auditions. They will participate next month, February 22nd & 23rd at Plum Senior High School. Pending their seating auditions at this event, they are both strong candidates for All-State Band later this year.

➤ **PTHS Annual Coffeehouse Production**

In December, students at PTHS held their annual Coffeehouse Production for students and the community. This talent show is a fundraiser for the Thespians and this year they also partnered with the National Honor Society to sponsor a children's book drive during the event. In all, the NHS ended up collecting over 3,000 books for Children's Hospital.

➤ **Mark your Calendar for Meatballs and Music!**

Mark your calendar for Meatballs and Music at PTHS on January 27th. This fundraiser for the Music Boosters is filled with good food and wonderful performances by students throughout the District. Don't miss it!

➤ **Excellence in Athletics**

➤ **PT Sports Round Up**

Our winter sports season is off to a great start. Above are a few highlights of our season so far.

--Girls Basketball is currently in 1st place in section play, and are ranked 2nd in WPIAL 6A

--Our swimmer are currently undefeated in section meets, with several PT Swimmers already qualified for the WPIAL Finals

--Wrestling is undefeated in section matches

➤ **Match for a Marine**

The PT wrestling teams held their annual Match for a Marine event this month with all admissions, t-shirt sales, concessions and 50-50 raffle donated to Marine Sergeant Doug Vitale

who was severely injured while serving our country. That evening's donations totaled more than \$5,000 with more money still coming in!

➤ **Excellence in Character**

➤ **Blankets for the Humane Society**

Second graders in Mrs. Kuehn's class made blankets for the dogs at the Humane Society before the holidays. While they tied their knots, the students watched "The Grinch" and Mrs. Kuehn was pretty sure their hearts grew three sizes that day!

➤ **McMurray 5th Graders Donate to Toy Drive**

Students in Mrs. Wysocki's and Mrs. Clark's 5th grade classes collected more than \$800 this holiday season and went shopping for gifts for Operation Toy Soldier. They added them to the rest of the building's collection that will help local families in need this Christmas. All District buildings took part in the Toy Drive this year.

➤ **Holiday Cards for Meals on Wheels**

PTMS students made holiday cards for local residents who receive Meals on Wheels. These special cards with messages written by the students brightened the holiday for many people this year!

➤ **Peters Township Tops the Coat Drive**

This winter, Peters Township once again took part in the Model Cleaners Coat Drive. The drive features a friendly competition between local schools to help encourage donations. This year, Peters Township topped the donation list with nearly 950 coats and earned a \$1,000 donation to the District. Overall, more than 7,000 coats were donated to local Salvation Army offices and other organizations helping families in our area.

➤ **Excellence in Leadership**

➤ **PTEF Announces Grant Winners**

The Peters Township Education Foundation is proud to announce the winners of the 2018 GEO (Granting Educators Opportunities) Grants. This year's winners are listed above. This year, the PTEF will provide nearly \$4,692.54 in funds to support classroom projects. In the past seven years, the PTEF has provided more than \$55,000 in funds to support education at all levels in Peters Township.

➤ **PT Teacher Earn Classroom Grants**

Five PT Teachers received \$800 in grant money from Kickline Dance Center's Cash for Classroom Program. The funding came from proceeds from the studio's annual holiday recital. Any District teacher with a student from Kickline was eligible for the grant. Winning teachers included high school teachers Nicole Sitler (Media) and Kristin DeGiovanni (Art). Middle school social studies teacher Stephen Maiolo, and elementary teacher Megan Wysocki (5th Grade) and Jamie Basista (1st Grade) also received grants. Teachers plan to purchase items such as digital writing tablets, online subscriptions and a K'nex Building Machines Class Set.

➤ **Bower Hill Teacher Named NSTOY Executive Director**

Bower Hill teacher Lora O'Brien has been named the Executive Director of the National State Teachers of the Year-PA Chapter (NSTOY-PA). Ms. O'Brien has been involved with the organization since 2006. In this new role, she will work to recognize excellence in classrooms across the Commonwealth, advocate for education policy, and mentor pre-service teachers.

