



Peters Township School District

**MINUTES
PETERS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023 AT 7:30 PM
PETERS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL LGI**

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. McMurray, President, called the regular meeting of the Peters Township Board of School Directors to order at 7:31 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Allison, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Bowman, Mr. Briegel, Mr. Dunleavy, Mrs. Grossman, Mr. McMurray, Dr. Payne 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 and Ms. Jocelyn Kramer – Solicitor.

SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS

➤ Celebration of Excellence

➤ Excellence In Academics

- **WACTC HONORS** – Congratulations to our High School students who have been inducted into the National Technical Honor Society for 2023 at Western Area Career and Technology Center. The new inductees along with two and three-year members are listed above.

- 2023 Inductee:
 - Isaac Rose, Carpentry
- Two-Year Members:
 - Ian McChesney, Welding
 - Joaquin Moya, Culinary Arts
 - Emma Raffaele, Cosmetology
- Three-Year Members:
 - Ashton Chan, Networking
 - Bryson Chan, Networking

- **Farm Day At Bower Hill** – This month we celebrated Farm Day for Kindergarten at Bower Hill! Dressed in their finest farm gear, students rotated through stations where they got to try their hand at painting a barn, shearing sheep, planting crops, milking the cows and more! Hard work is fun when you're in kindergarten!
- **Career And Technical Signing Day** - Seniors Ashton Chan and Bryson Chan were recognized at the Career and Technical Education Signing Day at PNC Park in April. They were presented with certificates and honored for their plans to attend the Rochester Institute of Technology next fall.
- **Star Wars Stem Day At Pleasant Valley** – May the Fourth marked the first Star Wars themed STEM Day for 3rd Grade at Pleasant Valley. Students rotated through classrooms putting their teamwork and creativity to the test as they built a bridge and created their own flying ship to

escape the Dark Forces, built a new base complete with multiple exits and secret hiding places, worked together to create a new droid and even made masks for a new villain in the galaxy.

- **National History Day Honors** – Six students from Peters Township earned honors at the State Level in the National History Day competition. History Day is an opportunity for students to present historical papers, exhibits, performances, documentaries, and original website designs pertaining to an annual theme. Entries this year focused on the theme of “Frontiers in History: People, Places and Ideas.” Students placing in first and second place will move on to the national level.
 - First Place
 - AP Martin and Angelina Williams, Grade 8
 - Junior Group Exhibit
 - Entry Title: The Great Chicago Fire of 1871: Frontier of Architecture
 - Second Place
 - Zac Meyers, Grade 9
 - Senior Individual Exhibit
 - Entry Title: Changing the Landscape of the Movie Industry: Walt Disney A Pioneer of Animation, To Think it All Started With a Dream and a ...Rabbit?
 - Fourth Place
 - Jackson Tookey, Grade 8
 - Junior Individual Website
 - Entry Title: Branch Rickey: Baseball’s Greatest Pioneer
 - Yunjoe Chang, Grade 12 and Kaitlyn Strine, Grade 10
 - Senior Group Exhibit
 - Entry Title: “Not even the sky is the limit”: How NASA’s Project Mercury Revolutionized Technology in the Final Frontier
- **National Aviary Visit At Pleasant Valley** – Pleasant Valley’s 1st grade students had a special visit from the National Aviary. Students learned about the characteristics of birds that make them unique and even met a falcon named Austin. Did you know that falcons can fly at speeds of over 200 mph?
- **Art Contest Winner** – McMurray 4th grade student Dora Liu has won first place in Washington County in the Law Day Art Contest. There were more than 600 entries in the contest and Dora will receive \$50 for her efforts. She will also be recognized at the Washington County Courthouse during the Law Day Celebration on May 1st.
- **Geologist Visits Bower Hill** - Following their science unit on Pebbles, Sand and Silt, Bower Hill’s second grade students had a visit from Jeff Smith, a local geologist. Jeff took students through the entire process of how geodes are formed, as well as their mining, and transportation back to PA. He even cracked a few geodes open in front of the students. Many thanks to the PTA for providing this opportunity.
- **Excellence In The Arts**
- **Room 100 Releases First Single** - Congratulations to Room 100 and their director, Mr. Perrotte on the release of their first single “You Might Think”. The music is currently available on Apple Music, YouTube Music, Amazon Unlimited, Tidal, Instagram, and Spotify. The song was arranged by Mr. Perrotte and sung by the 20 member group. Cover art for the single was designed by the PTHS Art Department and the video is currently being produced by the Media Department.
- **PTHS Presents Game of Tiaras** – Congratulations to the cast and crew of Game of Tiaras, the latest theatre production of the school year that took place this weekend at the High School. This comedy parody was their final show of the season this year.
- **Digital Media Awards** - The PTHS Media Department competed in the Digital Media Arts Consortium student festival at Robert Morris University in April and our media students won 14 awards in the following categories: Special Effects, Video as Art, Digital Cinema, Documentary,

News Package, Feature Package, Instructional, Black and White Photography, News/Photojournalism and Photo Illustration. Students also took home awards for Best Editing, Best Cinematography, and Best Directing in the 48-Hour Film Challenge sponsored through the competition. Senior Alexandra Kartsonas also earned the Founders' Award which is granted to students from across the region who make significant and lasting contributions to the media programs at their home schools.

