



# Peters Township School District

**AGENDA  
PETERS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025 AT 7:00 PM  
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

➤ Celebration of Excellence

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA AND OTHER ITEMS

(Peters Township School District Policy 903)

Peters Township School District values parent and community engagement. Speakers who signed up in advance per Policy 903 will be allotted a maximum of five (5) minutes for public comment. All other speakers 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. All speakers are reminded to state their name and resident status for the minutes.

The public comment period of the meeting is not a question and answer format between the public and the Board. The purpose of public comment at Board meetings is to allow the Board to learn the thoughts of the public prior to Board deliberation and action.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

NEW BUSINESS

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 January 21, 2025.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for January 2025 with a balance of \$22,113,592.00.
3. Approval of the General Fund bills for January 17, 2025 through February 13, 2025.
4. Approval of the Capital Facilities Fund bills for January 17, 2025 through February 13, 2025.
5. Approval of the Food Service Fund bills for January 17, 2025 through February 13, 2025.
6. Approval of the McMurray Elementary School Activity Fund report for January 2025.
7. Approval of the Middle School Activity Fund report for January 2025.
8. Approval of the High School Athletic Fund report for January 2025.
9. Approval of the High School Activity Fund report for January 2025.
10. Approval of the High School Coffee Shop Activity Fund report for January 2025.
11. Approval of the Budget Transfers for January 2025.

## II. BOARD COMMITTEES

### **Personnel**

Daniel Taylor

1. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve a three (3) day suspension without pay for employee #01-24-25.
2. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve a one (1) day suspension without pay for the following employees: #02-24-25, #03-24-25, #04-24-25, #05-24-25.

### **Buildings and Grounds**

Alex O'Neill

3. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve the replacement of the walk-in cooler at Bower Hill Elementary by Controlled Climate under Co-Stars contract #0000187236, in the amount of \$12,100.00. This project will be funded by the Food Services Account.
4. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve the replacement of the walk-in freezer at Bower Hill Elementary by Controlled Climate under Co-Stars contract #0000187236, in the amount \$14,700.00. This project will be funded by the Food Services Account.
5. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve the replacement of three (3) ice machines (Model #ICEU150FA) for the kitchens at McMurray Elementary, Bower Hill Elementary, and Pleasant Valley Elementary for the total amount of \$8,439.00. This equipment will be funded by the Food Services Account.

### **Education**

Rolf Briegel

An Education Committee Meeting was held on February 10, 2025.

6. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve a WisdomK12 Pilot at the Middle School at no cost to the District, on terms and conditions approved by the Solicitor. (attachments)

## **Finance**

Jason Camilletti

7. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve Resolution No. 2025-02-18A for the 2025–2026 Intermediate Unit 1 General Operational Budget in the amount of \$549,552.00 with Peters Township School District's contribution of \$67,346.07. Our contribution for the 2024–2025 school year was \$67,583.75. (attachments)

## **Policy**

Lisa Anderson

## **PSBA**

Lisa Anderson

## **Western Area Career and Technology Center**

Kathleen Chaudhari

The next Joint Operating Committee Meeting will be held on February 26, 2025.

### **WACTC Meeting ReCap:**

Approved the 2024/2025 Audit Report

Reviewed Enrollment Numbers:

Peters Township has 78 students who attend WACTC in the following disciplines: Auto Mechanics – 6, Automation and Robotics engineering – 4, Carpentry - 3, Collision Repair Technology – 4, Cosmetology 1– 9, Cosmetology 2 – 11, Culinary Arts 1– 5, Culinary Arts 2 – 5, Electrical Occupations – 6, EMT Public Safety – 3, Health Occupations – 3, Heating & Air Conditioning – 5, Machine Shop – 1, Masonry – 6, Networking – 1, Welding I – 4, Welding II – 2.

Sophomores - 19

Juniors - 32

Seniors - 27

Last year, there were 51 students from Peters Township enrolled in WACTC.