➤ **Family Support Resources Fair**

The PTHS Counseling Department is sponsoring a community Family Support Resources Fair to showcase resources in our area. The purpose of the event is to help provide information about various mental health, drug and alcohol awareness and supportive resources that are available to our families. Please mark your calendar for Thursday, February 22 from 5:30-8 p.m. for this special event. More details may be found on the District website.

➤ **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. Tonight we also have with us members of our professional teams and PTA leadership who would like to say a few words.

Mrs. Lori Pavlik representing the Act 93 Administrative Employees, Kelly Zajicek, representing the Peters Township Federation of Teachers and Kathy Chaudhari, representing the Parent Teacher Association Area Council, all thanked the Board for their continued service and commitment to providing the best educational opportunities for the students of Peters Township. They thanked them for maintaining a safe educational and working environment, and also for the many hours devoted to providing all the services necessary for the District to move forward.

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

Executive Sessions were held on December 11, 2017, December 18, 2017, January 8, 2018 and 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 November 20, 2017 and the Reorganization Meeting dated December 4, 2017.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Reports for November 2017 and December 2017 with a balance of \$25,683,302.89.
3. Approval of the General Fund bills for November 16, 2017 through January 12, 2018.
4. Approval of the Capital Facilities Fund bills for November 16, 2017 through January 12, 2018.
5. Approval of the Food Service Fund bills for November 16, 2017 through January 12, 2018.
6. Approval of the McMurray Elementary School Activity Fund report for November 2017 and December 2017.
7. Approval of the Middle School Activity Fund report for November 2017 and December 2017.
8. Approval of the High School Athletic Fund report for November 2017 and December 2017.
9. Approval of the High School Activity Fund report for November 2017 and December 2017.

MOTION:

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

Public Comment: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(7-0)

II. BOARD COMMITTEES

Mr. McMurray informed everyone present that the Committee appointments and representatives will continue for 2018:

	Chairperson	Vice Chairperson
Buildings and Grounds	Mr. Merrell	Mr. Dunleavy
Finance	Dr. Hardy	Mr. McMurray
Personnel	Mr. Dunleavy	Dr. Hardy
Education	Mrs. Allison	Mrs. Anderson
Policy	Mrs. Anderson	Mr. Merrell
SHASDA Representative	Mr. Briegel	Mr. Dunleavy
Western Area Career and		

Technology Center Representative Mrs. Bowman Mr. Dunleavy
PSBA Representative Mrs. Anderson
Intermediate Unit Representative Mr. McMurray

Personnel

Mr. Dunleavy

1. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve merit compensation earned in school year 2016–17 for Act 93 administration in accordance with the 2016–17 Act 93 Agreement.

MOTION:

Mrs. Bowman moved for approval of recommendation 1, seconded by Mr. Merrell.
Public Comment: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(7-0)

2. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve the revised substitute wage rates for the Paraprofessionals, Secretaries, Custodial and Maintenance as of January 1, 2018. (attachment)

MOTION:

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(7-0)

3. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve contract adjustments for Brad Rau in accordance with his contract of employment, effective January 17, 2018.

MOTION:

Mr. Briegel moved for approval of recommendation 3, seconded by Mr. Merrell.
Public Comment: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(7-0)

Buildings and Grounds

William Merrell

A Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting was held on December 11, 2017. In addition, a Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, January 22, 2018.

4. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve the Agreement to allow Crossing Development, LLC and West Penn Power to install and extend the electric line through a portion of Peters Township School District property in exchange for \$5,000.00 and installation of an additional conduit along the route for future use by the Peters Township School District. (attachments)

MOTION:

Mrs. Bowman moved for approval of recommendation 4, seconded by Mr. Dunleavy.
Public Comment: None

Comment: Mrs. Anderson asked for clarification on where the line would be installed, asking if it would run under the road to Pleasant Valley fields. Mr. Dunleavy confirmed the location.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(7-0)

5. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to accept the final design development of the New High School project as presented at the December 11, 2017 Building and Grounds Committee Meeting.