➤ **Excellence In Athletics**

- Congratulations to the High School athletes above who signed National Letters of Intent today to continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level:
- Brendan McCullough – Football - Carnegie Mellon University
 - Jake Ziegler - Men's Basketball - Penn State Behrend
 - Richie Woods - Football - St. Vincent College
 - Roman Milani - Men's Soccer - Pitt-Greensburg
 - Jiovanni DeChicchis - Wrestling - Washington & Jefferson

➤ **Excellence In Character**

- **Fire Safety At Bower Hill** – This month our 2nd graders at Bower Hill are learning about Fire Safety! Many thanks to our PT Fire Department who came out to show the students the features of the truck and to talk about safety in the kitchen, bedroom and how to get out if a fire does occur.

➤ **Excellence In Leadership**

- **Apple Awards At Pleasant Valley** – This month we had the pleasure of presenting not one but two special awards at Pleasant Valley! Apple Awards from the National State Teacher of the Year – Pennsylvania Chapter were presented to second grade teacher Amanda Albright and kindergarten teacher Danielle Hackworth. Apple awards are presented to recognize exceptional efforts in teaching, coaching, and other efforts that support educational excellence. Albright and Hackworth were honored for making a positive difference in the lives of our students and our school!
- **Kids Of Steel** – On May 6, 250 students in grades K-5 took part in the Kids of STEEL race in downtown Pittsburgh. Throughout the past few months students have participated in activities at home or at school to prepare for the event before running the final mile of their “marathon” downtown.
- **Elementary Spring Open Houses** – Last week Bower Hill and Pleasant Valley celebrated their spring open houses with parents and staff at the schools. Families could interact with the staff, enjoy a meal at the food trucks and take part in games and activities together at the school. McMurray will hold their event this week.
- **Ready to Rock Kindergarten** – District Kindergarten teachers hosted the annual Kindergarten and PreSchool Workshop on April 21st . This annual event is designed to promote a smooth transition from preschool to kindergarten and this year’s focus was on speech and fine/gross motor skills. Many thanks to Mrs. Myers who lead the planning effort!
- **Kindergarten Orientation** – This month week we welcomed our 2023-2024 kindergarten students and their parents for orientation at Bower Hill and Pleasant Valley! The students got a tour of the school, made some crafts, heard a story and even got a short ride on a school bus! We're excited to welcome our newest students in August!
- **Pay It Forward Winners** - Please join us as we congratulate our Pay It Forward Winners from the Peters Township Education Foundation! During our Staff Appreciation Celebration, more than 200 nominations were submitted by students, parents and colleagues to recognize staff members making a difference in the lives of students in our community. This year’s winners are listed above. Winners will receive a \$100 Visa gift card for use on items for their classroom or department.
- High School: Mr. Scott Orelli
 - Middle School: Mrs. Katie Stouden

- McMurray: Mrs. Jamie Oney
- Pleasant Valley: Mrs. Barb Viola
- Bower Hill: Mrs. Marissa McFeaters

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA AND OTHER ITEMS

(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 reminded to state their name and resident status for the minutes.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Executive Sessions were held on May 8, 2023 and immediately prior to this meeting to discuss personnel and litigation.

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 April 17, 2023.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for April 2023 with a balance of \$10,521,476.99.
3. Approval of the General Fund bills for April 14, 2023 through May 11, 2023.
4. Approval of the Capital Facilities Fund bills for April 14, 2023 through May 11, 2023.
5. Approval of the Food Service Fund bills for April 14, 2023 through May 11, 2023.
6. Approval of the McMurray Elementary School Activity Fund report for April 2023.
7. Approval of the Middle School Activity Fund report for April 2023.
8. Approval of the High School Athletic Fund report for April 2023.
9. Approval of the High School Activity Fund report for April 2023.

10. Approval of the High School Coffee Shop Activity Fund report for April 2023.

MOTION:

Mr. Dunleavy moved for approval of the Business Office recommendation items 1 through 10, seconded by Mr. Briegel.

MOTION CARRIED

(9-0)

II. BOARD COMMITTEES

Personnel

Daniel Taylor

1. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve an employment Agreement with Mr. Adam Swinchock for the position of Director of Instructional Technology for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026 on terms and conditions approved by the Solicitor. (attachment)

MOTION:

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

MOTION CARRIED

(9-0)

2. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve an employment Agreement with Mr. Justin Pyles for the position of Assistant Athletic Director for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026 on terms and conditions approved by the Solicitor. (attachment)

MOTION:

Mr. Taylor moved for approval of Personnel recommendation 2, seconded by Mr. Dunleavy.

MOTION CARRIED

(9-0)

3. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve a Separation and Release Agreement for Employee #02-22-23 on terms and conditions approved by the Solicitor.

MOTION:

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

MOTION CARRIED

(9-0)

Buildings and Grounds

Ron Dunleavy

4. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve the responsive proposal submitted by Bertram Painting meeting specifications to paint portions of the Middle School auditorium at a cost of \$18,450.00. Two (2) other proposals were received. This project is funded by Capital Projects.

MOTION:

Mr. Dunleavy moved for approval of Buildings and Grounds recommendation 4, seconded by Mr. Briegel.

