



Peters Township School District

**MINUTES
PETERS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2020 AT 11:30 AM
Virtual Meeting Due to COVID-19**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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, and Ms. Jocelyn Kramer – Solicitor

SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS

Due to the Stay-at-Home Order, Board members and District administrators are attending the meeting through a virtual meeting platform and public participation was made available prior to the meeting via telephone request for public comment as stated on the District website.

On March 30, 2020, the Board moved to suspend Policy 903 for the duration of the Governor’s Stay-at-Home Order for Washington County and to provide for alternate means of public participation for School Board meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS

An Executive Session was held on June 1, 2020 to discuss personnel, security, litigation, and other items.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

I. BUSINESS OFFICE

NO ACTION ITEMS AT THIS TIME

II. BOARD COMMITTEES

NO ACTION ITEMS AT THIS TIME

SUPERINTENDENT'S AGENDA

III. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

NO ACTION ITEMS AT THIS TIME

IV. NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

NO ACTION ITEMS AT THIS TIME

V. EXTRA-DUTY PERSONNEL/PROGRAMS

NO ACTION ITEMS AT THIS TIME

VI. PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES, TRAININGS AND TRIPS

NO ACTION ITEMS AT THIS TIME

VII. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND STUDENT ACTIVITIES

NO ACTION ITEMS AT THIS TIME

VIII. OTHER

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

1. Approve a four year lease agreement with Dell for two thousand (2,000) Dell Latitude 3190 2-in-1 laptop computers and Active Pens at a cost of \$235,835.59 annually. The equipment will be leased through Dell Financial Services at a Rate Factor of 0.26594 for a 4 year period. The items will be leased through the COSTARS Hardware Contract (003-051). (attachment)
2. Approve a four year lease agreement with Dell for fifteen hundred (1,500) Dell Latitude 3190 2-in-1 Chromebook computers and Targus stylus pens at a cost of \$139,283.42. The equipment will be leased through Dell Financial Services at a Rate Factor of 0.26594 for a 4 year period. The items will be leased through the COSTARS Hardware Contract (003-051). (attachment)
3. Approve a one year subscription of the Lightspeed Relay and Rocket Internet Filtering System at a cost of \$21,280.00. The equipment will be purchased through the COSTARS Software Contract (006-064). (attachment)
4. Approve a one year subscription of the Instructure Canvas Cloud Learning Management System at a cost of \$32,965.00. (attachment)

MOTION:

Dr. Hardy moved for approval of Other recommendation items 1 through 4 seconded by Mr. Briegel.

Comment: Dr. French requested action on items 1 through 4, stating that all of these items are related to preparation for the next school year.

Mr. Swinchock added that these items are the cornerstone in building a consistent hybrid and blended learning system for Peters Township School District. The filtering system is to help ensure our students can surf the web safely and securely. The management system will allow students and parents to all have the same experience.

Mrs. Bowman asked if the item listed in number 3 was two different systems or one.

Mr. Swinchock explained that item number 3 is two different things. The Relay System is the agent that the students use that is installed on the actual computer. The Rocket Internet Filtering System covers any device that comes onto our network, which may not have the agent installed on it.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Mrs. Anderson stated that she wanted to make sure it is clear that we are planning to move forward with in person instruction.

Dr. French responded that the district is planning for all scenarios, but our intention and desire is that we will have all of our children back.

BOARD INFORMATION

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD ON AGENDA ITEMS

CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. French presented resident correspondence that was submitted by Carol Bobro of, 514 Cortland Drive, Finleyville, Pa 15332.

“PDE established Phase 3 guidance for opening schools today. As a parent in the district I believe it is critical for parents to be included in the process of developing the required Health and Safety Plan; and the identification of a pandemic coordinator and/or pandemic team with defined roles and responsibilities for health and safety preparedness and response plan. I propose these suggested actions to begin;

1. Establish a shareholder group of parents, teachers, athletic staff, medical professionals, administrators, and board members to develop the Health and Safety Plan; with the commitment to equity and access for all students.
2. Return to school with flexibility in blended instruction for all students, in person and virtual instruction, use of liability waivers, signature agreements, and medical provisions. (Ex. temperature checks.) Virtual learning can occur live using Zoom or similar platform to result in one lesson with dynamic student interaction.

These two actions provide an equitable approach to all stakeholder concerns in as semblance of normality upon return to school, as well as, address the anticipated COVID peaks and subsequent quarantine for the duration of the school year. I would welcome participation on a planning team as a parent.”

In response, Dr. French said that PDE did release a beginning template for planning. Through our Intermediate Unit we have anticipated the required safety plan for weeks. Meetings are held at least twice a week with our committees in regard to the safety plans. We are informed by local Pennsylvania Health Department Officials and other relevant health personnel. We will be sending out surveys to our parents to help us gather information on their preferences toward in class and remote instruction.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June Board Meetings:

Monday, June 22, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

Monday, June 29, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

July Board Meeting:

No meetings have been scheduled at this time.

August Board Meeting:

Monday, August 17, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mrs. Bowman moved for adjournment at 11:46 a.m., seconded by Dr. Hardy.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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Board Secretary

Board President