MOTION:

Mrs. Bowman moved for approval of recommendation 5, seconded by Mr. Dunleavy.
Public Comment: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(7-0)

Education

Mrs. Allison

An Education Committee Meeting was held on December 18, 2017.
An Academic Integrity meeting will be held this Thursday after school.

Finance

Dr. Hardy

Mr. Briegel presented the report in Dr. Hardy's absence. A Finance Committee Meeting was held on January 8, 2018.

6. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve Resolution 2018-01-16A stipulating no increase in the rate of the real estate tax by more than the index of 2.4% for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year. (attachment)

MOTION:

Mr. Merrell moved for approval of recommendation 6, seconded by Mr. Dunleavy.
Public Comment: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(7-0)

7. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to enter into an Owners Controlled Insurance Program (OCIP) provided by CM Regent Insurance Company for the New High School Project at a rate of \$21.0649 per \$1,000.00 of construction value.

MOTION:

Mr. Dunleavy moved for approval of recommendation 7, seconded by Mr. Merrell.

Public Comment: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(7-0)

8. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve the purchase of 263 Center Church Road, McMurray, PA 15317 on terms and conditions approved by the Solicitor.

MOTION:

Mr. Dunleavy moved for approval of recommendation 8, seconded by Mr. Merrell.

Public Comment: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(7-0)

9. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve a lump-sum fixed fee with Hayes Design Group Architects, on terms and conditions approved by the Solicitor, for Basic Services and all other Additional Services that have been identified at this time for the New High School Project in the amount of \$4,600,000.00.

MOTION:

Mr. Dunleavy moved for approval of recommendation 9, seconded by Mr. Merrell.

Public Comment: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(7-0)

Policy

Mrs. Anderson

This agenda includes the first reading of the following policy: (attachment)

200 Pupils
246 Student Wellness

Comment: Mrs. Anderson informed those in attendance that changes to this policy were previously made in 2017. Those changes were due to changes in regulations and the PSBA model policy. These new changes are required so that the District remains in compliance with standards for non-competitive foods in the classroom.

Mr. Briegel asked for a change to the policy which will be reflected in the second reading. Mrs. Anderson concurred.

10. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approved the second reading and adoption 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

819 Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response

MOTION:

Mrs. Anderson moved for approval of recommendation 10, seconded by Mrs. Allison.

Public Comment: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(7-0)

11. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to retire the following policies:

200 Pupils

248 Unlawful Harassment

300 Employees

348 Unlawful Harassment

MOTION:

Mrs. Anderson moved for approval of recommendation 11, seconded by Mr. Briegel.

Public Comment: None

Comment: Mrs. Anderson explained that the changes approved in Recommendation #10 make the retirements of Policies 248 and 348 necessary.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(7-0)

PSBA

Mrs. Anderson

Mrs. Anderson reported that a PSBA – Furlough Law webinar will be held this Thursday, January 18th from noon till 1:00 pm. It will cover new changes in the law.

Western Area Career and Technology Center

Mrs. Bowman

Mrs. Bowman reported the next Joint Operating Committee Meeting will be held on January 24, 2018. Mr. Dunleavy is attending the January and February meetings on Mrs. Bowman’s behalf.

SHASDA

Mr. Briegel

The next SHASDA Meeting is scheduled to be held on January 25, 2018. Ms. Kramer announced that two attorneys from their firm will be presenting.

Intermediate Unit

Mr. McMurray

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on January 25, 2018.