# 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:**

February 2024-2025-01  
February 2024-2025-02  
February 2024-2025-03  
February 2024-2025-04

2. Accept the following **retirements:**

Name: Raymond Cygrymus  
Position: Music Teacher  
Assignment: McMurray Elementary  
Effective: June 9, 2025

Name: Christina Hareza  
Position: Elementary Teacher  
Assignment: Bower Hill Elementary  
Effective: June 9, 2025

Name: Lawrence Lucas  
Position: Music Teacher  
Assignment: Middle School  
Effective: June 9, 2025

3. Approve the following **student teacher/observer/intern** for the 2024–25 school year. All compliance documents for the following individuals are on file:

Name: Ian Burns  
Dates of Assignment: 2/19/25 - 4/29/25  
College or University: Duquesne University  
Curriculum Major: Social Studies 7-12  
PTSD Teacher & Bldg.: Joshua Elders/Middle School  
Assignment: Field Experience

4. Approve the following **teachers** to instruct **2025 Summer Physical Education Courses**, at the teacher contractual rate, not to exceed 34 hours per session:

Timothy Farrell  
Charles Helbig  
John Kerekes  
Joseph Scaglione

5. Approve the following **teacher** for the **2025 Extended School Year (ESY) Program** at the contractual rate, from June 30, 2025 through July 31, 2025, 2 in-service half days and 19 instructional days, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday:

Brittany Shoup

6. Approve the following as **day-to-day substitute certificated personnel** for the 2024–25 school year:

Alysa Fogle - Nurse  
Jacob Hoyson - English 7-12

#### 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. Accept the following **retirements:**

Name: Donna Hartz  
Position: Full Time Clerical Aide  
Assignment: Bower Hill Elementary and Pleasant Valley Elementary  
Effective: June 5, 2025

Name: Andrea Crall  
Position: Paraprofessional  
Assignment: Bower Hill Elementary  
Effective: June 6, 2025

2. Approve the following **transfer:**

Name: Kathleen Paul  
From: Cafeteria Food Service Kitchen Leader, Middle School  
To: Cafeteria Food Service Kitchen Leader, Pleasant Valley Elementary  
Effective: February 3, 2025  
Replacing: Chad Wright

3. Approve the following **changes of assignment:**

Name: Lori Mulik  
From: Cafeteria Food Service General Helper, Middle School  
To: Cafeteria Food Service Kitchen Leader, Middle School  
Effective: February 3, 2025  
Replacing: Kathleen Paul

Name: Natalie DiGorio  
From: Cafeteria Food Service General Helper, Middle School (4 hours)  
To: Cafeteria Food Service General Helper, Middle School (4.5 hours)  
Effective: February 12, 2025  
Replacing: Lori Mulik

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

Name: Liam McCue  
Position: Paraprofessional  
Assignment: McMurray Elementary  
Salary: \$19.91/hr.  
Effective: TBD  
Replacing: Rachael Hall

Name: Christa Bement  
Position: Cafeteria Food Service General Helper  
Assignment: High School  
Salary: \$16.61/hr.  
Effective: February 21, 2025  
Replacing: Kathleen Paul

Name: Stephanie Quednau  
Position: Class III Clerical  
Assignment: McMurray Elementary  
Salary: \$20.20/hr.  
Effective: TBD  
Replacing: Stephanie Blasch

5. Approve the following **day-to-day non-teaching substitutes** for the 2024–25 school year:

Lisa Ackerman - Paraprofessional  
Christina Barrett - Clerical



V. EXTRA-DUTY PERSONNEL/PROGRAMS

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

1. Approve the following **extra-duty Athletic change of status** for the 2024–25 school year:

<b><u>HIGH SCHOOL</u></b>	<b><u>FROM:</u></b>	<b><u>TO:</u></b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Michael Dzanaj	Baseball, Assistant Coach (Split 70% w/OPEN)	Baseball, Assistant Coach (Split 75% w/OPEN)
Michael Dzanaj	Baseball, 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Head Coach (Split 40% w/OPEN)	Baseball, 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Head Coach (Split 35% w/OPEN)

2. Approve the following **extra-duty Athletics personnel** for the 2024–25 school year: (attachments)

**HIGH SCHOOL**

**Winter**

Cheerleading, Volunteer Coach	Cayci Garland
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**Spring**

Baseball, Assistant Coach	Aaron Stephan (Split 65% w/Dzanaj & Monroe)
Baseball, 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Head Coach	Scott Morrow (Split 65% w/Dzanaj)
Lacrosse, Girls Assistant Coach	Shannon Burdick
Track and Field, 1 <sup>st</sup> Assistant Coach	Fred Burns
Track and Field, Volunteer Coach	Michael Koot

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**Spring**

Softball, Head Coach	Erica Popowitz
Softball, Volunteer Coach	John Bachman

3. Accept the following **renewal of extra-duty Athletic personnel** for the 2025–26 school year:

**HIGH SCHOOL**

**Fall**

Cross Country, Assistant Coach	Nicholas Altland
Cross Country, Assistant Coach	Timothy Wu
Field Hockey, Assistant Coach	Courtney Page
Field Hockey, Volunteer Coach	Melanie Hamilton
Field Hockey, Volunteer Coach	Madison Devine
Field Hockey, Volunteer Coach	Taylor Page