MOTION CARRIED

(9-0)

5. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve the responsive proposal submitted by JB Mechanical Inc. meeting the specifications for replacing the fire hydrant at Bower Hill Elementary at a cost of \$14,475.00. Two (2) other proposals were received. This project is funded by Capital Projects.

MOTION:

Mr. Dunleavy moved for approval of Buildings and Grounds recommendation 5, seconded by Mr. Briegel.

MOTION CARRIED

(9-0)

Education

Minna Allison

An Education Committee Meeting was held on May 8, 2023

6. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve the following materials for **initial presentation**:

HIGH SCHOOL

English Academic 10

Illegal: A Graphic Novel, Eoin Colfer and Andrew Donkin, Sourcebooks, ISBN 978-1-492-66582-3, Cost: \$1,398.60

Salt to the Sea, Ruta Sepetys, Penguin Group, ISBN 978-0-142-42362-2, Cost: \$1,163.40

English Academic 11

The Martian: Classroom Edition, Andy Weir, Crown/Archetype, ISBN 978-0804189354, Cost: \$1,734.00

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Reading 7

Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus, Dusti Bowling, Sterling Publishing/Union Square Kids, ISBN: 978-1454932994, Cost: \$315.15

Language Arts 8

I Have Lived A Thousand Years; Growing Up In The Holocaust, Livia Bitton-Jackson, Simon Pulse, ISBN: 978-0689823954, Cost: \$682.50

Prisoner B-3087, Alan Gratz, Scholastic Press, ISBN: 978-0545459013, Cost: \$1,672.50

Literature Foundations Grade 8

Sal and Gabi Break the Universe, Carlos Hernandez, Disney, ISBN: 978-1368023627, Cost: \$504.05

MCMURRAY, BOWER HILL, AND PLEASANT VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Mathematics K-5

Savvas Learning Company enVision Math, 2024©, 6-year subscription, Cost: \$268,787.39

MOTION:

Mrs. Allison moved for approval of Education recommendation 6, seconded by Mr. Dunleavy.

MOTION CARRIED

(9-0)

Finance

Thomas McMurray

A Finance Committee Meeting was held on May 8, 2023.

7. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to adopt the Proposed Final General Fund Budget for 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$80,252,395.00. (attachment)

MOTION:

Mr. McMurray moved for approval of Finance recommendation 7, seconded by Mr. Briegel.

MOTION CARRIED

(9-0)

8. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to authorize Peacock Keller, LLP, to file 2024 property tax assessment appeals to properties transferred in the District from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, that meet the following criteria:
1. Minimum sale price of \$200,000.00;
 2. Minimum Ratio of Sale Price/Assessed Value of 1.40; and,
 3. Minimum under-assessed tax revenue of \$500.00.

MOTION:

Mr. McMurray moved for approval of Finance recommendation 8, seconded by Mr. Taylor

Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. Allison – No
Mrs. Anderson – No
Mrs. Bowman – Yes
Mr. Briegel – No
Mr. Dunleavy – No

Mrs. Grossman – No
Mr. McMurray – Yes
Dr. Payne – No
Mr. Taylor – No

MOTION FAILED
(2-7)

Policy

Lisa Anderson:

Mrs. Anderson reported that PSBA is recommending to change three policies related to the Breach of Personal Information Notification Act. The policy changes are statutory requirements and will be placed on the June Agenda for a first reading.

PSBA

Lisa Anderson

9. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve the purchase of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, Inc. (PSBA) All-Access membership for the 2023–24 school year at a cost of \$17,508.06. This is an increase of \$1,200.02 from the 2022–23 school year. (attachment)

MOTION:

Mrs. Anderson moved for approval of PSBA recommendation 9, seconded by Mr. Briegel.

Comment: Dr. Payne asked if all the training available is covered through this membership. Mrs. Anderson answered that all trainings are covered along with policy news network.

MOTION CARRIED
(9-0)

10. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve Rebecca Bowman, a willing and available Board Member, as a voting delegate to the PSBA 2023 Delegate Assembly. This year's meeting of the Assembly will be held on November 4, 2023.

MOTION:

Mrs. Anderson moved for approval of PSBA recommendation 10, seconded by Mr. Briegel.

Comment: Mrs. Anderson thanked Mrs. Bowman for representing the District.

MOTION CARRIED
(8-0-1)

Mrs. Bowman abstained from the motion.

Western Area Career and Technology Center

Rebecca Bowman

The next Joint Operating Committee meeting will be held on May 24, 2023.

In March, the Pennsylvania Board of Education completed an Approved Program Evaluation (called a 339 report) of all 15 programs at the Western Area Career & Technology Center (WACTC). WACTC and the individual programs received multiple commendations. The commendations included that “every instructor attended the actual IEP meeting for students in their program,” that the “number of articulation agreements listed by the instructors was impressive,” that “[t]he majority of students were Competent or Advanced on the National Occupational Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI). This speaks volumes to the instruction that is occurring at WACTC,” and that communication among instructors, administration, and the Occupational Advisory Committees “showed that the input from the OAC members was meaningful and seriously considered for the program,” and that the programs have healthy and useful interactions with the community.

A new record has been set by WACTC, 124 students out of 127 students taking the NOCTI test passed the exam.

Intermediate Unit

Thomas McMurray

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on May 25, 2023.

