

Peters Township School District



MINUTES
PETERS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 21, 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 7:38 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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. Adam Swinchock – Director of Instructional Technology, Mr. Brandon Womer - Director of Buildings and Grounds and Ms. Jocelyn Kramer – Solicitor.

SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS

Dr. French commented on the bid openings for the New High School project. She provided an overview of the borrowing process, shared road costs estimated at approximately \$3.7 million and the bid openings, which included low bidders pulling out of the process. This has put the project \$3.5 million over budget. Decisions need to be made on how to move forward.

- **Excellence in Academics**
- **PTSD Ranks 5th in Business Times Guide**
 In the April 2018 “Guide to Western Pennsylvania Schools,” the Pittsburgh Business Times profiled area school districts to determine how local districts compared to other districts in the area and across the state. Peters Township School District was ranked 5th among 105 districts in our area, up one spot from last year. Among the 494 school districts in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Peters Township also ranked 10th overall, also up two spots from the 2017 rank. Individual grade level rankings are also listed above.
- **WACTC Student Earns First Place Award**
 PTHS junior Steven Leon has earned 1st place at the High School Weld-Off Competition sponsored by Penn Commercial Business/Technical School. The competition consisted of three rounds held during March and April. Steven will be awarded a \$300 gift card for this honor.
- **National History Day State Level Winners**
 Congratulations to our students who took home top honors in the National History Day State Competition on May 11th and 12th. Fourteen students represented Peters Township among the 800

competitors. Five Peters Township students made the final round of judging with two projects earning a place at the national competition.

First Place Awards (*Headed to National Competition*)

Alaina Nypaver, Grade 11, Senior Individual Exhibit

Entry Title: *Emmeline Pankhurst: No Compromise, "Freedom or Death"*

Amelia D'Addieco, Robyn Strazisar and Sophia Wilson, Grade 8, Junior Group Exhibit

Entry Title: *Frick's Inability to Compromise: The Homestead Strike of 1892*

Third Place Award

Colin Hoffmann, Grade 8, Junior Individual Exhibit

Entry Title: *Failed Compromise at Versailles: Only a Stepping Stone to World War I*

➤ **Teddy Bear Clinic at Bower Hill**

Kindergarten students at Bower Hill tried their hands at healing with their Teddy Bear Clinic. Students brought in a furry friend from home and rotated through stations where they created their medical bag, performed basic medical care such as taking temperatures, blood pressures and giving shots, and even diagnosed a broken arm.

➤ **Colonial Day at McMurray**

Fifth grade students at McMurray Elementary celebrated Colonial Day as the culminating activity for their studies of the American Colonies. Students rotated through hands-on activities where they could try their hand at sewing, tin punching, cooking Johnny Cakes, and other colonial crafts and games.

➤ **PTMS Trading Post Open for Business**

On May 8th, students cut the ribbon for the opening day of the PTMS school store, The Trading Post. The store will be operated by the students in Mrs. Yakubic's Academic Support Classes with some assistance from the Best Buddies Program. The new store is open during homeroom periods on Tuesday – Thursday each week and features useful student items such as pens, pencils and folders, as well as other fun items like locker magnets and greeting cards.

➤ **Bio Time at Bower Hill**

Third grade enrichment students at Bower Hill Elementary shared their research projects in the annual Bio Time event. Under the direction of teacher Lora O'Brien, the students read a novel, researched a famous person, and wrote a first-person account of this person's life. The students then presented their projects to a group of staff members and parents in Bower Hill's very own living-history museum.

➤ **Fulbright Student Visits PTMS**

German students at the Middle School received a visit from a Fulbright student from Germany in their classroom this month. The student shared information about German holidays and other traditions with the 7th and 8th graders. In addition, the visitor also accompanied the students on their fieldtrip to a German restaurant to continue the conversation. The visit was arranged by teachers Liz Bladel and Aaron Wilkinson.

➤ **JA Day at Bower Hill**

Third grade students at Bower Hill had their annual Junior Achievement Day on Friday with the help of some volunteers in our community. The students learned valuable economic lessons about the roles people and business play in communities like Peters Township.

➤ **Excellence in the Arts**

➤ **Music Teacher Recognized**

District orchestra teacher Stephen McGough has been recognized by Arconic Engineering as an

outstanding educator in our area. Employees were asked to nominate teachers who they felt were deserving of the award and PT parent Mike Petro nominated McGough for his contributions to our musical program. McGough will receive a \$500 gift card to be used to support programs in his classroom.

➤ **First Grade Musicals**

This month first grade students at Bower Hill and Pleasant Valley shared what they have learned about the Mexican culture and showed off their Spanish language skills in their annual musical for parents and students. The students also took part in fiestas where they had the opportunity to sample Spanish cuisine and learn traditional customs such as dancing and games.

➤ **Excellence in Athletics**

➤ **Kids of Steel in Peters Township**

On May 5th, elementary students from Bower Hill, Pleasant Valley and McMurray took part in the Kids of Steel event as part of the Pittsburgh Marathon. Throughout the school year, many of the students participated in the Run Clubs at the school to help get ready for the last mile downtown.

➤ **Spring Sports Update**

Congratulations to the members of the spring sports teams who qualified for the WPIAL Playoffs this year: Baseball, Boys Lacrosse, Girls Lacrosse, Softball and Boys Tennis. Best of luck to our Boys Lacrosse and Softball teams who are remain in the playoffs and are in contention for WPIAL Championships. Also, good luck to Connor Bruce who will participate in the state tennis championships this weekend.

➤ **Excellence in Character**

➤ **HERO Week at Pleasant Valley**

This month we took part in HERO week at Pleasant Valley where students and staff celebrated their theme of Helping Everyone Respect Others. In addition to theme dress up days throughout the week, students collected spare change for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, and had the chance to enter a t-shirt design contest for next year's HERO shirts at the school. Parents and teachers took part by recognizing HERO behavior at home and at school – students could earn raffle tickets to earn one of the grand prize baskets.