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:**

January 2017-2018-01
January 2017-2018-02

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

Name: Nicole McAfoose
From: Bachelors, Step 4
To: Bachelors plus 15, Step 4

Effective: 2nd Semester

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

Name: Melissa Scouvar
Position: 4th Grade Teacher
Assignment: McMurray Elementary
Salary: Masters Step 1 (pro-rated)
Effective: 2nd Semester of the 2017-2018 school year
Replaces: Shannon Hemmingson

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

Emily Cook - Nurse
Charles Krol - Social Studies 7-12

5. Approve the following **student teachers/observers/interns** for the 2017–18 and 2018–19 school years. All compliance documents for the following individuals are on file.

Name: Hayley Hulbert
Dates of Assignment: 1/17/18 - 4/6/18
College or University: University of Pittsburgh/Greensburg
Curriculum Major: Secondary English
PTSD Teachers & Bldg.: Sonya Ring and Meredith Price/High School
Assignment: Pre-Student Teaching

Name: Linda Esposito
Dates of Assignment: 1/17/18 - 4/13/18
College or University: University of Central Missouri
Curriculum Major: Library Media Specialist
PTSD Teacher & Bldg.: Karly Kunkle/Bower Hill Elementary
Assignment: Practicum

Name: Diane Connelly
Date of Assignment: 1/17/18 – 5/7/18
College or University: Community College of Allegheny County
Curriculum Major: American Sign Language - English Interpreting Practicum
PTSD Teacher & Bldg: David Tatro/High School
Assignment: Interpreter

Name: Richelle Louder
Dates of Assignment: 1/22/18 - 5/4/18
College or University: California University of Pennsylvania
Curriculum Major: Speech and Language Pathology
PTSD Teacher & Bldg.: Lauren Gagatko/McMurray Elementary
Assignment: Externship

Name: Lisa Prenni
Dates of Assignment: 1/25/18 - 4/12/18
College or University: Chatham University
Curriculum Major: Occupational Therapy
PTSD Teacher/Bldg.: Beverly Collins/McMurray Elementary
Assignment: Level I Fieldwork

Name: Hayley Hulbert
Dates of Assignment: 8/27/18 - 12/7/18
College or University: University of Pittsburgh/Greensburg
Curriculum Major: Secondary English
PTSD Teachers & Bldg.: Sonya Ring and Meredith Price/High School
Assignment: Student Teaching

MOTION:

Mr. Briegel moved for approval of Certificated Personnel recommendation items 1 through 5, seconded by Mr. Merrell.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(7-0)

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 2017-2018-03
January 2017-2018-04
January 2017-2018-05
January 2017-2018-06
January 2017-2018-07

2. Approve the following **resignations:**

Name: Joanne Group
Position: Paraprofessional
Assignment: Middle School
Effective: November 21, 2017

Name: Laurie Eiter
Position: Cafeteria/Playground Monitor

Assignment: Middle School
Effective: December 1, 2017

Name: Susan Manko
Position: Cafeteria/Food Service
Assignment: High School
Effective: November 21, 2017

Name: Diane Gerba
Position: Cafeteria/Food Service
Assignment: High School
Effective: December 6, 2017

Name: Betty Kradel
Position: Cafeteria/Food Service
Assignment: Bower Hill Elementary
Effective: January 24, 2018

3. Approve the following **transfer**:

Name: Linda Black
From: Cafeteria/Playground Monitor, Bower Hill Elementary
To: Cafeteria/Playground Monitor, Middle School
Effective: January 18, 2018
Replacing: Laurie Eiter

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

Name: Tammy Kitterman
Position: Driver
Assignment: Bus Garage
Salary: \$14.94/hr.
Effective: January 18, 2018
Replaces: Chester Cecotti

Name: Christina Barrett
Position: Cafeteria Food Service
Assignment: Bower Hill Elementary
Salary: \$13.66/hr.
Effective: January 18, 2018
Replaces: Mary Schweitzer

Name: Cheryl Hindman
Position: Paraprofessional
Assignment: Middle School
Salary: \$16.47/hr.