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:**

May 2022-2023-01
May 2022-2023-02

2. Approve the following **transfer:**

Name: Wendy Bergmark
From: Art Teacher, Middle School
To: Art Teacher, Bower Hill Elementary
Effective: 2023-2024 School Year
Replacing: Nicole McAfoose

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

Name: Abigail Tirpak
Position: Elementary Teacher
Assignment: Bower Hill Elementary
Salary: Masters, Step 1
Effective: 2023-2024 School Year
Replaces: Ashley Leddy

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

Name: Hannah Hamilton
Position: Biology Teacher
Assignment: High School
Salary: Masters, Step 1
Effective: 2023-2024 School Year
Replaces: John Antonelli

Name: David Young
Position: Music Teacher
Assignment: High School
Salary: Bachelors plus 15, Step 2
Effective: 2023-2024 School Year
Replaces: Milton Barney

Name: Kenady Hubbard
Position: Elementary Teacher
Assignment: McMurray Elementary
Salary: Bachelors, Step 2
Effective: 2023-2024 School Year
Replaces: Newly Created Position

Name: Susan Albert
Position: Elementary Teacher
Assignment: McMurray Elementary
Salary: Masters, Step 3
Effective: 2023-2024 School Year
Replaces: Megan Wysocki

Name: Ashley Phillips
Position: Elementary Teacher
Assignment: McMurray Elementary
Salary: Masters, Step 1
Effective: 2023-2024 School Year
Replaces: Rebecca Sparks

Name: Sarah Backus
Position: Elementary Teacher
Assignment: Bower Hill Elementary
Salary: Masters, Step 3
Effective: 2023-2024 School Year
Replaces: Nancy Parker

Name: Karen McMullen
Position: Elementary Teacher
Assignment: Bower Hill Elementary
Salary: Bachelors plus 15, Step 10

Effective: 2023-2024 School Year
Replaces: Nancy Hobbs

Name: Mary Mack
Position: Special Education Teacher
Assignment: Bower Hill Elementary
Salary: Masters, Step 2
Effective: 2023-2024 School Year
Replaces: Megan Hall

Name: Lindsay Cox
Position: Elementary Teacher
Assignment: Bower Hill Elementary
Salary: Masters, Step 3
Effective: 2023-2024 School Year
Replaces: Newly Created Position

Name: Hannah Delon
Position: Elementary Teacher
Assignment: Pleasant Valley Elementary
Salary: Bachelors, Step 1
Effective: 2023-2024 School Year
Replaces: Newly Created Position

5. Approve the following **teacher** for the **2023 Extended School Year (ESY) Program** at the contractual rate, from June 26, 2023 through July 27, 2023, 2 in-service days and 19 instructional days, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday:

Walter Michalski

6. Approve the following **substitute teacher** for the **2023 Extended School Year (ESY) Program** at the contractual rate, from June 26, 2023 through July 27, 2023, 2 in-service days and 19 instructional days, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday:

Nikki Economou

7. Approve the following **teacher** for the **2023 Elementary Summer Reading Support - Special Circumstances Program** at the contractual rate, from June 26, 2023 through July 27, 2023, 1 in-service day and up to 19 instructional days, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday:

Danielle DeCarlucci
Genevieve Rae

8. Approve the following **student teachers/observers/interns** for the 2023–24 school year. All compliance documents for the following individuals are on file.

Name: Jennifer Cass
Dates of Assignment: 8/21/23 - 12/7/23

College or University: Slippery Rock University
Curriculum Major: PreK-4
PTSD Teacher & Bldg.: Danielle DeCarlucci/Bower Hill Elementary
Assignment: Student Teacher

Name: Rachel Zombeck
Dates of Assignment: 8/28/23 - 12/19/23
College or University: Waynesburg University
Curriculum Major: Chemistry
PTSD Teacher/Bldg.: Deborah Kendrick/High School
Assignment: Student Teacher

Name: Erica Mahoney
Dates of Assignment: 8/22/23 - 12/1/23
College or University: Millersville University of PA
Curriculum Major: School Nurse Certification
PTSD Teacher/Bldgs.: Amy Caputo/McMurray Elementary & Pleasant Valley Elementary
Assignment: Practicum

Name: Samantha Szewczyk
Dates of Assignment: 8/28/23 - 12/8/23
College or University: Duquesne University
Curriculum Major: PreK-4
PTSD Teacher/Bldg.: Cari Williams/Pleasant Valley Elementary
Assignment: Student Teacher

9. Approve the following as **day-to-day substitute certificated personnel** for the 2022-23 school year:

Zachary George - Music PK-12
Hannah Hamilton - Biology 7-12
Walter Michalski - Special Education K-12
Sarah Russell - Grades PK-4

MOTION:

Mr. Dunleavy moved for approval of Certificated Personnel recommendation items 1 through 9, seconded by Mr. Briegel.

