



# Peters Township School District

MINUTES  
PETERS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020 AT 7:30 PM  
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICES

## CALL TO ORDER

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Also present were: Dr. Jeannine French - Superintendent, Dr. Jennifer Murphy - Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Michael Fisher - Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Brad Rau - Business Manager, 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 thanked the School Board for their countless hours of work and support for our staff and students.

- Celebration of Excellence
- **Excellence in Academics**
- **Middle School Career Chat** – Throughout the school year, PTMS welcomes area professionals to meet with interested students during Career Chats. This month, State Representative Natalie Mihalek visited the middle school and more than 150 students came to the session to learn more about her position and how her education and job experience prepared her for this public service role.
- **Skillsusa Competition Results** – Congratulations to Peters Township junior Laya Pokorny placed third in the Skills USA Competition in December while representing the cosmetology program at Western Area Career and Technology Center. The SkillsUSA events are competitions that help strengthen the skills of career and technical education students across the nation.
- **Polar Express Visits Peters Township** – The kindergarten students at Pleasant Valley and Bower Hill made their annual trips to the North Pole on the Polar Express this holiday season! They heard the story of the Polar Express, got their tickets punched by the conductor and made the long trip north (made easier by caroling 1-3 graders). When they arrived, they even got a candy cane and cocoa!
- **Gift Of Reading at Bower Hill** - Third grade students at Bower Hill shared their love of reading with first graders throughout the school. Each third grade class paired with first grade partners and the older students read a book of their choice. They also prepared “gifts” that helped reinforce plot elements from their story.

- **Grinch Day at Pleasant Valley** – Last month marked the first Grinch Day at Pleasant Valley. Kindergarten students did some Grinch and holiday related activities in their classrooms. There was a scavenger hunt to find Cindy Lou Who and the other Grinch characters; some impressive candy can counting math skills going on; and even some candy cane "growing" with the help of some special holiday magic!
- **McMurray Career Day** – On December 6<sup>th</sup> the McMurray Counselors organized a fantastic Career Day for students in grades 4 through 6. The entire building rotated through a variety of speakers that included firemen, a helicopter pilot, geologists, personal trainer, pastry chef, chiropractor and more.
- **Stem Day at Bower Hill** - First grade students at Bower Hill got back into their school routine after winter break with some hands-on activities. During two days of STEM activities, the student took part in a number of homeroom activities including reading The Snowman story and completing an art project with shapes, painting snowflakes showing symmetry, creating a melted snowman project with a variety of shapes, and creating cotton ball habitats based on the story The Mitten. The students also rotated through stations to create the tallest marshmallow snowman, paper snowflakes, pattern block snowflakes, and took part in some shaving cream writing with their winter words.
- **High School Guest Speaker** – Last month, the High School welcomed author, educator, entrepreneur and motivational speaker Wesley Lyons to speak to our students. Lyons is a former professional football player for the Pittsburgh Steelers who delivered an impactful message of hope, kindness, and perseverance. This PTSA-sponsored assembly supported our work with Rachel's Legacy and the high school's theme *BE the ONE*.
- **McMurray Calculusolve Honors** - Twelve students from McMurray Elementary recently competed in the Calculusolve Competition at Duquesne University. Please join us in congratulating Joshua Zheng who finished in 1st place (4 way tie), with a perfect individual score. The students who participated are: Josh Zheng, Calla Heinrich, Nick Perry, Michael Zhykharskyy, Aanya Duvvuru, Ella Andeits, Matthew Artman, Leo Hunter, Lucas Shanafelt, Kenzie Langlois, Hannah Damon and Hannah Lee
- **District Spelling Bee** - This month the District held the annual Spelling Bee for students in grades 6-8. Overall 60 students participated with 7<sup>th</sup> grader Kaitlyn Strine earning first place and 8<sup>th</sup> grader Anthony DiLeo as the runner-up. Kaitlyn will go on to compete at the regional bee at Robert Morris in March.
- **PT #1 Keystone Ranking** - For 2019, the District ranked #1 in the State in Keystone Exams scores\*, percent proficient/advanced all grades/all subjects combined. The District also ranked third in the State for PSSA exams, percent proficient/advanced all grades/all subjects combined. The rankings include the 781 districts and charter schools in the Commonwealth. To celebrate the Keystone Ranking, the District Administration visited the High School and Middle School to surprise staff with donuts courtesy of Washington Financial.
  