Effective: January 18, 2018
Replaces: Joanne Group

5. Approve the following **change of assignment**:

Name: Casie Niederberger
From: Cafeteria/Playground Monitor, Bower Hill Elementary
To: Cafeteria/Food Service, McMurray Elementary
Effective: January 19, 2018
Replacing: Susan Manko

6. Approve the following **long term substitute**:

Name: Zachary Harriman
Position: Paraprofessional
Assignment: High School
Salary: \$10.00/hr.
Effective: January 8, 2018 through June 11, 2018
Replaces: Shannon Mincin

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

Rebecca Galanko - Paraprofessional, Cafeteria/Playground Monitor
and Cafeteria/Food Service
Zachary Harriman - Paraprofessional
Jeffrey Kennedy - Driver and Bus Aide
Tanya Kotenoglou - Paraprofessional and Cafeteria/Playground Monitor
Deborah Reese - Cafeteria/Playground Monitor, Cafeteria/Food Service and Custodian
William McLain - Driver
Albert Mastascusa - Driver
Tanya Zimmerman - Cafeteria/Playground Monitor, Cafeteria/Food Service
and Custodian

MOTION:

Mr. Briegel moved for approval of Non-Certificated Personnel recommendation items 1 through 7, seconded by Mr. Dunleavy.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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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 **Facilitator resignation** for the 2017–18 school year:

PLEASANT VALLEY

Grades 2-3 (second semester)

Angela Johnson

2. Approve the following **Facilitator** for the 2017–18 school year:

PLEASANT VALLEY

Grades 2-3 (second semester)

Mary Elizabeth Barnes

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

HIGH SCHOOL

Drama, Tech. Director, per play (Spring)

Martin Reardon

Drama, Tech. Director per Musical

Martin Reardon

4. Approve the following **renewal extra-duty Athletic personnel** for the 2017–18 school year:

HIGH SCHOOL

Track/Field, 1st Assistant Coach

Fred Burns

Track/Field, 1st Assistant Coach

Timothy Wu (50%) (Split w/Albright and Hyland)

Track/Field, 1st Assistant Coach

Brendan Albright (45%) (Split w/Wu and Hyland)

Track/Field, Assistant Coach

Gillian Callender

Track/Field, Assistant Coach

Karyl Noel

Track/Field, Assistant Coach

Kaye Gasper

Track/Field, Volunteer Coach

Nicole Paschl

Volleyball, Boys Volunteer Coach

William Swauger

Volleyball, Boys Volunteer Coach

Gregory Hillard

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Softball, Head Coach

Kenneth McWilliams

Softball, Assistant Coach

Keith Compeggie

5. Approve the following **renewal of extra-duty Athletic personnel** for the 2018–19 school year:

HIGH SCHOOL

Cross Country, Head Coach

Timothy Wu

Field Hockey, Head Coach

Amy Casciola

Football, Head Coach

Thomas Plack

Golf, Boys Head Coach

David Kuhn

Golf, Girls Head Coach

Kevin Lawrence

Soccer, Boys Head Coach

Robert Dyer

Soccer, Girls Head Coach
Tennis, Girls Head Coach
Volleyball, Girls Head Coach

Patrick Vereb
Phyllis DeRienzo
Ashley Green

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

HIGH SCHOOL

Track/Field, 1st Assistant Coach

Logan Hyland (5%) (Split w/Wu
and Albright)

7. Approve the Peters Township Inline Hockey as a Club Sport for Peters Township High School, contingent upon receipt of all compliance documents.

MOTION:

Mr. Briegel moved for approval of Extra-Duty Personnel/Programs recommendation items 1 through 7, seconded by Mr. Merrell.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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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: Pam Guenther, Title 1 Teacher, McMurray Elementary
Activity: K-12 Student Assistance Program (SAP) Trainings and
SAP Thematic Workshops
Dates: March 13 – 15, 2018
(originally approved to attend on December 5 – 7, 2017)
Location: Latrobe, PA
Estimated Cost: \$855.87