MOTION CARRIED

(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:**

May 2022-2023-03
May 2022-2023-04
May 2022-2023-05

2. Approve the following **retirement**:

Name: Eck Buratti
Position: Driver
Assignment: Bus Garage
Effective: June 7, 2023

3. Approve the following **resignations**:

Name: Derek Habe
Position: Maintenance
Assignment: Buildings and Grounds
Effective: May 5, 2023

Name: Tammy Kitterman
Position: Driver
Assignment: Bus Garage
Effective: May 31, 2023

Name: Richard Schneider
Position: Custodian
Assignment: High School
Effective: May 12, 2023

Name: Deborah Herbster
Position: Paraprofessional
Assignment: High School
Effective: May 25, 2023

Name: Kimberly Sanders
Position: Cafeteria Food Service
Assignment: Middle School
Effective: May 10, 2023

4. Approve the following **transfer**:

Name: Courtney Murphy
From: Part time Class III Clerical, High School
To: Full Time Class II Clerical, Pleasant Valley Elementary
Effective: August 14, 2023
Replacing: Julie Swiatek

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

Name: Valarie Gump
Position: Custodian
Assignment: High School
Salary: \$18.98/hr.
Effective: June 5, 2023
Replacing: Richard Dami

Name: Willard Straub
Position: Driver
Assignment: Bus Garage
Salary: \$12.58/hr.
Effective: May 16, 2023
Replacing: Ronald Kinzel

Name: Thomas Ulrey
Position: Driver
Assignment: Bus Garage
Salary: \$24.10/hr.
Effective: May 16, 2023
Replacing: Barbara Maers

6. Approve the following **paraprofessional resignation** for the **2023 Extended School Year (ESY) Program**, from June 26, 2023 through July 27, 2023:

Lisa Meier

7. Approve the following **paraprofessionals** for the **2023 Extended School Year (ESY) Program** at the contractual rate, from June 26, 2023 through July 27, 2023, 1 in-service day and 19 instructional days, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday:

Nikki Economou
Lisa Harrison
Kristen Lynch

8. Approve the following **substitute paraprofessionals** for the **2023 Extended School Year (ESY) Program** at the contractual rate, from June 26, 2023 through July 27, 2023, 1 in-service day and 19 instructional days, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday:

Carly Lutz
Walter Michalski
Amy Obringer

9. Approve the following **day-to-day non-teaching substitutes** for the 2022–23 school year:

Charles Berdine - Custodian
Karen Deliere - Bus Aide
Walter Michalski - Paraprofessional
Richard Schneider - Custodian

MOTION:

Mr. Dunleavy moved for approval of Non-Certificated Personnel recommendation items 1 through 9, seconded by Mr. Briegel.

MOTION CARRIED

(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 **Facilitators** for the 2023–24 school year:

PLEASANT VALLEY ELEMENTARY

Grade K-1

Kelly Zajicek

Grade 2-3

Mary Elizabeth Barnes

BOWER HILL ELEMENTARY

Grade K

Christina Brogna

Grade 1

Marisa McFeaters

Grade 2

Beth Kuchma

Grade 3

Brent Killen

MCMURRAY ELEMENTARY

Grade 4

Dana Tucker

Grade 5

Joseph Bratetich

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Language Arts Content

Dr. Nicole Mitchell

Math Content

Tara Rebar

Science Content

Terrence Kelly (Split 50% w/Palko)

Science Content

Jennifer Palko (Split 50% w/Kelly)

Social Studies Content

Harry Bushmire (Split 50% w/Elders)

Social Studies Content

Joshua Elders (Split 50% w/Bushmire)

Grade 6

Paige Seelhorst (Split 50% w/Meckey)

Anna Meckey (Split 50% w/Seelhorst)

Grade 7

Bethany Gallagher (Split 50% w/Palko)

Jennifer Palko (Split 50% w/Gallagher)

Grade 8

Matthew Cheran

HIGH SCHOOL

English Content

Angel Schranz

English Department

Kelly Barefoot

Math Content
Math Department

Angela Berger
Tracey Ranone

Science Content
Science Department

Scott Orelli
Susan Hlebinsky

Social Studies Content
Social Studies Content
Social Studies Department

Kevin Lawrence (Split 50% w/Pinto)
Jaylan Pinto (Split 50% w/Lawrence)
Sarah Corsinelli

K-12 FACILITATORS

Art K-8
Art K-8
Art 9-12

Kelly Rutkowski (Split 50% w/Harrison)
Pamela Harrison (Split 50% w/Rutkowski)
Kristin DeGiovanni
(Split 50% w/McCutcheon)
Lauren McCutcheon
(Split 50% w/DeGiovanni)

Art 9-12

BCIT, Media and Tech Ed K-8
BCIT, Media and Tech Ed 9-12

Brian Griffin (Split 50% w/Boni)
Erin Boni (Split 50% w/Griffin)

Health, PE K-3

John Kerekes
(Split 33% w/Ferragonio & Corbin)

Health, PE 4-8

Jessica Ferragonio
(Split 33% w/Kerekes & Corbin)

Health, PE 9-12

Karen Corbin
(Split 33% w/Kerekes & Ferragonio)

Library K-12

Jill Keffel

Music K-5
Music 6-12

Robert Tupper (Split 50% w/Perrotte)
Ryan Perrotte (Split 50% w/Tupper)

Nurse K-12

Crystal Stiegel

School Counseling, K-8

Mary Beth Kenny-Massaró
(Split 50% w/Sudol)

School Counseling, 9-12

Jeff Sudol
(Split 50% w/Kenny-Massaró)

Special Education K-3 – Bower Hill
Special Education 6-8 – Middle School
Special Education 9-12 – High School

