



Peters Township School District

**MINUTES
PETERS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2020 AT 6:30 PM**

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, Mrs. Patty Kelly – Director of Pupil Services, 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 board and staff for all their hard work to keep students and staff safe during this time. She also thanked the public for their patience and thoughtful comments as we all came together at this very difficult time.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: none.

(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. All speakers are reminder to state their name and address for the minutes.

Dr. Teresa Lenington (Topic: Health and Safety Plan)

669 Scenic Ridge Drive, Venetia, PA 15367

Dr. Lenington spoke on her support for not forcing students to wear masks while social distancing.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

Mr. McMurray thanked the public for their comments and concerns about reopening the schools. The Board made sure they took the time to read each one of them.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

I. BUSINESS OFFICE

NO ACTION ITEMS AT THIS TIME

II. BOARD COMMITTEES

Policy

Lisa Anderson

1. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve suspension of the rule in Policy 003 requiring a second read prior to adopting the following policy:

800 Operations

815 Acceptable Use of Technology Resources

MOTION:

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(9-0)

2. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve the adoption of the following policy:

800 Operations

815 Acceptable Use of Technology Resources

MOTION:

Mrs. Anderson moved for approval of recommendation 2, seconded by Mrs. Allison.
Comment: Mrs. Anderson said that this policy is based on the discussion that was held at the July meeting with regard to the AR and the accidental protection insurance.
Public Comment: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(9-0)

3. **RECOMMENDATION:** Motion to approve the Peters Township School District Health and Safety Plan pursuant to the requirements of the Pennsylvania Department of Education for a return to in-person instruction, and further, to temporarily suspend any Board policies, or portions thereof, that conflict with the Health and Safety Plan, so long as the Plan remains in effect. This would include a total reopen five days a week with the option for full remote. (attachment)

MOTION:

Mrs. Anderson moved for approval of recommendation 3, seconded by Mrs. Allison.
Comment: Mr. Taylor commented that a Hybrid Plan will continue mitigation to protect students, and did not believe that the district would have to remain in a hybrid form as we evaluate the data. Mrs. Anderson felt similar to how Mr. Taylor explained his reasoning for wanting a hybrid model, even though she understands that the district is doing everything possible to keep the students safe five days a week. She stated she feels that it is a rushed move to five days a week and a hybrid plan would allow everyone a chance to master the new protocols. Mr. Breigel asked how other countries were operating and thought that it is possible that 3 days away from school could add more risk upon return. Mrs. Bowman expressed concerns for students with special needs and remote learning. Mrs. Allison stated that we cannot predict what is going to happen and felt strongly that five days a week is important. Mrs. Bowman spoke on the community’s role and impact that actions can have on in person instruction. Dr. Hardy stated that the board needs to take two parent working families and the amount of pressure in a hybrid or remote setting.

Roll Call vote:

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

MOTION PASSED

(6-3)

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:**

August 2020-2021-01

2. Approve the following **transfer:**

Name: Jill Keffel
From: Elementary Teacher, McMurray Elementary
To: Librarian, Bower Hill Elementary
Effective: 2020-2021 School Year
Replacing: Karly Kunkle

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

Name: Jacob Reis
Position: German Teacher
Assignment: High School
Salary: Masters, Step 1
Effective: 2020-2021 School Year
Replaces: Sara Ludwig

Name: Michael Gitzen
Position: Health and Physical Education
Assignment: High School and Pleasant Valley Elementary
Salary: Masters, Step 1 (pro-rated)
Effective: August 12, 2020 through January 22, 2021
Replaces: Kayla Lewarchik

Name: Kimberly Trevithick
Position: School Counselor
Assignment: Middle School
Salary: Masters, Step 1
Effective: 2020-2021 School Year
Replaces: Bianca Goodwin

MOTION:

Dr. Hardy moved for approval of Certificated Personnel recommendation items 1 through 3, 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 **leave of absence:**

August 2020-2021-02

2. Approve the following **retirement:**

Name: Linda Paul
Position: Part Time Class III Guidance Secretary
Assignment: Bower Hill Elementary
Effective: July 13, 2020

3. Approve the following **resignations:**

Name: Jennifer Deak
Position: Cafeteria Food Service General Helper
Assignment: High School
Effective: July 6, 2020

Name: Rebecca Myers-Matson
Position: Confidential Secretary
Assignment: Buildings, Grounds and Transportation
Effective: August 7, 2020

Name: Natalie Seery
Position: Part Time Paraprofessional
Assignment: Middle School
Effective: July 22, 2020

4. Approve the following **transfers:**

Name: Linda Klobca
From: Cafeteria Food Service General Helper, High School
To: Cafeteria Food Service General Helper, McMurray Elementary
Effective: 2020-2021 School Year
Replacing: Lynn Thomas

Name: Deborah Sliman
From: Cafeteria Food Service General Helper, High School
To: Custodian, High School
Effective: 2020-2021 School Year
Replacing: Juliana Scherer

5. Approve the following **day-to-day non-teaching substitute** for the **2020-21** school year:

Judy Bourg – Clerical

MOTION:

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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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

RECOMMENDATION: Consider a motion to approve the Educational Programs and Student Activities as follows:

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

Organization:	Quarterback Club Football Boosters – High School
Purpose:	Team expenses
Dates:	August 11 – 14, 2020
Location:	Community
Activity:	Snap Raise

MOTION:

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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VIII. OTHER

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

1. Approve a donation of \$500.00 from the Peters Township Cross Country Boosters to Peters Township School District for the purchase of equipment for the New High School Weight Room.
2. Approve an Accidental Damage Protection (ADP) Program Fee for assigned technology devices at an annual cost of \$25.00 per student for the 2020 – 2021 school year. (attachment)
3. Approve the purchase of twenty (20) Kajeet Distance Learning Bundles with a 3GB shared data plan for one year at a cost of \$9,053.83. The equipment will be purchased through the PEPPM Technology Bidding and Purchasing Program. (attachment)
4. Approve Resolution 2020-08-03A declaring a local emergency under Section 520.1 of the Public School Code and approving the Emergency Instructional Time Template, as presented, and further, to temporarily suspend any Board policies, or portions thereof, that conflict with the Resolution, so long as the Resolution remains in effect. (attachments)

5. Approve the Flexible Instruction Day Application for the 2020-2021 school year and authorize submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education. (attachment)

MOTION:

Dr. Hardy moved for approval of Other recommendation items 1 through 5 seconded by Mr. Briegel.

Comment: Mrs. Bowman asked for information on #5. Dr. French explained flexible instruction application and possibility of using snow days as flex instruction.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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BOARD INFORMATION:

Mrs. Bowman asked about spreader and super spreader events in the community protocols. Dr. French stated that the district can ask, and pushed the importance of community behaviors that will allow for our students instruction to continue.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: None

QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August Board Meeting:

Monday, August 17, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

September Board Meeting:

Monday, September 21, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Dr. Hardy moved for adjournment at 7:33 p.m., seconded by Mr. Taylor.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Board Secretary

Board President