Names: Adam Swinchock, Director of Instructional Technology
and Melinda Stewart, Data Base Technician,
District Administrative Offices
Activity: 2018 Pennsylvania Department of Education Data Summit
Dates: March 25 – 28, 2018
Location: Hershey, PA
Estimated Cost: \$1,883.31

Name: Mark Redilla, Social Studies Teacher, High School
Activity: 2018 AP Summer Institute
Dates: June 25 – 28, 2018
Location: South Fayette, PA

Estimated Cost: \$1,007.10

MOTION:

Mr. Briegel moved for approval of Professional Conferences, Trainings and Trips recommendation item 1, seconded by Mrs. Bowman.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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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: Softball Boosters – High School
Purpose: Team expenses
Dates: January 17 – 24, 2018
Location: Community
Activity: Hoagie, pizza, and pepperoni roll sales

Organization: Boys Lacrosse Boosters – High School
Purpose: Team expenses
Dates: February 2, 2018
Location: St. Benedict the Abbot Parish Hall
Activity: Bingo Night set-up and ticket pre-sales

Organization: Literary Magazine – High School
Purpose: Production expenses
Dates: February 7 – 14, 2018
Location: High School
Activity: Valentine Matchmaker Survey

Organization: Softball Boosters – High School
Purpose: Team expenses
Dates: February 10, 2018
Location: High School
Activity: Youth Softball Skills Clinic

Organization: Music Boosters – High School
Purpose: Color Guard expenses
Dates: February 15 – March 30, 2018
Location: Community
Activity: Raffle ticket sales

Organization: Cheer Boosters – High School
 Purpose: Team expenses
 Dates: February 17, 2018
 Location: High School
 Activity: Snow Ball Dance

Organization: Thespian Backers – High School
 Purpose: Group expenses
 Dates: February 25, 2018 (originally approved for February 4, 2018)
 Location: Valley Brook Country Club
 Activity: Prom Fashion Show

Organization: PTA Area Council
 Purpose: Grants for reading projects
 Dates: March 1 – April 21, 2018
 Location: Peters Township School Buildings
 Activity: Used book and media sales

Organization: Lady Indians Girls Basketball Boosters – High School
 Purpose: Team expenses
 Dates: March 4, 2018 (originally approved for January 13, 2018)
 Location: High School
 Activity: Themed Table Luncheon

Organization: Track and Field Boosters – High School
 Purpose: Team expenses
 Dates: March 24, 2018
 Location: High School
 Activity: Mattress sales

Organization: Softball Boosters – High School
 Purpose: Team expenses
 Dates: April 11 – 25, 2018
 Location: Community
 Activity: Hoagie, pizza, and pepperoni roll sales

Organization: News Magazine Club – High School
 Purpose: Publishing expenses
 Dates: May 2018 – November 2018
 Location: High School and community
 Activity: News Magazine subscriptions

Organization: News Magazine and Yearbook Clubs – High School
 Purpose: Publishing expenses
 Dates: May 2018 – November 2018

Location: High School
Activity: Planner sales

Organization: News Magazine and Yearbook Clubs – High School
Purpose: Publishing expenses
Dates: May 2018 – April 2019
Location: High School
Activity: Business ads

Organization: Cheer Boosters – High School
Purpose: Team expenses
Dates: August 1 – 31, 2018
Location: Community
Activity: Flower sales

Organization: News Magazine and Yearbook Clubs – High School
Purpose: Publishing expenses
Dates: September 2018 – January 2019
Location: High School
Activity: Yearbook Senior ads

Organization: News Magazine and Yearbook Clubs – High School
Purpose: Publishing expenses
Dates: September 2018 – June 2019
Location: High School
Activity: Yearbook sales

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

Organization: Wrestling Team – High School
Advisor: Jason Carpetta
Event: Sharon Duals Tournament
Dates: January 26 – 27, 2018
Location: Sharon, PA
Est. Cost to Dist.: \$0.00