Lauren Powell
Jessica Neidermeyer
Marissa Clancy

World Language, K-12
World Language, K-12

Beth Wilmus (Split 50% w/Wilkinson)
Douglas Wilkinson (Split 50% w/Wilmus)

2. Approve the following **renewal of extra-duty Resource personnel** for the 2023–24 school year:

HIGH SCHOOL

Detention Supervisor
Stage Manager

Sarah Corsinelli
Jason Zippay

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Technology Education & Engineering
Large Group Int. Area Coordinator
Audio Visual Coordinator

Joseph Bayto
Brian Griffin
Katherine Stouden

3. Approve the following **extra-duty Resource personnel** for the 2023–24 school year:
(attachment)

HIGH SCHOOL

Detention Supervisor

Sharon Valley

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Photographer

Paige Seelhorst

4. Approve the following **renewal of extra-duty Activities personnel** for the 2023–24 school year:

HIGH SCHOOL

Class Sponsor Senior
Class Sponsor Junior
Class Sponsor Sophomore
Class Sponsor Freshman
Computer Club/ACSL Advisor
Drama, Director, per play (Fall)
Drama, Director, Musical
Drama, Tech. Director, per play (Fall)
Drama, Tech. Director, per play (Spring)
Drama, Tech. Director, per play (Spring)
Drama, Tech. Director, Musical
Drama, Tech. Director, Musical
Drama, Instrumental Director
Drama, Co-Director, Musical
Drama, Vocal/Choral Director
Drama, Choreographer, Musical
Drama, Director, per play Coffee House
Drama, Tech. Director – Coffeehouse
Theatre Producer Musical/Spring Play

Theatre Producer Musical/Spring Play

Casey Benson
Erin Baker
Sarah Corsinelli
Sarah Corsinelli
Lauren Stawartz
Jean Cygrymus
Raymond Cygrymus
Jason Zippay
Jason Zippay
Robert Hockenberry
Jason Zippay
Robert Hockenberry
David DiFilippo
Jean Cygrymus
Ryan Perrotte
Nicole Uram
Beth Wilmus
Jason Zippay
Kristianna Gizzi
(Split 33% w/Williams and 33% w/Koerbel)
Cari Williams

Theatre Producer Musical/Spring Play
 Theatre Producer Fall Play/Coffee House
 Theatre Producer Fall Play/Coffee House
 Theatre Producer Fall Play/Coffee House
 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
 Advisor
 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
 Assistant Advisor
 Forensics Advisor Fall/Winter
 Forensics Advisor Winter/Spring
 Government/Law Advisor
 International Society Advisor – French Club
 International Society Advisor – German Club
 International Society Advisor – Spanish Club
 Interact Club Sponsor (Funded by Rotary Club)
 Interact Club Sponsor (Funded by Rotary Club)
 Literary Publications Advisor
 Mathematics Club
 National Honor Society
 National Honor Society Assistant
 Newspaper Advisor
 PHASE, Science Club Advisor
 Photography Club
 Science Olympiad
 Students Active for Environment (S.A.F.E)
 SHARP Sponsor
 Students Against Destructive Decisions
 Co-Sponsor (SADD)
 Students Against Destructive Decisions
 Co-Sponsor (SADD)
 Student Council Sponsor
 Student Ambassadors Advisor
 Student Ambassadors Advisor
 Thespian Club Advisor
 Video Club Sponsor
 Yearbook Business Advisor
 Yearbook Editorial Advisor

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Cool 2 Be Clean (C2BC) Co-Sponsor
 MathCounts
 Forensics Coach

(Split 33% w/Gizzi & 33% w/Koerbel)
 Rochelle Koerbel
 (Split 33% w/Gizzi and 33% w/Williams)
 Kristianna Gizzi
 (Split 33% w/Williams and 33% w/Koerbel)
 Cari Williams
 (Split 33% w/Gizzi and 33% w/Koerbel)
 Rochelle Koerbel
 (Split 33% w/Gizzi and 33% w/Williams)

John Good

Sarah Palermo
 Kristin Groninger
 Kristin Groninger
 Adam Brado
 Holly Heirendt
 Doug Wilkinson
 Shelby Smail
 Meredith Price (Split 50% w/Trunzo)
 Patricia Trunzo (Split 50% w/Price)
 Erin Boni
 Susan Canfield
 Deborah Kendrick
 Angela Berger
 Nicole Sitler
 Dr. Christopher Allen
 Nicole Sitler
 Dr. Christopher Allen
 Keith Compeggie
 Scott Sussman

Krysten Neff (Split 50% w/McCarthy)

Sara McCarthy (Split 50% w/Neff)
 Brendan Albright
 Alyssa Simmons (Split 50% w/Price)
 Meredith Price (Split 50% w/Simmons)
 Jean Cygrymus
 Robin Hodgin-Frick
 Nicole Sitler
 Erin Boni

Melissa Giaquinto
 Amy Quiring
 Erin Weber

Musical, Co-Director Vocal
Musical, Co-Director Drama
Musical, Assistant Director
National History Day Sponsor
Student Council
Student Council
Newspaper
Yearbook Co-Sponsor
Literary Magazine Co-Sponsor
Literary Magazine Co-Sponsor