➤ **Peters Township Students Take Part in Prom for Students with Special Needs**

On May 2nd, life skills students from Peters Township High School joined other students from 13 area school districts in a prom for special needs students. This year, Pirate Charities graciously opened their doors and hosted the prom at PNC Park. The formal extravaganza celebrates the individuality of all students while promoting inclusion and awareness.

➤ **Buddy Bench at McMurray**

This month, staff members at McMurray Elementary donated a second Buddy Bench in memory of staff member Casey Doran. This welcoming area on the student playground is supported by staff member donations.

➤ **Character Counts Spring Awards**

On April 25th, Character Counts honored 19 students, staff and community members during their Spring Awards Ceremony. These deserving individuals were recognized for their dedication to the ideals of the Character Counts effort - respect, responsibility and honesty. The honorees were: Keedan Kelly (3rd grade), Uma Thachapuzha (10th Grade), Mary Albert (10th Grade), Austin Malley (7th grade), Isabella Updyke (5th Grade), Dana Sasuta, Nancy Zimmer, Antonio Zuloaga, Paige Kujan (10th grade), Kristin Groninger (teacher), Jamie Oswald (12th grade), Julie Collins,

Kirsten McGrath, Jeffrey Steele (12th grade), Jeanie Cygrymus, Carter Meneely (2nd grade), Monica Merrell, Jakob Rosak (6th grade) and AJ McGarrity (6th grade).

➤ **Red Nose Campaign**

Students are having fun at McMurray raising money for the Red Nose Day challenge to end childhood poverty. Each homeroom was challenged to raise \$100. Throughout the month, the student leadership team has been sharing information about the effort and students will be collecting donations at the Student Art Festival on May 24th at McMurray.

➤ **Color Run at McMurray**

This month students from Bower Hill, Pleasant Valley and McMurray were invited to participate in the Color Run organized by McMurray's Student Council. Overall, the students came together and raised more than \$6,600 for the Caring Place that will be matched by Highmark. This grand total of more than \$13,000 will be donated in memory of McMurray teacher Casey Doran.

➤ **BH Chores for Cures**

Students at Bower Hill were encouraged to roll up their sleeves and do some chores to earn money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society with the school's Chores for Cures effort. Overall, the school raised \$4,000 for the cause and the homerooms at each grade level who earned the most get to play a kickball game with the principals!

➤ **PTMS Food Bank Volunteers**

Middle School teacher Matt Cheran and volunteers from his class participated in the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank's Produce to People event. They helped to distribute more than 20,000 pounds of food to over 700 needy families this past weekend.

➤ **Epilepsy Foundation Speaker**

Second grade students in Mrs. Kuehn's and Mrs. Bodnar's class welcomed a visitor from the Western PA Epilepsy Foundation who talked with the students about seizure awareness and acceptance. She read a story to students that explained how we are all unique and different and also reviewed what to do in case of an emergency.

➤ **Excellence in Leadership**

➤ **Chief Grimes Talks at PTHS**

This month, Peters Township Police Chief Doug Grimes spoke with Middle School and High School students about their role in the safety of our schools and community. The focus of the talks was "See something, say something, DO SOMETHING." He encouraged the students to share any safety concerns they have with a trusted adult and cautioned them about the consequences of false reporting.

➤ **ALICE Training for PT Parents**

On April 25th, the District held ALICE training for parents. The presentation detailed how ALICE was developed and how it is used in our schools. Shelly Belcher also detailed some of our prevention efforts for the parents in attendance.

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.

Peter Rose (Topic: Peters Township New High School Pool)
President of the Peters Township Swim Club
and representing the President of the Peters Township Swim and Diving Boosters
121 Golfview Drive
McMurray, PA 15317

Mr. Rose spoke in support of including a Natatorium in the new high school project. He said the current pool is costly and obsolete. As a former District and collegiate swimmer, he spoke to the many academic benefits of swimming including the District swimming alumni who have attended Ivy League schools and the Naval Academy and are National Merit Scholars.

Alex Lepri, student/swim team/swim club
169 Fawn Valley Drive
McMurray, PA 15317

Mr. Lepri spoke in support of a new pool for multiple reasons. He also said that to be admitted to Cornell University, one of his choices for college, he has to pass a mandatory swim test to attend academic classes. He pointed to the lack of room for spectators in the current pool area and overflow of swimmers who have no place to sit. He cited the academic accomplishments of swimmers who were 15% of the National Honor Society inductees and nine of whom attained All-American status last year.

Cassie Coleman, student/swim team/swim club
106 Bradford Cove
Venetia, PA 15367

Miss Coleman said as a member of the middle school swim team and the swim club she has been to other high schools with superior aquatic facilities. She presented Bethel Park as an example hosting school and club team meets along with community swimming activities. These include swimming lessons for a range of ages, lifeguard instruction and community swim time. She looks forward to teaching learn to swim programs, which has children learning important basics in swimming. She feels it would be a great disservice to the students and community if the pool is cut.

Mark Opitz, resident/ swim parent
317 Snowberry Circle
Venetia, PA 15367

Mr. Opitz acknowledged that the new school project is a tremendous undertaking and he thanked the Board their time in this endeavor. He has found competitive swimmers are the most determined and strong competitors he's met. They swim all year for hours a day. They learn sportsmanship, time

management, how to lose and goal setting. The students are giving their best in representing the District. If it is not possible to build a pool, he needs to know that the Board has done the best they can to make it happen.

Lauren Opitz, student/swim club
317 Snowberry Circle
Venetia, PA 15367

Miss Opitz said her goal is to swim for Stanford and in the Olympics. She has made great friends through swimming. She has also learned how to win and is working on how to deal with defeat, all through swimming. She said she's been to other pools and feels that our pool is the absolute worse.

Cathy Jones, resident/alumnus/grandparent
880 McClelland Road
Finleyville, PA 15332

Ms. Jones told the Board she swam for the high school team and there is now a long family history in her family of swimming for Peters Township. She feels it would be horrible for the community and students to not have a pool.