- **Excellence in Athletics**
- **Sports Round-Up** – Our winter sports season is in full swing. Below are some of the recent highlights for our student athletes:
- **Wrestling** is at the WPIAL Section Tournament this week.
- **Boys basketball** is currently in fourth place in the section which has earned them a place in the playoffs.
- **Swim/Dive** - Boys are currently 7-1 overall and 3-0 in section. Girls are 4-4 overall and 2-1 in section.

- **All-State Football Honors** – Congratulations to PTHS football players above who have been named to the Pennsylvania Football Writers All-State Team for 2019. Peters Township had more athletes recognized with this honor this year than any other school in the WPIAL.
  - Josh Casilli, senior
  - Corban Hondru, junior
  - Donovan McMillon, junior
  
- **Excellence in the Arts**
- **High School Dance Team Honors** - This weekend, the Peters Township High School Dance Team competed in the Battle of the Northeast Championship in New Jersey, earning 1<sup>st</sup> place as they beat out a four time national champion. Before they head to Nationals, you can see the girls perform at halftime of the Boys Basketball Game on January 24th.
- **Rowdy Rhythm Earns Top Honors at Conference** – Congratulations to teacher Ryan Perrotte and the students of the Rowdy Rhythm vocal ensemble who scored the highest rank of Superior at the Barbershop Harmony Society’s Mid-Winter Conference, and also earned the coveted title of "audience favorite!" With that ranking, they were the only student group to perform during the final show Saturday Night at the event.
- **High School Coffee House** – High School students shared their talents in the annual Coffee House event in early December. The fundraiser for the Thespian Troup featured talented student singers, musician, and actors in the variety show. The event was organized by teacher Beth Wilmus.
  
- **Excellence in Character**
- **National Honor Society Volleyball Match** - On January 16<sup>th</sup>, the High School National Honor Society hosted their annual staff volleyball tournament to raise funds for the Make-a-Wish Scholarship Fund. Staff members from each building played for the charity – and bragging rights – with the Middle School coming out as the winner again this year. The biggest winner of the night was the National Honor Society as they raised more than \$2000 for the cause.
- **Pie In The Face Event at the Middle School** – Continuing their fundraising for the Dance-a-Thon in late January, the Middle School held a “Pie in the Face” contest before the holiday break. Students could purchase \$1 raffle tickets for a chance to throw a pie at staff volunteers. During an assembly, names were drawn and pie wet flying! The effort raised \$1500 towards their \$25,000 goal to support the Ronald McDonald House.
- **Toys for the Bahamas** – In December, our buildings from kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade partnered with Dr. Seraly to help provide relief to the victims of Hurricane Dorian. As she travelled to the Bahamas to provide medical aid, she brought with her letters of encouragement and toys donated from our students and families to those still living in the shelters. Thank you Dr. Seraly for helping our students spread kindness throughout the world.
- **Placemats for Meals On Wheels** - McMurray 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in Mrs. Oney’s class created placemats for Meals on Wheels in December. The placemats were shared with residents who take part in this program.
- **Peters Township Year of Kindness Launches** – The goal of PTYOK is to promote and spread kindness in our community, building upon the solid foundation of Peters Township Character Counts and Rachel’s Challenge. PTYOK is designed to share kindness events and resources and help connect people who want to help with activities in our area. Visit <https://ptyok.org/> to learn more about the program.
- **Eagle Scout Project at PTHS** - PTHS Senior Michael Batko is working on his Eagle Scout Project and incorporated the District’s Rachel’s Challenge themes into his work. Over the winter

break, Batko organized a group of students who spent more than 60 man-hours masking, painting and sealing positive messages on the steps in the stairwells at the school. Batko hopes that these messages are a reminder to students to be kind as they go about their day at school.

- **Rachel's Challenge at PTHS** – This month the PTHS Friends of Rachels Club sponsored a clothing drive to help benefit “Rachel’s Closet” – an effort of the Baldown High School FOR Club to help provide clothes for student in need. In all, our students and families donated more than 1000 clothing items for the effort.
- **Excellence in Leadership**
- **School Board Recognition Month** - January is school board recognition month and we end our highlights by recognizing and honoring our Board for the dedication to our community and the time and talents they lend to our students and staff. This evening our schools have provided small tokens of their appreciation to our board members.

In addition, members of our professional organizations and PTA are also with us tonight and would like to say a few words.