Gregory Cleary
Lorra Brannen
Cynthia Moran
Joshua Elders
Rebecca Ritter
Katherine Stouden
Dr. Nicole Mitchell
Melissa Giaquinto
Dr. Nicole Mitchell
Frances Lund

5. Approve the following **extra-duty Activities personnel** for the 2023–24 school year:
(attachment)

HIGH SCHOOL

Drama, Tech. Director, per play (Fall)
Drama, Director, per play (Spring)
Forensics Assistant
Marching Band Camp Director
Marching Band Director
Pep Band

Martin Reardon
Raymond Cygrymus
Alyssa Patton
David Young
David Young
David Young

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Cool 2 Be Clean (C2BC) Co-Sponsor
Yearbook Co-Sponsor

Adele Packrone
Anna Meckey

6. Approve the following **renewal of extra-duty Athletic personnel** for the 2023–24 school year:

HIGH SCHOOL

Fall/Winter

Cheerleading, Assistant Coach
Cheerleading, Assistant Coach

Heather Yohn
Jalynn Sanders

Winter

Basketball, Boys Assistant Coach
Basketball, Boys Assistant Coach
Basketball, Boys 9th Grade Head Coach
Basketball, Boys Volunteer Coach
Basketball, Boys Volunteer Coach
Basketball, Boys Volunteer Coach
Basketball, Girls Assistant Coach

Basketball, Girls Assistant Coach

Track, Winter Indoor Assistant Coach
Track, Winter Indoor Volunteer Coach
Track, Winter Indoor Volunteer Coach
Track, Winter Indoor Volunteer Coach

Joseph DeGregorio
Kevin Lawrence
Joseph Scaglione
Michael Fischer
Jake Monroe
Dennis Squeglia
Dawn McCullough
(Split 60% w/Grzybek & Podgorski)
Brendan Podgorski
(Split 60% w/Grzybek & McCullough)
Charles Helbig
Brendan Albright
Gillian Callender
Nicole Hillard

Track, Winter Indoor Volunteer Coach
Wrestling, Assistant Coach
Wrestling, Assistant Coach

Timothy Wu
Jacob Caputo (Split 50% w/Wilkes)
Tyler Wilkes (Split 50% w/Caputo)

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Fall/Winter

Cheerleading, Head Coach
Cheerleading, Assistant Coach

Stephanie Bell
Nicole Wall

Winter

Basketball, Boys Head Coach
Basketball, Boys Assistant Coach
Basketball, Boys Assistant Coach
Basketball, Boys Assistant Coach
Basketball, Girls Head Coach

Jayson Zeminski
William Amend
Joshua Elders
John Kerekes
Jayson Zeminski

7. Approve the following **extra-duty Athletic personnel** for the 2023–24 school year: (attachment)

HIGH SCHOOL

Winter

Basketball, Girls Assistant Coach

Megan Grzybek
(Split 80% w/McCullough & Podgorski)

MOTION:

Mr. Dunleavy moved for approval of Extra-Duty Personnel/Programs recommendation item 1 through 7, seconded by Mr. Briegel.

MOTION CARRIED

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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.)

Name: Hannah Hamilton, AP Biology Teacher – High School
Activity: AP Summer Institute – AP Biology
Dates: June 26 – 29, 2023
Location: McDonald, PA
Estimated Cost: \$1,000.00

Name: Stacy McCartney
Business Computer Information Technology (BCIT) Teacher
McMurray Elementary
Activity: Maker Educator Boot Camp
Dates: August 7 – 10, 2023
Location: Pittsburgh, PA
Estimated Cost: \$83.84

MOTION:

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

MOTION CARRIED

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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: Boys Volleyball Boosters – High School
Purpose: Team Expenses
Dates: May 25 and May 29, 2023
Location: Pittsburgh Convention Center
Activity: Volleyball Net Set Up and Removal

Organization: Lady Indians Girls Basketball Boosters – High School
Purpose: Team Expenses
Dates: July 10 – 13, 2023
Location: High School
Activity: Youth Girls Basketball Camp

Organization: Hoop Group Boys Basketball Boosters – High School
Purpose: Team Expenses
Dates: July 17 – 20 and July 24 – 27, 2023
Location: High School
Activity: Youth Basketball Camp

Organization: Cheerleading Boosters – High School
Purpose: Team Expenses
Dates: July 27 – 28, 2023
Location: High School
Activity: Youth Cheer Camp

Organization: Senior Class – High School
Purpose: Class Expenses
Dates: October 28, November 11, or November 18, 2023
Location: High School
Activity: Craft and Vendor Show

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

Organization: Track and Field Team – High School
Advisor: Justin Pinto
Event: PIAA State Track and Field Finals
Dates: May 25 – 27, 2023
Location: Shippensburg, PA
Est. Cost to Dist.: \$5,779.20

Organization: National History Day – Middle School
Advisor: Joshua Elders
Event: National History Day – National Competition
Dates: June 11 – 15, 2023
Location: College Park, MD
Est. Cost to Dist.: \$1,847.45

Organization: Baseball Team – High School
Advisor: Rocky Plassio
Event: PIAA State Baseball Finals
Dates: June 14 – 16, 2023
Location: State College, PA
Est. Cost to Dist.: \$5,643.50