Field Hockey, Volunteer Coach  
 Field Hockey, Volunteer Coach  
 Football, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Coach  
 Football, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Coach  
 Football, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Coach  
 Football, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Coach  
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 Football, 3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant Coach  
 Football, 3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant Coach  
 Golf, Boys Assistant Coach  
 Golf, Boys Volunteer Coach  
 Golf, Boys Volunteer Coach  
 Golf, Girls Assistant Coach  
 Soccer, Boys Assistant Coach  
 Soccer, Boys Assistant Coach  
 Soccer, Boys Assistant Coach  
 Soccer, Boys Assistant Coach

Soccer, Boys 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Head Coach  
 Soccer, Boys 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Head Coach  
 Soccer, Girls Assistant Coach  
 Soccer, Girls Assistant Coach  
 Soccer, Girls Assistant Coach  
 Soccer, Girls Volunteer Coach  
 Tennis, Girls Assistant Coach  
 Tennis, Girls Volunteer Coach  
 Volleyball, Girls Assistant Coach  
 Volleyball, Girls Assistant Coach  
 Volleyball, Girls Assistant Coach  
 Volleyball, Girls Volunteer Coach

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

### **Fall**

Cross Country, Head Coach  
 Cross Country, Assistant Coach  
 Cross Country, Assistant Coach  
 Field Hockey, Head Coach

Greta Schratz  
 Veronica Schratz  
 Leroy McMillon  
 Morris Richardson  
 Christian Breisinger  
 Edwin Brueggman, Jr.  
 Clayton Evans  
 Troy Grunseth  
 Robert Kitchen (Split 95% w/Fairman)  
 Garrett Fairman (Split 5% w/Kitchen)  
 William Dugan (Split 50% w/Jackson)  
 Daivon Jackson (Split 50% w/Dugan)  
 Gary McCullough (Split 50% w/Swoope)  
 Timothy Swoope (Split 50% w/McCullough)  
 William Dugan (Split 50% w/Jackson)  
 Daivon Jackson (Split 50% w/Dugan)  
 Gary McCullough (Split 50% w/Swoope)  
 Timothy Swoope (Split 50% w/McCullough)  
 Charles DiPardo  
 Jeffery Chastel  
 Timothy Farrell  
 Scott Sussman  
 Lucas Heasley (Split 93% w/Kelly)  
 Mario Mastrangelo (Split 93% w/Kelly)  
 Lewis Osborne (Split 93% w/Kelly)  
 Ryan Kelly (Split 21% w/Heasley,  
 Mastrangelo, & Osborne)  
 Ryan Hillen (Split 90% w/Kelly)  
 Ryan Kelly (Split 10% w/Hillen)  
 Brendan Albright  
 Elizabeth Albright  
 David Molisee  
 Cullen Vereb  
 Virginia Barnicoat  
 Phyllis DeRienzo  
 Alexandra Storm  
 Margaret Syverson (Split 50% w/Yanosick)  
 Nicolena Yanosick (Split 50% w/Syverson)  
 Mark Felbinger

Brian Griffin  
 Lisa Clark  
 Jennifer Palko  
 Amy Casciola

Field Hockey, Assistant Coach  
Football, Head Coach  
Football, Assistant Coach  
Football, Assistant Coach  
Football, Volunteer Coach  
Swimming, Head Coach  
Swimming, Assistant Coach  
Swimming, Assistant Coach  
Volleyball, Girls Head Coach  
Volleyball, Girls Assistant Coach  
Volleyball, Girls Assistant Coach  
Volleyball, Girls Assistant Coach

Adrianna Costanza  
Keith Compeggie  
James Kubina  
Nick Milchovich  
Lee Tornabene  
Alexander Hardwick  
Sarah Hartman (Split 50% w/Morton)  
John Morton (Split 50% w/Hartman)  
William Amend  
Joshua Elders  
Dante Mamone  
Dr. Nicole Mitchell

VI. PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES, TRAININGS AND TRIPS

**NO ACTION ITEMS AT THIS TIME**

## VII. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND STUDENT ACTIVITIES

**RECOMMENDATION:** Consider a motion to approve the Educational Programs and Student Activities subject to cancelation or change by the Superintendent for health and safety reasons as follows:

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

Organization: Softball Boosters – High School  
Purpose: Team Expenses  
Dates: February 21 – March 3, 2025  
Location: Community  
Activity: Sport-Specific T-Shirt Sale

Organization: Quarterback Club – High School  
Purpose: Team Expenses  
Dates: March 1 – 31, 2025  
Location: Peters Township Tennis Center  
Activity: Tennis Bubble Removal

Organization: Girls Lacrosse Boosters – High School  
Purpose: Team Expenses  
Dates: March 12 – April 12, 2025  
Location: Community  
Activity: Snap Raise

Organization: Dance Team Boosters – High School  
Purpose: Team Expenses  
Dates: March 22, 2025  
Location: Middle School  
Activity: Dance Clinic

Organization: Quarterback Club – High School  
Purpose: Team Expenses  
Dates: May 1 – 31, 2025  
Location: Community  
Activity: Discount Cards

Organization: Quarterback Club – High School  
Purpose: Team Expenses  
Dates: August 1 – September 30, 2025  
Location: Community  
Activity: Online Donations

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

Organization: Winter Indoor Track Team – High School  
Advisor: Justin Pinto  
Purpose: PA Track & Field Coaches Assoc. (PTFCA) State Indoor Track Team Finals  
Dates: March 1 – 2, 2025  
Location: State College, PA  
Cost to Dist.: \$1,470.00

Organization: Boys Wrestling Team – High School  
Advisor: Derrick Evanovich  
Purpose: PIAA State Wrestling Individual Finals  
Dates: March 5 – 9, 2025  
Location: Hershey, PA  
Cost to Dist.: \$3,764.00

Organization: Girls Wrestling Team – High School  
Advisor: Amber Helphenstine  
Purpose: PIAA State Wrestling Individual Finals  
Dates: March 5 – 9, 2025  
Location: Hershey, PA  
Cost to Dist.: \$2,452.00

Organization: Swimming and Diving Team – High School  
Advisor: Alexander Hardwick  
Purpose: PIAA State Swimming and Diving Individual Finals  
Dates: March 13 – 16, 2025  
Location: Lewisburg, PA  
Cost to Dist.: \$5,941.00

Organization: Boys Basketball Team – High School  
Advisor: Joseph Urmann  
Purpose: PIAA State Basketball Team Finals  
Dates: March 27 – 29, 2025  
Location: Hershey, PA  
Cost to Dist.: \$6,821.34

Organization: Girls Basketball Team – High School  
Advisor: Steven Limberiou  
Purpose: PIAA State Basketball Team Finals  
Dates: March 28 – 30, 2025  
Location: Hershey, PA  
Cost to Dist.: \$6,371.34

Organization:	Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) – High School
Advisor:	John Good
Purpose:	2025 FBLA State Leadership Conference & Competition
Dates:	April 6 – 9, 2025
Location:	Hershey, PA
Cost to Dist.:	\$2,343.00

## VIII. OTHER

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

1. Accept a donation of \$1,000.00 from 5<sup>th</sup> grade student Lily D’Antonio to Peters Township School District for the Pleasant Valley Elementary’s ‘Best Buddies’ program.
2. Accept a donation of \$250.00 from the Giant Oaks Garden Club to Peters Township School District for the High School’s Horticulture Club.
3. Approve the ACCESS Reimbursement Service Agreement between the Intermediate Unit 1 and Peters Township School District to provide administrative support for reimbursement for the 2024–25 school year, on terms and conditions approved by the Solicitor. (attachment)
4. Approve the ACCESS Services Agreement between the Intermediate Unit 1 and Peters Township School District to provide administrative support to obtain funds for the 2024–25 school year, on terms and conditions approved by the Solicitor. (attachment)
5. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Intermediate Unit 1 and Peters Township School District to provide outpatient mental health therapy services at no cost to the District for the 2024–25 school year, on terms and conditions approved by the Solicitor. (attachment)
6. Approve the following substitute drivers from Mlaker L.L.C. Student Transportation for the 2024–25 school year: Nicholson Wade and Tammy Whiteman

Dogwood Charter School Application – Recommendation of the Administration

7. Approve the recommendation of the Administration regarding the Dogwood Charter School application, as presented during the Special Public Hearing immediately preceding this meeting and specifically incorporated herein.

BOARD INFORMATION

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS OF INFORMATION

March Board Meeting:

Monday, March 17, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting

April Board Meeting:

Monday, April 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting

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