Adam Sikorski representing the Act 93 Administrative Employees, Kris Bergman, representing the Peters Township Federation of Teachers, Kim Wolfe, representing the Clerical and Bus Drivers union and Sue Deegan, 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 their time and dedication to the District, and also for the many hours devoted to providing all the services necessary for the District to move forward. Mrs. Deegan informed the Board that \$100 has been donated to each school to buy books in honor of the Board.

## QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

(Peters Township School District Policy 903)

Peters Township School District values parent and community engagement.

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 January 6, 2020 and immediately prior to this meeting to discuss personnel, security, litigation, and other items.

Appointment of Board Committees and Delegates:

Mr. McMurray informed everyone present that the Committee appointments and representatives for 2020:

	<u>Chairperson</u>	<u>Vice Chairperson</u>
Finance	Dr. Hardy	Mr. McMurray
Personnel	Mr. Taylor	Dr. Hardy
Education	Mrs. Allison	Mrs. Anderson
Policy	Mrs. Anderson	Mrs. Grossman
Buildings and Grounds	Mr. Dunleavy	

SHASDA Representative                      Mr. Briegel                      Mr. Dunleavy

**WESTERN AREA CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER**

Mr. McMurray asked for nominations for a Board representative to the Western Area Career and Technical Center for a one-year term ending December, 2020.

**MOTION:**

Mrs. Allison moved to elect Mrs. Bowman as Board representative to Western Area Career and Technology Center for a one-year term ending December, 2020, seconded by Mr. Briegel.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(9-0)**

**PSBA REPRESENTATIVE**

Mr. McMurray asked for nominations for a Board representative to PSBA for a one-year term ending December, 2020.

**MOTION:**

Mrs. Allison moved to elect Mrs. Anderson as Board representative to PSBA for a one-year term ending December, 2020, seconded by Mr. Briegel.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(9-0)**

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 18, 2019 and the Reorganization Meeting dated December 3, 2019.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for November 2019 and December 2019 with a balance of \$25,185,194.67.
3. Approval of the General Fund bills for November 16, 2019 through January 16, 2020.
4. Approval of the Capital Facilities Fund bills for November 16, 2019 through January 16, 2020.
5. Approval of the Food Service Fund bills for November 16, 2019 through January 16, 2020.
6. Approval of the McMurray Elementary School Activity Fund reports for November 2019 and December 2019.
7. Approval of the Middle School Activity Fund reports for November 2019 and December 2019.
8. Approval of the High School Athletic Fund reports for November 2019 and December 2019.
9. Approval of the High School Activity Fund reports for November 2019 and December 2019.
10. Approval of Budget Transfers for November 2019.

**MOTION:**

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

Public Comment: None

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

(9-0)

## II. BOARD COMMITTEES

### Personnel

Daniel Taylor

1. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve a one (1) day unpaid suspension in the matter of employee #04-19-20 on terms and conditions recommended by the Solicitor.

### **MOTION:**

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

(9-0)

### Buildings and Grounds

Ron Dunleavy

New High School Project Update – Reynolds Construction

Rochelle Fennell of Reynolds Construction provided an update on the New High School construction project including status of the Academic Wing, Fine Arts Zone, Physical Education Zone, Natatorium and Site Work.

2. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve Nello Construction Change Order No. GC-017 as a credit of (\$33,692.50) for caissons work, actual versus estimated.

### **MOTION:**

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

(9-0)

3. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve Nello Construction Change Order No. GC-018 at a cost of \$3,443.46 to provide the necessary steel framing beneath a portion of the third floor CMU walls at the Athletic Lobby. This Change Order is funded by the New High School Project Construction Contingency.

### **MOTION:**

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

Comment: Mrs. Bowman commented that even though this was a design error the cost of the material was cost that would have been expended if it was done correctly. Mr. McMurray added that the design fee for the correction was waived. Mr. Briegel asked if this change order would be tracked. Mr. Rau responded that all change orders are tracked in the Change Order Log.

**MOTION PASSED**

(7-2)

Dr. Hardy and Mr. Taylor voted No

4. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve Nello Construction Change Order No. GC-019 at a cost of \$44,194.38 to provide new materials needed at the roof edge on the three high curved roofs at the Gymnasium, Auditorium, and the Natatorium. This Change Order is funded by the New High School Project Construction Contingency.

**MOTION:**

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

Comment: Mrs. Bowman commented that unlike number 3 this change order includes a design error but also material being removed. Also, these roofs would be the most challenging design and should have been paid extra attention during design. Mr. Taylor would like a better understanding on how errors and omissions will be handled at the end of the project.