John Sweeney, resident/swim parent
837 E. McMurray Road
Venetia, PA 15367

Mr. Sweeney said he has lived in Peters Township for 22 years and the new high school project will not directly affect his children as his daughter is 16 years old and a swimmer. We need to be a better community. He questioned Mr. Merrell's letter regarding costs and what appeared to be putting a cost on a child, even if that was not his intention. He spoke with other swim clubs and they pay to use facilities. Maybe we need to raise our dues.

Abigail Smith, student/swim club
222 Overlook Drive
McMurray, PA 15317

Miss Smith told the board that when she was in 4th grade, she didn't do well in gym or regular athletic activities. In 5th grade, she found swimming which opened her to new opportunities. She said she can't imagine not having swimming in her life now. She would appreciate it if the Board would try as hard as you can to build a pool. It would have an effect on everyone who is here today.

Ian Parker, parent
111 Thomas Road
McMurray, PA 15317

Mr. Parker stated he has a son at Bower Hill Elementary. They chose Peters Township School District for the schools and the opportunities. He said Peters is one of the best for fiscal management. His son found swimming as his sport. He wants the school district to make this happen for all here.

Denise Grant, parent
703 Chadwick Drive
Venetia, PA 15367

Ms. Grant says putting in the pool now at the current rates makes sense. She invited the Board to come watch the children practice – she said it’s amazing. They swim for over an hour straight, non-stop. She suggests the Board see the dedication it takes to be a swimmer.

Bob Lewis, resident/councilman
151 Fawn Valley Drive
McMurray, PA 15317

Mr. Lewis said he feels that aquatics belongs as an academic element of the high school. He was dismayed to see it was eliminated. He believes the Township and parents are responsible to make sure that every child knows how to swim. He said if a child drowns in this community, it’s on all of us, there is no excuse. His daughter had to see specialists because of the vapors and ventilation at the pool. He also stated that the Township is committed to develop an aquatics facility in the park, but does not have the support for it to be a fully competitive pool. You may need to come across the street to show support.

Dr. Hardy asked Mr. Lewis to explain to the audience why Council is not making this a priority and why the School Board is being put in this position if it’s determined that a pool is not financially feasible? Why is Council not taking responsibility to partner on this issue?

Mr. Lewis responded that the construction of a recreational facility in the park does not, in the opinion of Council, include the construction of an indoor competition pool. Council is focusing on the recreational aspects which would include, if he’s successful, an outdoor competitive pool and consideration of a warm indoor pool for recreational use. Non-competitive swimmers cannot get into the high school pool because of the temperature.

Dr. Hardy said the number one issue for Parks & Recreation was a community pool.

Mr. Lewis replied that it was 15 years ago when the community center was built with basketball courts and a track.

Dr. Hardy suggested audience members attend a Council meeting and give feedback there as well.

Keith Stetor, parent
148 Scenic Ridge Drive
Venetia, PA 15367

Mr. Stetor thanked the Board for their service to the schools. They moved to Peters because it’s the best of the best. He said he’s from McGuffey where they tried to save money and did a renovation instead of building. In the end, it cost more than building new. He asked the Board to keep that in mind moving forward – down the road it will cost more. He said he has trouble spending money on the road instead of the kids. Swimming gives kids something to do, especially with the opioid crisis.

Anita Knaack, parent
341 E. McMurray Road
McMurray, PA 15317

Ms. Knaack said her son is dyslexic and they were told that three sports could help him increase his academic ability – golf, tennis or swimming, because of the action of opposites. She said her son joined the Upper St. Clair swim club when they returned to the area because they didn't like the Peters swim club and pool. Now that her son is in high school, he's swimming at the high school. She said USC is building a new pool and what are we going to do? He is swimming for the help it is giving him academically. She said he has done so well and truly feels swimming has been a big help. There is an academic purpose swimming provides for many.

Mr. McMurray stated there will not be a vote tonight, if people are waiting for that.

Mr. Merrell asked to answer comments directed towards him. He stated he went to three meets this year. He spoke with Mrs. Pavlik six years ago about building a state of the art Myrtha spring pool behind the stadium. He is not anti-swimming. Two daughters were swimmers. He knows the academic benefits of swimming. There is a difference in the types of pool needed for the District and the Township.

Dr. Hardy said that since the bid opening, many on staff and the Board have been working feverishly to work out this issue. If the pool does not make it into the current project, it is our intent to build it in the near future. If it does not make it into the project, it will be a strictly financial reason not programmatic or because it doesn't have an educational value.

Mr. McMurray told those in attendance that now would be the time to leave before the rest of the meeting is started.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Executive Sessions were held on May 7, 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 April 23, 2018.

2. Approval of the Treasurer's Reports for April 2018 with a balance of \$10,698,607.52.
3. Approval of the General Fund bills for April 20, 2018 through May 17, 2018.
4. Approval of the Capital Facilities Fund bills for April 20, 2018 through May 17, 2018.
5. Approval of the Food Service Fund bills for April 20, 2018 through May 17, 2018.
6. Approval of the McMurray Elementary School Activity Fund report for April 2018.
7. Approval of the Middle School Activity Fund report for April 2018.
8. Approval of the High School Athletic Fund report for April 2018.
9. Approval of the High School Activity Fund report for April 2018.

MOTION:

Dr. Hardy moved for approval of the Business Office recommendation items 1 through 9, seconded by Mr. Dunleavy.
Public Comment: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(9-0)

II. BOARD COMMITTEES

Personnel

Mr. Dunleavy

Mr. Dunleavy stated that there is no report for this evening. Requests for information have a deadline of May 31st.

Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Merrell

A Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting was held on May 7, 2018.

1. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve the purchase of a Telecenter U Building Paging System from Open Systems Pittsburgh at a cost of \$30,968.00. All Telecenter U hardware and installation services are covered under the PEPPM 2018 Technology Bidding and Purchasing Program. (attachment)

MOTION:

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

Public Comment: None

Comment: Mr. Briegel asked for further information which Mr. Womer provided.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(9-0)

Mrs. Bowman stepped out of the meeting.

2. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve the purchase of a NewTek TriCaster Mini Advanced HD-4 Compact Media Studio for Pleasant Valley Elementary from the Production Consulting Group at a cost of \$5,695.25. All components are purchased through the COSTARS 034-032 contract. (attachment)

MOTION:

Mr. Merrell moved for approval of recommendation 2, seconded by Dr. Hardy.

Public Comment: None

Comment: Mr. Briegel asked for further information. Mr. Merrell explained it is for announcements.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(8-0)

Mrs. Bowman returned to the meeting.

3. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to award the Middle School Gymnasium Roof Repair Bid to McNeely Construction, LLC in the amount of \$6,974.00.

MOTION:

Mr. Merrell moved for approval of recommendation 3, seconded by Mr. Taylor.

Public Comment: None

Comment: Mr. Womer explained the need for repairs to the membrane roof.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(9-0)

4. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to award the Refuse and Recycling Removal Services Bid to Big's Sanitation. The contract period is from October 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$99,045.00.

MOTION:

Mr. Merrell moved for approval of recommendation 4, seconded by Mr. Briegel.

Public Comment: None

Comment: Mr. Womer explained the savings realized on the last contract period and the additional savings received from this company.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(9-0)

5. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to renew the Siemens Preventive Maintenance Contract from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021 in the total amount of \$58,031.00 (annual costs: \$18,775 for 2018–19, \$19,338 for 2019–20, and \$19,918 for 2020–21).

MOTION:

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

Comment: Mrs. Bowman questioned the equipment and contract. Mr. Womer explained that Siemens controls are in most of our schools.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(9-0)

Education

Mrs. Allison

6. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve the following textbooks for **adoption:**

HIGH SCHOOL

English Grade 10:

The Odyssey by Homer, Translated by Stephen Mitchell, Simon & Schuster, ©2013, ISBN 9781451674187, \$1,569.80

MCMURRAY, BOWER HILL & PLEASANT VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

K-6 Science:

FOSS Next Generation, Lawrence Hall of Science, University of California, Berkley, Delta Education, © 2015, includes professional development and FOSSweb Premium Access for teachers, Cost: \$184,328.59

MOTION:

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

Comment: Mrs. Bowman questioned the 2015 copyright date. Mr. Fisher explained standards alignment and updates are provided.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(9-0)

7. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve the following **new course** for the 2018–19 school year:

HIGH SCHOOL

Science:

Anatomy & Physiology II (semester)

MOTION:

Mrs. Allison moved for approval of recommendation 7, seconded by Mr. Taylor.

Public Comment: Claire Mitchell, 240 King Richard Drive, McMurray PA, asked a question regarding the course that Dr. Murphy answered.

Comment: Mrs. Allison explained the re-requisite for Medical Mentorship and the process for course selection.

Mr. Merrell asked if the course is available for next year. Dr. Murphy said yes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(9-0)

Finance

Dr. Hardy

A Finance Committee Meeting was held on April 30, 2018.

8. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to adopt the Proposed Final General Fund Budget for 2018–19 school year in the amount of \$65,850,181.00.

MOTION:

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

Public Comment: None

Comment: Dr. Hardy said many thanks to Mr. Rau who does a great job.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(9-0)

Policy

Mrs. Anderson

A Policy Committee Meeting was held on April 30, 2018.

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

- 100 Programs**
- 105 Curriculum
- 138 Language Instruction Educational Program for English Learners

- 200 Pupils**
- 228 Student Government
- 239 Foreign Exchange Students
- 249 Anti-Bullying/Cyberbullying

- 600 Finances**
- 625 Procurement Cards

- 900 Community**
- 906 Public Complaints
- 918 Title I Parent and Family Engagement

9. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve the second reading and adoption of the following policy: (attachment)

- 100 Programs**
- 145 Academic Integrity

MOTION:

Mrs. Anderson moved for approval of recommendation 9, seconded by Mr. Briegel.
Public Comment: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(9-0)

PSBA

Mrs. Anderson

10. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve the purchase of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, Inc. (PSBA) All-Access membership for the 2018-19 school year at a cost of \$15,025.00. There is no change in cost from 2017-18 school year. (attachments)

MOTION:

Mrs. Anderson moved for approval of recommendation 10, seconded by Mrs. Bowman.
Public Comment: None

Comment: Mrs. Anderson explained the survey from PSBA to the Board members regarding the vision for the future of public education. Also, on Wednesday there is a webinar on regaining control at out of control meetings.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(9-0)

Western Area Career and Technology Center

Mrs. Bowman

The next Joint Operating Committee Meeting will be held on May 23, 2018.

Mrs. Bowman report that there were three events of celebration: April 27th – Cooperative Meeting, May 4th – National Technical Honor Society and May 18th – Completers Ceremony.

SHASDA

Mr. Briegel

Mr. Briegel stated that there is no report for this evening.

Intermediate Unit

Mr. McMurray

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on May 24, 2018.

11. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve the IU #1 Consortium Highmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield premium rates for the 2018-19 school year. The rates reflect a 6.5 percent increase from the 2017–18 school year. (attachment)

MOTION:

Mr. McMurray moved for approval of recommendation 11, seconded by Mr. Dunleavy.
Public Comment: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(9-0)

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:**

May 2017-2018-01

2. Approve the following **new hires:** (attachments)

Name: Danielle DeCarlucci
Position: .5 Kindergarten Teacher
Assignment: Pleasant Valley Elementary
Salary: Bachelors plus 15, Step 1 (pro-rated)
Effective: 2018-2019 School Year
Replaces: Elizabeth Wardzinski

Name: Emily Bergman
Position: .8 Health and Physical Education Teacher
Assignment: Middle School
Salary: Bachelors, Step 2 (pro-rated)
Effective: 2018-2019 School Year
Replaces: Kristen Slemmer

3. 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: Rachel Goller
Dates of Assignment: 5/22/18 - 6/8/18
College or University: University of Pittsburgh Medical Center/Mercy School of Nursing
Curriculum Major: Nursing
PTSD Teachers & Bldgs.: Crystal Steigel/Pleasant Valley Elementary
and Lori Motosicke/McMurray Elementary
Assignment: Observation

Name: Kathryn Couch
Dates of Assignment: 8/27/18 - 12/7/18
College or University: California University of Pennsylvania
Curriculum Major: School Counseling
PTSD Teacher & Bldg.: Stephanie Ali/Pleasant Valley Elementary
Assignment: Internship

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

Melanie Cocco - Grades PK-4
Alec Searles - Social Studies 7-12

5. Approve the following **teachers** for the **2018 Extended School Year (ESY) Program** at the teacher contractual rate, from June 25, 2018 through July 26, 2018, 2 days in-service and 20 days instruction, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday:

Mary Beth Barnes
Melanie Cocco

Heidi Colombo
Amanda Forsyth
Lisa Harrison
Alyssa Hoffman
Chelsea Pendergast
Tracy Tonkavitch
Kayla Warmbein

6. Approve the following **substitute teachers** for the **2018 Extended School Year (ESY) Program** at the teacher contractual rate, from June 25, 2018 through July 26, 2018, 2 days in-service and 20 days instruction, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday:

Marissa Clancy
Laura Donahoe
Stacey Meredith

7. Approve the following **nurses** for the **2018 Extended School Year (ESY) Program** at the teacher contractual rate, from June 25, 2018 through July 26, 2018, 1 day in-service and 20 days instruction, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday:

Traci Goforth
Lori Motosicke

MOTION:

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

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 **resignations:**

Name: Christina Barrett
Position: Cafeteria Food Service
Assignment: Bower Hill Elementary
Effective: May 9, 2018

Name: Sandra Levin
Position: Paraprofessional

Assignment: Middle School
Effective: June 1, 2018

2. Approve the following **retirement:**

Name: Donald Wetzel
Position: Lead Maintenance
Assignment: Building and Grounds
Effective: May 31, 2018

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

Name: Trisha Caldwell
Position: Payroll Specialist
Assignment: District Administration Office
Salary: \$45,000
Effective: TBD
Replaces: Cathy Lewis

4. Approve the following **temporary transfers:**

Name: Joseph Yelich
From: Custodian
To: Temporary Summer Maintenance
Effective: June 18, 2018 to August 10, 2018

Name: Dennis Moran
From: Custodian
To: Temporary Summer Maintenance
Effective: June 18, 2018 to August 10, 2018

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

Name: Sandra Konton
From: Cafeteria Playground Monitor, Bower Hill Elementary
To: Cafeteria Food Service, Bower Hill Elementary
Effective: May 23, 2018
Replacing: Christina Barrett

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

Carol Aurin - Paraprofessional
Daniel Donnellan - Driver
LaVerne Gibbs - Cafeteria Food Service
Robert Hassett - Custodian

7. Approve the following **paraprofessionals** for the **2018 Extended School Year (ESY) Program** at the paraprofessional contractual rate, from June 25, 2018 through July 26, 2018, 1 day in-service and 20 days instruction, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday:

Grace Blackburn
Lauren Crossan
Ryan DeFazio
Colleen Helbig
Cheryl Hindman
Eleanor Houston
Sheri Hurley
Mary Liz LaRosa
Amy Obringer
Marissa Snyder
Mary Ulan
Sheril Wilson
Kimberly Wolfe
Najla Younes

8. Approve the following **substitute paraprofessionals** for the **2018 Extended School Year (ESY) Program** at the paraprofessional contractual rate, from June 25, 2018 through July 26, 2018, 1 day in-service and 20 days instruction, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday:

Patricia Forbrich
Wynne Keatley
Lisa Meier
Cristi Parks

MOTION:

Mr. Dunleavy moved for approval of Non-Certificated Personnel recommendation items 1 through 8, seconded by Dr. Hardy.

Comment: Mr. Merrell thanked Don Wetzel for keeping the HVAC working for so many years.

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 **K-6 Science Team Leaders** for the 2018–19 school year:

Kindergarten	Kelly Borsani – Bower Hill Elementary (Split 50% w/Wardzinski) Beth Wardzinski – Pleasant Valley Elementary (Split 50% w/Borsani)
First Grade	Jamie Basista – Bower Hill Elementary (Split 50% w/Stunek) Traci Stunek – Pleasant Valley Elementary (Split 50% w/Basista)
Second Grade	Kelly Kuehn – Bower Hill Elementary (Split 50% w/Cirincione) Tim Cirincione – Pleasant Valley Elementary (Split 50% w/Kuehn)
Third Grade	Kristin Lawrence – Bower Hill Elementary (Split 50% w/Barnes) Mary Beth Barnes – Pleasant Valley Elementary (Split 50% w/Lawrence)
Fourth Grade	Dana Tucker – McMurray Elementary
Fifth Grade	Natalie Noel – McMurray Elementary
Sixth Grade	Amy Casciola – McMurray Elementary (Split 50% w/Kropiewnicki) Kristen Kropiewnicki – McMurray Elementary (Split 50% w/Casciola)

2. Approve the following **Facilitators** for the 2018–19 school year:

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Grade 4

Paige Seelhorst (Split 50% w/Stark)
Wendy Stark (Split 50% w/Seelhorst)

3. Approve the following **extra-duty Activities personnel resignations** for the 2018–19 school year:

HIGH SCHOOL

Marching Band Director
Marching Band Assistant to the Director

Lorne Hyskell
Charity Shelburg

4. Approve the following **extra-duty Activities personnel** for the 2018–19 school year:
(attachments)

HIGH SCHOOL

Marching Band Co-Director

Charity Shelburg

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Cool 2 Be Clean (C2BC) Co-Sponsor
Student Council