Organization: Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) – High School
Advisors: John Good and Casey Howells
Event: 2018 FBLA State Leadership Conference and Competition
Dates: April 8 – 11, 2018
Location: Hershey, PA
Est. Cost to Dist.: \$5,238.00

MOTION:

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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VIII. OTHER

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

1. Approve Resolution 2018-01-16B designating local holidays for the 2018–19 school year. (attachment)
2. Approve the 2018–19 School Calendar. We are requesting ACT 80 approval for August 17, 2018 and November 21, 2018. (attachment)
3. Approve the work of art donation from Mr. & Mrs. William Merrell to the Peters Township School District, valued at \$2,500.00.
4. Approve donations from the PTA Area Council of \$100.00 for each school library for a total donation of \$500.00 to purchase books in honor of School Board Appreciation Month.
5. Approve a donation from Model Cleaners to Peters Township School District for collecting winter coats, valued at \$1,000.00.
6. Accept a “Cash for Classrooms” grant from KickLine Dance Center valued at \$794.99. Recipients are Peters Township High School teachers, Ms. Nicole Sitler (\$170.00) and Ms. Kristin DeGiovanni (\$125.00), Middle School teacher, Mr. Steve Maiolo (\$100.00), McMurray Elementary teacher, Mrs. Megan Keller-Wysocki (\$249.99) and Bower Hill Elementary teacher, Ms. Jamie Basista (\$150.00).
7. Accept an Educational Improvement Organization (EIO) Fund grant from Washington County Community Foundation in the amount of \$6,430.00. This EIO grant was sponsored by Washington Financial Bank.
8. Approve a Granting Educators Opportunities (GEO) grant donation for the Peters Township School District staff members at the High School, Middle School, and Pleasant Valley Elementary valued at \$4,692.54 from the Peters Township Education Foundation.
9. Authorize Administration to solicit bids for class 1 (educational), class 2 (custodial/maintenance) and athletic supplies and equipment for the 2018–19 school year.
10. Approve the following **substitute drivers** from Mlaker L.L.C. Student Transportation for the 2017–18 school year:

William Gardner, Sr.
Kenneth Wigfield

11. Approve entering into a stipulation resolving Eugene J. Hammell and Kristie J. Hammell v. Washington County Board of Assessment Appeals, et. al., at Washington County Court of Common Pleas No. 2016-8065 as follows:

Tax year	Fair Market Value
2017	\$530,000.00

12. Exonerate Jordan Tax Service Incorporated for liened 2017 real estate taxes in the amount of \$479,061.84 for the 2017-2018 school year.
13. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Blue Prints, on terms and conditions approved by the Solicitor, at no cost to the District from January 17, 2018 through June 30, 2018. (attachment)
14. Approve the Service Agreement with Youth Advocate Programs, Inc., on terms and conditions approved by the Solicitor, at a cost of \$45.04 per hour from February 2, 2018 through June 8, 2018. (attachment)
15. Authorize the withdrawal of a petition to vacate an arbitration award and accept the general release provided in consideration for the withdrawal.

MOTION:

Mr. Briegel moved for approval of Other recommendation items 1 through 15, seconded by Mr. Merrell.

Comment: Mrs. Bowman expressed gratitude for the donations in items 3 through 8. Mrs. Anderson asked for further information on items 13 and 14 which Mrs. Kelly provided.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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BOARD INFORMATION: None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Provided in Executive Session.

QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD ON AGENDA ITEMS

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Briegel praised the wrestling team for their work on the Match for a Marine event held at the high school. The event was run well and the team performed well. He also mentioned being approached by a

parent who commented on the negative and hurtful comments coming from a section at the match directed at the losing team. He asked that good sportsmanship be supported in our schools.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January Board Meeting:

Monday, January 22, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting

February Board Meetings:

Monday, February 5, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. Joint Workshop with PT Town Council
to be held at Peters Township School District

Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

March Board Meeting:

Monday, March 19, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mrs. Bowman moved for adjournment at 8:29 p.m., seconded by Mr. Merrell.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Board Secretary

Board President