Roll Call vote:

Mrs. Allison - Yes  
Mrs. Anderson - Yes  
Mrs. Bowman - Yes  
Mr. Briegel - Yes  
Mr. Dunleavy - Yes

Mrs. Grossman - Yes  
Dr. Hardy - No  
Mr. McMurray - Yes  
Mr. Taylor - No

**MOTION PASSED**

(7-2)

5. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve Murin and Murn, Inc. Change Order No. SPUC-005 at a cost of \$1,735.93 to relocate the catch basin as shown on the final drawings for Rolling Hills Drive. This Change Order is funded by the New High School Project Construction Contingency.

**MOTION:**

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



Comment: Mr. Briegel asked if this change was due to the change of design of Rolling Hills Drive. Mrs. Bowman answered that was correct but this change also gives a better turning radius into the new school.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**  
(9-0)

6. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve A. Liberoni, Inc. Change Order No. SC-014 at a cost of \$39,076.18 to remove the coal seam along the road area on the Northern side of the site. This Change Order is funded by the New High School Project Construction Contingency.

**MOTION:**

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

Comment: Mr. Briegel asked if this is a continuation of the coal seam that was removed earlier in the project. Dr. Hardy answered that this is a continuation of the previous seam.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**  
(9-0)

7. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve A. Liberoni, Inc. Change Order No. SC-015 at a cost of \$14,948.48 for additional undercutting of coal and poor soil under the roadways and parking lots. This Change Order is funded by the New High School Project Construction Contingency.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Dunleavy moved for approval of recommendation 7, seconded by Mr. Briegel.  
Public Comment: None

Comment: Dr. Hardy asked that the roadway referenced was the District roadway or Rolling Hills Drive. Mrs. Fennell answered that this was only District roadway.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**  
(9-0)

8. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve A. Liberoni, Inc. Change Order No. SC-016 at a cost of \$8,903.02 for additional requirements from the Washington County Conservation District. This Change Order is funded by the New High School Project Construction Contingency.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Dunleavy moved for approval of recommendation 8, seconded by Mr. Briegel.  
Public Comment: None

Comment: Mr. Briegel asked if there will be any additional requirements coming from the Washington County Conservation District. Dr. Hardy stated there is reason to believe that there will be more.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**  
(9-0)

9. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve an agreement with Reynolds Energy Services, Inc. to perform an investment grade technical energy audit at no cost to the District on terms and conditions recommended by the Superintendent and approved by the Solicitor. (attachment)

**MOTION:**

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

Comment: Mrs. Bowman asked for clarification to the language in paragraph G. Mrs. Kramer responded that we can get technical clarification before the execution of the contract.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**  
(9-0)

10. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to authorize Hayes Design Group (HDG) to provide an additional twelve (12) site visits by Civil & Environmental Consultants Inc. at a cost of \$1,000 per visit, not to exceed \$12,000.00.

Comment: Mr. Briegel asked why would be authorizing Hayes Design for work done by CEC. Dr. French explained that CEC is a subcontractor to Hayes Design in our agreement. Mrs. Anderson asked if this was because the number of site visits in our agreement were not sufficient. Dr. French explained that the additional visits are due to the interface with the DEP.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Dunleavy moved for approval of recommendation 10, seconded by Mr. Briegel.  
Public Comment: None

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**  
(8-1)

Dr. Hardy voted No

11. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve a Resolution authorizing Administration and Hayes Design Group to submit PlanCon Part I “Interim Reporting” for the New High School Project to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) for review and approval. (attachment)

**MOTION:**

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**  
(9-0)

**Education**

Minna Allison: None

**Finance**

Jamison Hardy: None

Dr. Hardy wanted to highlight the Finance Committee Meeting scheduled for February 3<sup>rd</sup>. He stated that there is a lot of good news to report on the most recent bond issue.

**Policy**

Lisa Anderson: None

Mrs. Anderson mentioned a change in a policy but does not take into effect until next school year. We will wait until more revisions occur before scheduling next meeting.

**PSBA**

Lisa Anderson

Mrs. Anderson reported that there will be a Sectional meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm at Washington School District. School Board Director training has been added on February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:30-9 pm at Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit. PSBA Advocacy day will be Monday March 23 in Harrisburg. PSBA Spring Legal Roundup has been scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup> at Upper St. Clair School District. PSBA currently has taskforces on property tax reform, charter school reform, and mandate reform for 2020.