Organization: Boys Volleyball Team – High School
Advisor: Cullen Vereb
Event: PIAA State Boys Volleyball Finals
Dates: June 16 – 17, 2023
Location: State College, PA
Est. Cost to Dist.: \$3,381.50

Organization: Boys Lacrosse Team – High School
Advisor: Jacob Bow
Event: PIAA State Boys Lacrosse Finals
Dates: June 16 – 18, 2023
Location: State College, PA
Est. Cost to Dist.: \$6,701.50

Organization: Girls Lacrosse Team – High School
Advisor: Audrey Wilcox
Event: PIAA State Girls Lacrosse Finals
Dates: June 16 – 18, 2023
Location: State College, PA
Est. Cost to Dist.: \$6,701.50

Organization: Girls Golf Team – High School
Advisor: Michael Lacey
Event: Happy Valley Invitational Tournament
Dates: August 9 – 11, 2023
Location: State College, PA
Est. Cost to Dist.: \$0.00

Organization: Girls Soccer Team – High School
Advisor: Patrick Vereb
Event: Erie Team Camp
Dates: August 17 – 19, 2023
Location: Erie, PA
Est. Cost to Dist.: \$0.00

Organization: Boys Golf Team – High School
Advisor: David Kuhn
Event: Morgantown Invitational Tournament
Dates: August 27 – 28, 2023
Location: Morgantown, WV
Est. Cost to Dist.: \$150.00

Organization: Girls Golf Team – High School
Advisor: Michael Lacey
Event: Erie Tournament
Dates: September 15 – 17, 2023
Location: Erie, PA
Est. Cost to Dist.: \$0.00

Organization: Cross Country Team – High School
Advisor: Kristin Sortino and Timothy Wu
Event: PIAA Foundation Meet
Dates: September 22 – 23, 2023
Location: Hershey, PA
Est. Cost to Dist.: \$0.00

MOTION:

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

Comment: Mrs. Bowman disclosed that she would be attending National History Day as a judge.

MOTION CARRIED
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VIII. OTHER

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

1. Accept a donation of \$11,627.88 from the High School Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) to Peters Township School District for the High School Science Department, Math Department, Music Department, Media Department, Art Department, and two (2) PT Logo flags.

2. Accept a donation of \$2,000.00 from the High School Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) to Peters Township School District for the four (4) High School Class Funds to receive \$500.00 each.
3. Accept a donation of thirteen (13) umbrellas for the High School patio, one inflatable arch with PT theme, and new vertical cones for the parallel parking practice area at the Middle School from the High School Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) to Peters Township School District, value at approximately \$5,550.00.
4. Accept a donation of four (4) benches from McMurray Student Council to Peters Township School District for the front entrance of McMurray Elementary School at a cost of \$2,870.91.
5. Accept a \$250 donation from Anthony Lioon to Peters Township School District for the development of the High School Golf Facility.
6. Accept a \$500 donation from Jeffrey Lioon to Peters Township School District for the development of the High School Golf Facility.
7. Accept a \$5,000 donation from James and Pamela Rocco to Peters Township School District for the development of the High School Golf Facility.
8. Accept a Dual Credit Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education in the amount of \$75,000.00.
9. Reappoint Washington Financial Bank as Treasurer of Record for the 2023–24 school year under the existing terms and conditions.
10. Approve a renewal agreement with Professional Software for Nurses, Inc. (PSNI) for an online subscription in the amount of \$6,600.00, on terms and conditions approved by the Solicitor. (attachment)
11. Approve a Contract between Children’s Dyslexia Centers, Inc. – Pittsburgh and Peters Township School District for training services for the 2023–24 school year, on terms and conditions approved by the Solicitor. (attachment)
12. Approve a three (3) year renewal agreement between Lexia Voyager Sopris Inc. and Peters Township School District for Acadience Learning Online licenses in the amount of \$2.50 per student, on terms and conditions approved by the Solicitor. (attachment)
13. Approve the Student Assistance Program Agreement between the Center for Community Resources and Peters Township School District to provide Student Assistance Liaison (SAP) Services for the 2023-24 school year, on terms and conditions approved by the Solicitor. (attachment)
14. Approve the Interscholastic Unified Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Special Olympics of Pennsylvania and Peters Township School District for the development of a Unified Champion Schools (UCS) Program through June 30, 2024, on terms and conditions approved by the Solicitor. (attachment)

15. Approve an Educational Services Agreement between Intermediate Unit 1 and Peters Township School District for services and programs, commencing July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. (attachment)

MOTION:

Mr. Briegel moved for approval of Other recommendation items 1 through 15, seconded by Mr. Taylor.

Comment: Mrs. Anderson asked Dr. French to explain item number 8. Dr. French explained that this was a competitive grant written by Dr. Murphy that will allow the District to provide dual credit enrollment and upgrade some technology. Mrs. Bowman commented other Districts are looking at the support that we are receiving for our golf practice facility from the community and wanted to express her gratitude for that support.

MOTION CARRIED

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BOARD INFORMATION

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS OF INFORMATION

June Board Meeting:

Monday, June 26, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

July Board Meeting:

No meetings have been scheduled at this time.

August Board Meeting:

Monday, August 21, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Taylor moved for adjournment at 7:59 p.m., seconded by Mr. Dunleavy.

MOTION CARRIED

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Board Secretary

Board President