

Peters Township School District

MINUTES PETERS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 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 7:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Celebration of Excellence

- **Excellence in Academics**
- ➤ Bower Hill Ranks #1 U.S. News & World Report has released their Best Pennsylvania Elementary Schools and Bower Hill Elementary has ranked #1 in Pennsylvania! Schools were assessed based on the number of students who scored proficient or advanced on PSSA exams from the 2020-21 School Year. Half of their proprietary ranking formula was the results themselves; the other half was the results in the context of socioeconomic demographics.
- ➤ Junior Achievement at Pleasant Valley Third grade had some special visitors from Junior Achievement with great lessons on economics! Students learned about goods and services and the different ways we spend and save money; and also about the importance of economic exchange in a city and how entrepreneurs can promote a healthy economy. Many thanks to our business volunteers for an exciting day at PV!
- ➤ Writing Lab Expands At Peters Township Middle School For years, Middle School ELA teacher Ms. Renee Brown has trained strong writers for the Writing Lab where they serve as peer tutors for their classmates. This year the Writing Lab has expanded its offerings and now offers study skills as well. Now under the direction of Mrs. Carla McCue, the student tutors are helping their classmates get ready for upcoming tests and quizzes. The Writing Lab services are also available at the High School in the Learning Commons.

- ➤ 50S Day at Bower Hill November 10th marked the 50th day of school and third grade at Bower Hill celebrated with a 50s themed day. Students dressed in classic 50s style and took part in activities throughout the day around the 1950s and the number 50 to mark the event!
- ➤ STEM Event For Middle School Students This month our PTMS STEM teachers Mrs. Ferragonio and Mr. Mamone took students to the IU campus at McMurray to participate in a BOTSiq challenge event. Students had to collaboratively solve and design catapults using 3D pens and build the least expensive item that can zipline holding a ping pong ball. The overall event was designed to inspire students to think more about the possibilities of the manufacturing industry.
- ➤ Spooky Stem Event at PV Third grade students at Pleasant Valley put their problem solving and teamwork skills to the test for their Spooky STEM Day around Halloween. Students took part in a variety of challenges that included building the tallest tower with cotton swabs, constructing a spider's web to see who could trap the most spiders, flipping water bottles filled with varying amounts of candy corn to determine the highest probability for success and more.
- ➤ PTHS Student Serves as Keynote at Conference The National Conference on Peer Tutoring in Writing was help in Pittsburgh this month and featured PTHS sophomore Sean Serenyi as one of the keynote speaker talking about his experiences as a Peer Tutor at the Middle and High School levels. Sean is the youngest keynote ever in the 40 year history of the organization and did a fantastic job representing Peters Township at the event! The NCPTW promotes the teaching of writing through collaborative learning. PTMS teacher Renee Brown is a past president of the sponsoring organization and helped to organize the conference. NCPTW promotes the teaching of writing through collaborative learning.
- Fire Safety Lessons For Bower Hill Kindergarten Members of the PT Fire Department visited Kindergarten at Bower Hill this month with Sparky the Fire Dog. They talked about staying safe in our homes and Sparky taught the students how to safely STOP, DROP and ROLL! Afterwards they even had a chance to look at the fire truck up close.
- ➤ Dare Graduations At McMurray McMurray students held their DARE graduations this month. Parents were invited to attend the ceremony where Officer Hughes spoke briefly about the program and students received certificates and a DARE t-shirt. Guests also heard from the students who won the DARE essay contest and the citizenship awards were announced. Many thanks to Officer Hughes and congratulations to our students on learning these important lessons about making good decisions!
- ➤ NASA Chat at PTMS Middle School students had the opportunity to take part in a Live Chat Series through NASA and hear from Charlie Bolden, former NASA Astronaut and Major General US Marine Corps (Ret.). Bolden shared his experience and preparation for his 4 flights into space studying the atmosphere and weather in our solar system. The chats are sponsored by the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation whose goal is to inspire all kids to study science, mathematics and technology. More than ninety schools from the across the nation took part and students had the chance to not only listen, but ask questions during the chat.
- French Exchange Student Visit Middle School French students talked with French exchange students visiting our community this month. The visitors shared details about life and school back in France and answered a variety of questions from our students about their culture and habits as compared to life in the United States. Whether it was music tastes, video game preferences or sports they found that they all had much in common!
- ➤ Veteran's Day Event in 3rd Grade Bower Hill students in Mrs. Gallagher's class marked Veterans Day this year with some fun activities! Students brought in pictures of Veterans from

their families and friends and shared them with the class. Each student researched a branch of the armed forces and wrote two interesting facts they found. In Maker Space, they worked in teams to construct a flagpole that could hold their American flag to honor to all the Veterans who have served or are currently serving our country.