**Western Area Career and Technology Center**

Rebecca Bowman

Mrs. Bowman reported that the parking lot paving project has begun.  
A Joint Operating Committee Meeting was held on December 18, 2019. The next Joint Operating Committee Meeting will be held on January 22, 2020.

**SHASDA**

Rolf Briegel

Mr. Briegel provided an update regarding the last SHASDA meeting with state representatives. The focus of the meeting was unfunded mandates.

The next SHASDA Meeting will be held on March 3, 2020.

**Intermediate Unit**

Thomas McMurray

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on January 23, 2020.

**Ad Hoc Committee:**

**Fundraising**

Minna Allison and Daniel Taylor

12. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve a Naming Rights Agreement with Confluence Financial Partners, on terms and conditions approved by the Solicitor, for naming rights to the Peters Township High School Stadium at a rate of \$10,000.00 per year for a term of three (3) years commencing March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2023. (attachment)

**MOTION:**

Mrs. Allison moved for approval of recommendation 12, seconded by Mr. Briegel.  
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 **leaves of absence:**

January 2019-2020-01

January 2019-2020-02

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

Name: Ann Sopczynski  
Position: Librarian  
Assignment: Bower Hill Elementary  
Salary: Masters, Step 1 (pro-rated)  
Effective: 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester 2019-2020 School Year  
Replaces: Karly Kunkle

3. Approve the following **retirement:**

Name: Frank Guerra  
Position: Computer Science  
Assignment: High School  
Effective: End of the 2019-2020 School Year

4. The following employee has completed three (3) years in Peters Township School District as a Temporary Professional Employees and has been rated in accordance with the provision of Section 1123 of the Public School Code of 1949 as amended. Having earned a final rating of “satisfactory” the employee is so certified and entitled to **Professional Employee Status** in accordance with the provision of Section 1108(b):

<u>Professional Employee</u>	<u>Building</u>
Emily Kiswardy	Bower Hill Elementary

5. Approve the following **student teacher/observer/intern** for the 2019–20 school year. All compliance documents for the following individual are on file.

Name: Zachary Meads  
Dates of Assignment: 1/22/20 - 5/15/20  
College or University: California University of Pennsylvania  
Curriculum Major: School Counseling  
PTSD Teacher & Bldg.: Alyssa Simmons/High School  
Assignment: Internship

6. Approve the following teachers to teach 2020 Summer Physical Education Courses, at the teacher contractual rate, not to exceed 34 hours per session:

Emily Bergman  
Charles Helbig  
John Kerekes  
Joseph Scaglione

7. Approve the following as **day-to-day substitute certificated personnel** for the 2019–20 school year:

Madelyn Estep - Grades 4-8 (All subjects 4-6, Science 7-8; Social Studies 7-8)  
Samuel Froehlich - Music PK-12  
Tara Matuszewski - Nurse

**MOTION:**

Dr. Hardy 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 **leaves of absence:**

January 2019-2020-03  
January 2019-2020-04  
January 2019-2020-05  
January 2019-2020-06  
January 2019-2020-07  
January 2019-2020-08

2. Approve the following **resignations:**

Name: Casie Niederberger  
Position: Cafeteria Food Service General Helper  
Assignment: McMurray Elementary  
Effective: December 20, 2019

Name: Kristen Bondi  
Position: Cafeteria Playground Monitor  
Assignment: McMurray Elementary  
Effective: December 20, 2019

Name: Heather Caldwell  
Position: Cafeteria Food Service General Helper  
Assignment: Middle School  
Effective: January 3, 2020

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

Name: Dena King  
Position: Paraprofessional  
Assignment: Bower Hill Elementary  
Salary: \$10.00/hr.

Effective: January 23, 2020 through end of 2019-2020 School Year  
Replaces: Joy Courie

Approve the following **transfers**:

Name: Sandra Harms  
From: Cafeteria Food Service General Helper (3 hours per day)  
McMurray Elementary  
To: Cafeteria Food Service General Helper (4.75 hours per day)  
McMurray Elementary  
Effective: January 2, 2020  
Replacing: Casie Niederberger

Name: Robert Hassett  
From: Parking Lot Attendant, High School  
To: Custodian, High School  
Effective: February 6, 2020  
Replacing: Todd Millington

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

Name: Deborah Blasher  
Position: Paraprofessional  
Assignment: McMurray Elementary  
Salary: \$17.39/hr.  
Effective: January 23, 2020  
Replacing: Rebecca Jackson