Mary Beth Kenny
Matthew Cheran

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

All Seasons:

Faculty Manager	Dale Carmassi (Split 35% w/Helbig, Maize, and Bergman)
Faculty Manager	Charles Helbig (Split 50% w/Carmassi, Maize, and Bergman)
Faculty Manager	Joseph Maize (Split 80% w/Carmassi, Helbig, and Bergman)
Faculty Manager	Kristofer Bergman (Split 35% w/Carmassi, Helbig, and Maize)

HIGH SCHOOL

Fall/Winter

Cheerleading, Assistant Coach	Heather Smee (Split 50% w/open position)
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Winter

Basketball, Boys Assistant Coach	Edward Rafferty
Basketball, Boys Assistant Coach	Joseph Scaglione
Basketball, 9 th Grade Head Coach	Kevin Lawrence
Basketball, Boys Volunteer Coach	Nick Wilcox
Basketball, Boys Volunteer Coach	Robert Finn
Basketball, Girls Assistant Coach	Katherine Kendall
Basketball, Girls Assistant Coach	Samantha Loadman
Swimming, Assistant Coach	Rebecca Manhollan
Swimming/Diving, Assistant Coach	Ryan Fagan
Wrestling, Assistant Coach	Kenneth Smith (Split 35% w/Evanovich)
Wrestling, Assistant Coach	Derek Evanovich (Split 65% w/Smith)
Wrestling, 9 th Grade Head Coach	Kenneth Smith (Split 10% w/DiDonato)
Wrestling, 9 th Grade Head Coach	Daniel DiDonato (Split 90% w/Smith)
Wrestling, 9 th Grade Assistant Coach	Alexander Holsopple
Wrestling, Volunteer Coach	Jamison Hardy

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Fall/Winter

Cheerleading, Head Coach	Amanda Garrity
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Winter

Basketball, Boys Head Coach	Jayson Zeminski
Basketball, Boys Assistant Coach	William Amend
Basketball, Boys Assistant Coach	Joshua Elders
Basketball, Boys Assistant Coach	John Kerekes
Basketball, Girls Head Coach	Jayson Zeminski

6. Approve the following **extra-duty Athletic personnel** for the 2018–19 school year: (attachments)

HIGH SCHOOL

Cheerleading, Assistant Coach	Amanda Simmons
Cheerleading, Assistant Coach	Allie Breisinger
Football, 2 nd Assistant Coach	Kevin Mollis

MIDDLE SCHOOL

MOTION:

Mr. Dunleavy moved for approval of Extra-Duty Personnel/Programs recommendation items 1 through 6, seconded by Mr. Merrell.

MOTION PASSED

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Dr. Hardy Abstained

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: Andrea Gearhart, AP Chemistry Teacher – High School
Activity: AP Chemistry Reading 2018
Dates: June 2 – 10, 2018
Location: Salt Lake City, Utah
Estimated Cost: \$525.00

Name: Leyna Steffen, Dean of College and Career Readiness – High School
Activity: PowerSchool Academy 2018
Dates: June 18 – 20, 2018
Location: Montgomery County Intermediate Unit 23, Norristown, PA
Est. Cost to Dist.: \$1,130.30

Names: Blair Stoehr, Principal – McMurray Elementary School
Erin Weber, Enrichment Teacher – McMurray Elementary School
Activity: Maker Education Boot Camp
Dates: June 19 – 22, 2018
Location: Pittsburgh, PA
Est. Cost to Dist.: \$2,084.40

Name: Brian Geyer, Athletic Director – High School
Activity: National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA)
National Conference
Dates: December 14 – 18, 2018
Location: San Antonio, TX
Est. Cost to Dist.: \$1,578.98

MOTION:

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

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: Big Red Wrestling Boosters – High School
Purpose: Team expenses
Dates: May 22 – July 31, 2018
Location: Schools and Community Recreation Center
Activity: Shoe Drive

Organization: Art Department – McMurray Elementary
Purpose: Department expenses
Dates: May 24, 2018
Location: McMurray Elementary
Activity: Henna Tattoos

Organization: Senior Class – High School
Purpose: Class expenses
Dates: May 30, 2018
Location: Stadium
Activity: Powder Puff Football Game

Organization: Forensics Speech and Debate Club – High School
Purpose: Club expenses
Dates: June 25 – 28, 2018
Location: Peters Township Library
Activity: Forensics Speech and Debate Camp Grades 4 - 8

Organization: Racquet Backers Girls Tennis Boosters – High School
Purpose: Team expenses
Dates: August 6 – 20, 2018
Location: Community
Activity: Mum Sales

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

Organization: Boys Tennis Team – High School
Advisor: Brandt Bowman
Event: PIAA State Boys Tennis Team Finals – Singles/Doubles

Dates: May 24 – 26, 2018
Location: Hershey, PA
Est. Cost to Dist.: \$1,846.50

Organization: Track and Field Team – High School
Advisor: Justin Pinto
Event: PIAA State Track and Field Team Finals
Dates: May 24 – 26, 2018
Location: Shippensburg, PA
Est. Cost to Dist.: \$4,786.16

Organization: Boys Lacrosse Team – High School
Advisor: Michael Kaplan
Event: PIAA State Boys Lacrosse Team Finals
Dates: June 8 – 10, 2018
Location: West Chester, PA
Est. Cost to Dist.: \$6,710.04

Organization: National History Day – Middle School and High School
Advisor: Josh Elders
Event: National History Day – National Competition
Dates: June 10 – June 14, 2018
Location: College Park, MD
Est. Cost to Dist.: \$2,057.52

Organization: Softball Team – High School
Advisor: Nicole Davis
Event: PIAA State Softball Team Finals
Dates: June 13 – 15, 2018
Location: State College, PA
Est. Cost to Dist.: \$3,059.40