- ➤ **Bower Hill Read-A-Thon** This month the Bower Hill Read-a-Thon took over BeeTV to announce the reading and fundraiser winners for the annual PTA event. Overall, our students read for 253,043 minutes and raised \$26,771 medals were distributed to each class by the PTA.
- > STEM Bees The Bower Hill STEM Bees, from our PTA afterschool class, read the book, Creepy Carrots, and then had to create a garden for their main character. Their goal was to not let the carrots out of their garden and our students wasted no time in engineering their designs.
- ➤ SkillsUSA Leadership Conference Peters Township students who attend Western Area Career and Technology Center recently attended the Western Region Fall Leadership Conference at 7 Springs. Students participated in a series of workshops on professional development, finance, team building, planning their futures after high school, and were also given the opportunity to network and make friends from other participating technical schools. (PT STUDENTS Emma Affleck, Abagail Rairgh, Emma Telban attended.)

Excellence in the Arts

- ➤ PV'S Got Talent Pleasant Valley held their annual talent show recently. Students performed a variety of acts that showcased their talents as singers, comedians, dancers and more! The PTA requested canned good donations as admission into the event to benefit the St. John XXIII Interfaith Food Pantry.
- ➤ PMEA District I Band West Honors Congratulations to the students above for being accepted into the PMEA District 1 Band West Festival. (Zennik Bublak, Ethan White, Samantha Brown, Lily Goldbach, Matthais Feitt, Nathan Brula, Owen Weibel, Jacob Simko, Carson Throckmorton, Dominic Bodnar and Garrett Thomas.) They will be participating in a 134-member ensemble in January with 34 other schools being represented from the greater Pittsburgh area. This year's festival will be hosted at Peters Township High School.
- ➤ **Kettering Festival for Room 100 -** Room 100 was so honored to perform at the Friday Night Showcase for the National A cappella Festival in Kettering Ohio in November. Room 100 was 1 of only 7 high school a cappella groups selected, by audition to perform at the event out of 50 groups who submitted an audition video. The students also spent the day in sessions with professionals from across the country who helped hone their performing skills. Many thanks to High School teacher Ryan Perrotte for all his work in getting these students ready for the performance!

Excellence in Athletics

- ➤ Athletic Letter Of Intent Signing On November 9th, eight seniors signed their National Letter of Intent to continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level. Please congratulate the following students:
 - WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
 - Gemma Walker, St. Francis University
 - WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY
 - Grace Senneway, Duquesne University
 - MEN'S LACROSSE
 - Mark Logan, John Carroll University
 - MEN'S LACROSSE
 - Micah Moser, Baldwin Wallace University

- o WOMEN'S LACROSSE
 - Lani Filoon, St. Francis University
- WOMEN'S LACROSSE
 - Brooke Schavolt, Mercyhurst University
- WOMEN'S SOCCER
 - Chloe Pandelos, Cleveland State University
- o SOFTBALL
 - Skylar Lemansky, Seton Hill University
- ➤ PTHS Football What an amazing weekend for our Varsity Football team as they defeated Pine Richland to take home the WPIAL Championship. This is the first football WPIAL championship ever for Peters Township School and the team will now take on Cathedral Prep on Friday in the first round of the state championship.
- ➤ PTHS Golf Speaking of WPIAL and State Championships... Tonight we welcome to the Board Meeting the coaches and members of the high school boys and girls golf teams. Not only did these talented and hard working students earn the WPIAL championship this year, but they BOTH also took home the state championship as well. It is our pleasure to welcome both teams with their coaches this evening.
- **Excellence in Character**
- ➤ Gobble Grams At Bower Hill As we head into the season of giving, our Bower Hill Yoga Bees and friends helped deliver "Gobble Grams," to the staff at Bower Hill. Students wrote personal messages of gratitude to each one. Yoga Bees is an afterschool class organized by 2nd grade teacher Mrs. Kuehn.
- ➤ Best Buddies Pumpkin Painting Pleasant Valley hosted their first Best Buddies event of the year and the students painted pumpkins to use as Thanksgiving decorations. The students practiced giving compliments to friends and working together while completing their projects. Many thanks to Simmons Farm Market for donating the pumpkins for the event.
- ➤ Interact Coat Drive The PTHS Interact Club Coat Drive was a huge success! The drive resulted in more than 100 coats from PTHS for the "Gather and Give" event held at the Washington City Mission. Overall, more than 500 coats were distributed to people in need and more than 600 holiday meals were served. Our Interact students not only organized our local drive, but they set up coats at the mission, helped people find a coat that matched their needs, and helped with setting up the holiday meal.
- ➤ Celebrating Citizenship Last month Team Warhol at PTMS got together to celebrate a classmate who was becoming an American citizen! Paul Zhykharskyy's parents became citizens and were officially sworn in downtown. As a minor Paul is now a citizen as well, but without the official ceremony..but Team Warhol took care of that! The students gathered in the gym with American flags and red, white and blue popsicles while Paul took his oath from Mr. Cheran. Congratulations to Paul and his entire family!
- > Excellence in Leadership
- ➤ Trade And Technical Fair On November 8th the High School hosted the 4th Annual Trade and Technical Fair in the cafeteria. More than 40 organizations took part in the event representing a variety of post-secondary opportunities for our students. The event was organized by Leyna Steffen at the High School.
- ➤ Middle School Veterans Day Event On Friday, November 10th, the Middle School recognized Veteran's Day with a special guest. Lieutenant Colonel Meredith Camilletti (USAF Reserve) visited the school and was interviewed on the school's "Late Afternoon Show" that is broadcast to