Name: Lucy Robert  
Position: Paraprofessional  
Assignment: McMurray Elementary  
Salary: \$17.39/hr.  
Effective: January 23, 2020  
Replacing: Bartholomew Hollowell

Name: Elizabeth May  
Position: Cafeteria Playground Monitor  
Assignment: McMurray Elementary  
Salary: \$15.03/hr.  
Effective: January 23, 2020  
Replacing: Kristen Bondi

5. Approve the following **day-to-day non-teaching substitutes** for the 2019–20 school year:

Carrie Ace - Clerical, Paraprofessional, Cafeteria Playground Monitor

and Cafeteria Food Service  
Patricia Appel - Cafeteria Food Service and Custodian  
Heather Caldwell - Cafeteria Food Service  
Karen Ellis - Driver  
Thomas Ellis - Driver  
Walter Malone – Driver

**MOTION:**

Mr. Briegel moved for approval of Non-Certificated Personnel recommendation items 1 through 5 seconded by Mr. Taylor.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**  
(9-0)

V. **EXTRA-DUTY PERSONNEL/PROGRAMS**

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

1. Approve the following **extra duty Activities personnel** for the 2019–20 school year:  
(attachments)

**McMURRAY ELEMENTARY**

Junior Achievement  
Junior Achievement

Pamela Harrison (Split 50% w/Rutkowski)  
Kelly Rutkowski (Split 50% w/Harrison)

2. Approve the following **extra-duty Activities personnel change** for the 2019–20 school year:

**MENTOR:**

From:  
Nicole Reyna

**ASSIGNED PROFESSIONAL:**

Allison Murphy – Spanish/High School

To:  
Nicole Reyna (1<sup>st</sup> Semester)  
Beth Wilmus (2<sup>nd</sup> Semester)

Allison Murphy – Spanish/High School

3. Approve the following **extra duty Athletic personnel resignations** for the 2019–20 school year:

**HIGH SCHOOL**

Softball, Assistant Coach  
Tennis, Boys Assistant Coach

Shannon Kissel  
Michele Smelko



4. Approve the following **renewal of extra-duty Athletics personnel** for the 2019–20 school year.

**HIGH SCHOOL**

**Spring**

Volleyball, Boys Assistant Coach

Nathan Swauger

5. Approve the following **renewal of extra-duty Athletics personnel** for the 2020–21 school year.

**HIGH SCHOOL**

**Fall**

Cross Country, Head Coach

Timothy Wu

Field Hockey, Head Coach

Melanie Cocco

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

Patrick Vereb

Tennis, Girls Head Coach

Phyllis DeRienzo

Volleyball, Girls Head Coach

Nicole Oakes

6. Approve the following **extra-duty Athletic personnel** for the 2019–20 school year: (attachments)

**HIGH SCHOOL**

**Winter**

Wrestling, Volunteer Coach

Jacob Caputo

Wrestling, Volunteer Coach

Scott Bebout

**Spring**

Baseball, Assistant Coach

Shaun Pierson (Split 50% w/Poland)

Baseball, Assistant Coach

Jacob Poland (Split 50% w/Pierson)

Lacrosse, Boys Assistant Coach

Jonathan Macurak

Track and Field, Unified Head Coach

Karen Corbin

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**Spring**

Softball, Assistant Coach

Meghan Bastyr

Track/Field, Assistant Coach

Kristin Fazio

**MOTION:**

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

**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)

Names: Pamela Guenther – Title I Reading Teacher, McMurray Elementary  
Activity: Dyslexia Expansion Project Staff Development  
Dates: January 16 – 17, 2020  
Location: Arin Intermediate Unit 28, Indiana, PA  
Estimated Cost: \$440.44

Names: Kathleen Melnyk – Special Education Teacher, McMurray Elementary  
Activity: Dyslexia Expansion Project Staff Development  
Dates: January 16 – 17, 2020  
Location: Arin Intermediate Unit 28, Indiana, PA  
Estimated Cost: \$545.44

Names: Jill Santa – Reading Support Teacher, Bower Hill Elementary  
Activity: Dyslexia Expansion Project Staff Development  
Dates: January 16 – 17, 2020  
Location: Arin Intermediate Unit 28, Indiana, PA  
Estimated Cost: \$440.44

Name: Greg Marquis – Principal, Pleasant Valley Elementary School  
Activity: Safety Care Trainer Recertification  
Dates: January 22, 2020 (originally approved for December 17, 2019  
and November 21, 2019)  
Location: Beaver, PA  
Estimated Cost: \$459.85