Organization: Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) – High School
Advisor: John Good
Event: 2018 FBLA Nation Leadership Conference and Competition
Dates: June 26 – July 2, 2018
Location: Baltimore, MD
Est. Cost to Dist.: \$1,871.80

Organization: Girls Soccer Team – High School
Advisor: Patrick Vereb
Event: Preseason Soccer Mini Camp
Dates: August 16 – 18, 2018
Location: Edinboro, PA
Est. Cost to Dist.: \$0.00

MOTION:

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

Comment: Mrs. Bowman recognized sending four students out of 700+ attending. There is potential for a third place finisher to attend if someone drops out.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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VIII. OTHER

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

1. Approve a donation from McMurray Rotary Club to the Peters Township High School Interact Club in the amount of \$1,100.00.
2. Approve a donation from Peters Township High School Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) to Peters Township School District for academic enrichment at the High School in the amount of \$7,219.30.
3. Approve a donation from Peters Township Middle School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) to Peters Township School District for academic enrichment at the Middle School in the amount of \$5,799.04.
4. Accept Reading Grants for the teachers at Peters Township School District in the amount of \$2,123.78 from the Peters Township PTA Area Council.
5. Accept Social Studies Enrichment Grants for the teachers at Peters Township School District in the amount of \$10,100.00 from the Peters Township PTA Area Council.
6. Approve the Proposal submitted by Arts Education Collaborative to provide professional development and curriculum guidance for our K-12 Visual Arts Program, on terms and conditions approved by the Solicitor, for the 2018–19 school year in the amount of \$7,118.00. (attachment)
7. Approve the School Resource Officer Agreement between Peters Township and Peters Township School District, on terms and conditions approved by the Solicitor, for the 2018–19 school year. (attachment)
8. Approve the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between Peters Township and Peters Township School District for the design and construction of a shared road through the Rolling Hills property.
9. Approve the Agreement with 422 Sales for the public auction of bus #41.

10. Approve the renewal of the Food Service Contract with Aramark Educational Services, LLC for the 2018–19 school year.
11. Approve a donation from Pleasant Valley Elementary School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) to Peters Township School District for academic enrichment at the Pleasant Valley Elementary School in the amount of \$9,257.10.
12. Approve entering into a stipulation resolving SVP Properties, LLC v. Washington County Board of Assessment Appeals, et. al., at Washington County Court of Common Pleas No. 2017-6053 as follows:

<u>Tax year</u>	<u>Fair Market Value</u>
2018	\$1,300,000.00

MOTION:

Mr. Briegel moved for approval of Other recommendation items 1 through 12 seconded by Dr. Hardy.

Comment: Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Bowman thanked the PTAs for over \$36,000 in donations. Mrs. Bowman thanked the Rotary Club for the donation to the Interact Club at the High School. Mrs. Anderson asked Dr. French to explain the agreement for the School Resource Officer at the Middle School. Dr. French stated we are adding one position based on the Township Chief of Police’s recommendation. The new SRO is newer to the police force and is shadowing the SRO at the High School.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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BOARD INFORMATION: None

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: Provided in Executive Session.

QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

June Board Meetings:

Monday, June 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting immediately

followed by Personnel Committee/Evaluation of the Superintendent

Monday, June 18, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting

Monday, June 25, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting

MOTION TO RECESS

Dr. Hardy moved to recess the meeting until May 22nd at 6:30 p.m., seconded by Mr. Briegel.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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CALL TO ORDER: Mr. McMurray, President, reconvened the regular meeting of the Peters Township Board of School Directors at 6:30 p.m. on May 22, 2018. Mrs. Allison and Dr. Hardy were absent.

Mr. McMurray turned the meeting over to the administration.

Dr. French stated tonight is essentially a workshop for the Board to review different options for the New High School Project. We will review borrowing and various options and alternates. Mr. Rau will start with the project funding.

Mr. Rau gave a history of the financing that was agreed to by the Board beginning in April 2017. Two bond issues for a total of \$90,000,000.00 with a millage impact over six years of 1.5 mills was agreed to. We were able to generate an additional \$1.9 million to the bond proceeds because of very favorable rates.

Proposals were sought for investing the proceeds and the rates were also better than expected (1.9% in 2017, 2.6% in 2018), allowing us to project for interest earnings of just over \$2.8 million.

We partnered with the Township to look at costs for East McMurray Road improvements and the shared road on the property. Estimates for the shared road with the Township came in at \$7.6 million, with the District's share \$3.8 million, an increase of \$3.2 million over the \$600,000 that was already included in the budget.

There are three sections of road being referred to: East McMurray Road, the shared road on the property and improvements to the intersection at the top of the property with Center Church Road.

Mr. Merrell asked if the sewer project was included in the budget. Mr. Rau responded that the improvements were included in the soft costs of the budget.

Mrs. Bowman and Mr. Dunleavy would like to see additional borrowing options spelled out before a vote is taken.

Mr. Rau explained that we do not have the closing sheets yet from the bond issue that is just closing. We would have further borrowing capability in future years because of the amounts that will have been paid by then. With the latest bond issuance, our debt service now goes out 20 years, instead of the 15 years the District has usually held to.

Option 1 is based off of feedback from last night. Option 2 is based on looking at the value of different alternates - is it a bargain now or can it be done later. There are some things that right now are not a good value. It is important to see the impact of some changes.

Option 1 includes the Natatorium, but eliminates all the deducts and does not add any alternates. This still brings us in at approximately \$1.6 million over budget.

Mr. Briegel asked if the Auxiliary Gym could be added later if it is not included now.

Mr. Merrell inquired about the number of teams using the Auxiliary Gym. Dr. French replied that there is no schedule set yet. Teachers and administrators had asked for the Auxiliary Gym.

Mrs. Bowman stated there are sports teams that right now do not have a place to practice.

Mrs. Anderson asked if the adaptive gym could also be used for practices.