Names: Dr. Jennifer Murphy – Deputy Superintendent,  
District Administrative Offices  
Activity: Vision 2020 Innovative School Tours  
Dates: February 3 – 6, 2020  
Location: San Diego, CA  
Estimated Cost: \$228.25

Names: Renee Brown – Language Arts Teacher, Middle School  
Activity: Secondary School Writing Centers Association  
National Conference  
Dates: March 13 – 14, 2020  
Location: Annandale, VA  
Estimated Cost: \$424.06

Names: Adam Swinchock – Director of Instructional Technology,  
District Administrative Offices  
Activity: International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE)

Dates: 2020 Digital Leadership Summit  
June 28 – July 1, 2020  
Location: Anaheim, CA  
Estimated Cost: \$1,924.88

**MOTION:**

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

**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: Pleasant Valley PTA – Pleasant Valley Elementary  
Purpose: Group expenses  
Dates: January 13 – 29, 2020  
Location: Pleasant Valley Elementary  
Activity: Read-A-Thon

Organization: Lady Indians Basketball Boosters – High School  
Purpose: Team expenses  
Dates: January 22 – February 29, 2020  
Location: Community  
Activity: Media Guide

Organization: Big Red Wrestling Boosters – High School  
Purpose: Team expenses  
Dates: February 1 – 2, 2020  
Location: High School  
Activity: Youth Wrestling Camp

Organization: Diamond Backers Baseball Boosters – High School  
Purpose: Team expenses  
Dates: February 1 – 15, 2020  
Location: Community  
Activity: Ball Cap Sales

Organization: Class of 2020 – High School  
Purpose: Class expenses  
Dates: March 9 – 16, 2020  
Location: Community

Activity: Popcorn Sale

Organization: News Magazine and Yearbook – High School  
 Purpose: Club expenses  
 Dates: April 1, 2020 – February 29, 2021  
 Location: Community and High School  
 Activity: Business Ads

Organization: Diamond Backers Baseball Boosters – High School  
 Purpose: Team expenses  
 Dates: April 25, 2020 (Rain date: April 26, 2020)  
 Location: Community  
 Activity: Peters Township Tennis Bubble Removal

Organization: News Magazine and Yearbook – High School  
 Purpose: Club expenses  
 Dates: May 1, 2020 – October 31, 2020  
 Location: High School  
 Activity: Student Planner Sales

Organization: News Magazine – High School  
 Purpose: Club expenses  
 Dates: August 1, 2020 – October 31, 2020  
 Location: High School  
 Activity: News Magazine Subscriptions

Organization: Yearbook – High School  
 Purpose: Club expenses  
 Dates: September 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020  
 Location: Community and High School  
 Activity: Yearbook Senior Ads

Organization: Yearbook – High School  
 Purpose: Club expenses  
 Dates: September 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021  
 Location: Community and High School  
 Activity: Yearbook Sales

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

Organization: Wrestling Team – High School  
 Advisor: Derrick Evanovich  
 Event: PIAA State Wrestling Team Finals  
 Dates: February 5 – 9, 2020  
 Location: Hershey, PA  
 Est. Cost to Dist.: \$8,103.76

Organization: Forensics Speech and Debate Team – High School

Advisor: Kristin Groninger  
Event: Pennsylvania High School Speech League (PHSSL)  
2020 State Tournament  
Dates: March 12 – 14, 2020  
Location: Bloomsburg, PA  
Est. Cost to Dist.: \$2,638.50

Organization: Baseball Team – High School  
Advisor: Michael Plassio  
Event: Ripken Experience Tournament  
Dates: March 26 – 29, 2020  
Location: Myrtle Beach, SC  
Est. Cost to Dist.: \$0.00

Organization: Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) – High School  
Advisor: John Good and Casey Benson  
Event: 2020 FBLA State Leadership Conference & Competition  
Dates: April 5 – 8, 2020  
Location: Hershey, PA  
Est. Cost to Dist.: \$5,791.19

Organization: Boys Volleyball Team – High School  
Advisor: Tyler Fiely  
Event: State College Tournament  
Dates: April 24 – 25, 2020  
Location: State College, PA  
Est. Cost to Dist.: \$0.00

Organization: Softball Team – High School  
Advisor: Nicole Davis  
Event: Softball Eastern PA Play Date  
Dates: May 1 – 2, 2020  
Location: Dallastown, PA  
Est. Cost to Dist.: \$0.00

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

Sponsor: Judy Alexander – Gifted Teacher, High School  
Event: Japan Trip  
Date: Summer of 2021

**MOTION:**

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

VIII. OTHER

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

1. Approve Resolution No. 2020-01-21A designating local holidays for the 2020–21 school year. (attachment)
2. Approve the 2020–21 School Calendar. We are requesting ACT 80 approval for August 14, 2020, November 25, 2020 and February 12, 2021. (attachment)
3. Approve disciplinary recommendation for student 19-20-01.
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 of \$9,085.78 from McMurray Student Council to Peters Township School District for the purchase of iPads, Apple Care and iPad cases at McMurray Elementary School.
6. Approve the donation of two (2) copies of the book, *Playing with the Moon*, from Mrs. Trisha Caldwell to Peters Township School District to be placed in the libraries of Pleasant Valley and Bower Hill Elementary Schools. The approximate value of this donation is \$25.00.
7. Approve the donation of a refrigerator/freezer from Ms. Valerie Flasck to Peters Township School District for use at the Pleasant Valley Concession Stand. The approximate value of this donation is \$250.00.
8. Approve the donation of a David DeCastro Autographed Pro Bowl Jersey from the Legacy Medical Center to Peters Township School District for display at McMurray Elementary School. The approximate value of this donation is \$300.00.
9. Accept a 2019–20 PAsmart Targeted Grant issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) to accelerate Learning and Professional Development in computer science in the amount of \$35,000.00.
10. Accept a “Cash for Classrooms” grant from Kickline Dance Center valued at \$358.84. Recipients are Peters Township Middle School teacher, Carla McCue (\$250.00) and McMurray Elementary teacher, Wendy Stark (\$109.84).
11. Accept a Granting Educators Opportunities (GEO) grant donation for the Peters Township School District staff members at the High School, Middle School, Bower Hill Elementary and Pleasant Valley Elementary valued at \$13,181.10 from the Peters Township Education Foundation.
12. Authorize Administration to solicit bids for class 1 (educational), and athletic supplies and equipment for the 2020–21 school year.

13. Approve the Letter of Agreement with The CARE Center, Inc. d/b/a SPSHS CARE Center, on terms and conditions approved by the Solicitor, to make referrals for student services provided by The CARE Center at no cost to the District from January 22, 2020 through December 31, 2021. (attachment)
14. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Peters Township School District and Penn State University, on terms and conditions approved by the Solicitor, establishing a Communication Sciences and Disorders Affiliation Agreement at no cost to the District for the 2020 calendar year. (attachment)
15. Exonerate Jordan Tax Service Incorporated for liened 2019 real estate taxes in the amount of \$599,712.31 for the 2019–20 school year.

**MOTION:**

Dr. Hardy moved for approval of Other recommendation items 1 and 3 through 15 seconded by Mr. Briegel.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**MOTION:**

Mr. Briegel moved for approval of Other recommendation item 2 seconded by Mr. Dunleavy.

Comment: Mrs. Allison asked that the Board consider an alternate calendar that would create a week long spring break. Mr. Briegel asked what were the pros and cons. Dr. French answered that both calendars are acceptable with the only downside is the number of days per quarter are not as even with a full week long spring break but would not be a deal breaker. Mrs. Allison believes that the full week of spring break is in the best interest of students.

Dr. Hardy asked for a roll call vote.

Roll Call vote:

Mrs. Allison - No	Mrs. Grossman - No
Mrs. Anderson - Yes	Dr. Hardy - Yes
Mrs. Bowman - Yes	Mr. McMurray - Yes
Mr. Briegel - Yes	Mr. Taylor - Yes
Mr. Dunleavy - Yes	

**MOTION PASSED**

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BOARD INFORMATION: Mrs. Anderson thanked everyone for all the donations.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: Ms. Kramer provided her report in Executive Session.

QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD ON AGENDA ITEMS

CORRESPONDENCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February Board Meetings:

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|---|---|
| Monday, February 3, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.   | Finance Committee Meeting / Buildings and Grounds Meeting |
| Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. | Regular Board Meeting                                     |

March Board Meetings:

- |                                     |   |
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| Monday, March 2, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.  | Joint Workshop with Township Council to be held at the District Offices |
| Monday, March 16, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. | Regular Board Meeting   |

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mrs. Bowman moved for adjournment at 8:58 p.m., seconded by Mr. Taylor.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**  
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Board Secretary

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Board President