Mr. Womer stated that generally practices are in the Auxiliary Gym, and most meets and activities are in the Main Gym.

Mr. Rau introduced Option 2.

Dr. French stated we need to look at wants versus needs. Options can make large swing differences – accepting alternates to include or deduct can also change the low bidder and the cost.

Mr. Merrell asked for further clarification of the roofing options.

Mr. Womer explained the differences between a membrane roof (approximately 15 year warranty), built-up roof (20 year warranty) and a Garland roof (30 year warranty).

Michael Arnold from Reynolds (construction manager) explained how the specifications and bids worked. The cost of the roof is not specifically listed, but the Garland is the best value.

Mrs. Anderson asked about using a portion of the District fund balance to pay for part of the project. While \$4 million is held for PSERS costs, it hasn't been touched when PSERS costs were rising exponentially. Why can't we use some of the fund balance now?

Mrs. Bowman commented that we can't count on the state for a budget. She reminded the Board that we were almost the only ones not in deep trouble when there were no funds coming from the state. She found it to be a terrifying experience.

Mr. Dunleavy agreed that the fund balance should not be touched. He is not opposed to borrowing more funds as needed.

Mr. Briegel stepped out of the meeting.

Mr. Rau reviewed Option 2, which removes the Natatorium and includes the upgraded roof, Auxiliary Gym, and terrazzo tile.

Mr. Womer explained the difference between LVT (luxury vinyl tile) and terrazzo flooring. He said the terrazzo should last for the life of the building whereas LVT would need replaced at least once. The LVT also requires ongoing additional care.

At the current High School, the hallways are terrazzo and the classrooms are VCT (vinyl composition tile).

Option 2 also includes the southern access road. Dr. French explained this road leads from the shared road, near East McMurray Road to the student parking lot to direct the students away from the bus and parent drop-off access. It also permits more access to prevent the students from getting out before the buses do at the end of the school day. She feels this is essential to better traffic flow.

Option 2 accepts turf on one field. Mark Duane from Hayes Design Group (architects) commented that conduits are being run down to the field area along with water lines as a part of the base bid. The project provides a better price for installing a turf field now as opposed to adding it later.

Consensus was to not accept the turf, but to include the sprinkler system for one grass field.

Discussion on accepting an upgrade to hard-wired automatic flushing toilets and urinals resulted in not accepting the option because battery-operated automatic flushing is included in the base bid.

Lightning protection was accepted based on the height of the building and having high-voltage power lines in the vicinity.

The base bid for HVAC controls is CS&E. There were two other options that were more expensive and not accepted.

With the choices selected, the approximate construction budget for Option 2 is \$78.1 million or \$664,000 under budget.

Mrs. Bowman addressed the audience, speaking as a resident. She has always believed a Natatorium should be a community facility. A school district is legally constrained on spending and borrowing, so this should be a referendum on the ballot. If the community supports it, then so be it.

Dr. French noted that savings on options can be added to our contingency to cover something that may come up.

Discussion ensued about timing for a meeting to award bids. Mr. Rau commented that we would like to stay on our projected schedule which means awarding bids by Monday, June 4, 2018.

Ms. Kramer said with a project of this size, it is important to make sure that vendors and options have been properly vetted. She commented that she's never seen a project turn around so quickly and that makes it very easy to miss something. The Board needs to make sure that nothing that is foreseeable is missed. We also do not want to jeopardize the PlanCon filing for the project.

Mr. Dunleavy said we have got swimmers swimming in the worst facility in the South Hills and we owe it to them to at least find out what it would cost to cover the cost of a new pool. He suggested reviewing what was decided tonight to include, then add in the pool and get a number to see if we can do it.

Dr. French said that takes Option 2 plus the pool to make Option 3. We need to determine the overall cost, including the impact on the millage rate.

Mr. McMurray asked if we need to look at anything else that we didn't include that we might if we had more funds.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kim Mitchell, parent
240 King Richard Drive
McMurray, PA 15317

Ms. Mitchell questioned the cost of renovating the existing pool versus the cost of a new pool at the New High School. If there is no new pool at the New High School then we might continue using the pool in an empty building? And will transportation be provided between the buildings?

Dr. French responded that decisions will have to be made regarding future use of buildings. We have appraisals for our properties and soon we will have to look at what will be used in the future. Transportation would be provided for team sports with practice immediately before or after school.

Ms. Mitchell also inquired as to the status of the Auxiliary Gym. Would it make sense to build it later instead of the pool?

The answer was given that the difference in cost is much less than the pool. Also, administrators and staff requested the space availability.

Ms. Mitchell questioned the continuing costs associated with maintaining the pool in a closed building. If something happens to the pool, like breaking down, they have nowhere else to go.

Mr. Briegel returned to the meeting.

John Sweeney, parent
837 East McMurray Road
McMurray, PA 15317

Mr. Sweeney thanked the Board for their efforts. He asked if a referendum could be on the ballot in November to let the community speak. Mr. McMurray replied that a referendum could be voted on, but the District is held to very tight constraints on how much can be borrowed and how much taxes can increase, regardless of the results of a referendum vote.

Mr. Sweeney asked if donations would be accepted. Mrs. Anderson mentioned the new policy regarding advertising and naming rights that was recently approved by the Board.

Vince Chiodo, parent
225 King Richard Drive
McMurray, PA 15317

Mr. Chiodo asked where the budget came from and how was it set. Did it come from being told this is how much it would cost? Mr. Rau explained that we worked backwards from a cap and our index to arrive at 1.5 mills over 6 years. Mrs. Bowman said it was a matter of transparency.

He also asked about bidders being able to hold the validity of their bids. If they know they will get the work, they may hold the price. He questioned why you are expediting the vote and not really digging into it – construction schedule or you really want to get it done? He thinks the Board owes it to the taxpayers to wait one or two weeks to look into the project and people’s valid concerns more deeply.

Mr. McMurray announced that there will be a Special Voting Meeting on Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(7-0)

Board Secretary

Board President