- all students each Friday. They discussed Lieutenant Colonel Camilletti's involvement in the process of interviewing candidates for admission to the Air Force Academy and working with college ROTC programs. They also learned more about her career path and experiences in the military.
- ➤ Safety Training For District Parents On October 19th, more than 20 parents attended the annual District Safety Overview provided by Dr. Michael Fisher and Shelly Belcher. They reviewed general safety practices, prevention strategies and the ALICE program for the parents. The program is offered annually to encourage the partnership between school and home and promote safety in our schools.
- ➤ Middle School Career Chats Our Middle School Career Chats were back this month as students had the opportunity to hear about various careers during homeroom. This was the first chat of the year and students heard about careers in a Dental office from PT parent Sara Secrist, who is a registered dental hygienist. She shared her educational background, as well as the education requirements of various positions in a dental office.

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

An Executive Session was held immediately prior to this meeting to discuss personnel, litigation, and the School Safety & Security Report.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Anderson acknowledged this is the last meeting for several board members and it was an honor working with each. She commented that there have been many accomplishments along with trials and tribulations. She also thanked outgoing board members for making her service easier and more fulfilling. Dr. French acknowledged and thanked outgoing board members for their service and always putting students first.

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 October 16, 2023.
- 2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for October 2023 with a balance of \$32,729,674.19.
- 3. Approval of the General Fund bills for October 13, 2023 through November 16, 2023.
- 4. Approval of the Capital Facilities Fund bills for October 13, 2023 through November 16, 2023.
- 5. Approval of the Food Service Fund bills for October 13, 2023 through November 16, 2023.
- 6. Approval of the McMurray Elementary School Activity Fund report for October 2023.
- 7. Approval of the Middle School Activity Fund report for October 2023.
- 8. Approval of the High School Athletic Fund report for October 2023.
- 9. Approval of the High School Activity Fund report for October 2023.
- 10. Approval of the High School Coffee Shop Activity Fund report for October 2023.

MOTION:

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

MOTION CARRIED

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II. BOARD COMMITTEES

Personnel

Daniel Taylor

Buildings and Grounds

Ron Dunleavy

Mr. Dunleavy gave thanks to Mr. Brandon Womer and the Buildings and Grounds staff for all their work.

Education

Minna Allison

An Education Committee Meeting was held on November 13, 2023.

Mrs. Allison thanked Dr. French, Dr. Murphy, and Dr. Fisher for all their time and energy that was put into working toward Education Committee goals in the District.

Finance

Thomas McMurray

1. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve Resolution No. 2023-11-20A stipulating no increase in the rate of the real estate tax by more than the index of 5.3% for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year. (attachment)

MOTION:

Mr. McMurray moved for approval of Finance recommendation 1, seconded by Mr. Briegel.

MOTION CARRIED

(9-0)

2. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to authorize the administration to pay required invoices between November 21, 2023 and January 16, 2024 due to the length of time between meetings.

MOTION:

Mr. McMurray moved for approval of Finance recommendation 2, seconded by Mr. Briegel.

MOTION CARRIED

(9-0)

Policy

Lisa Anderson

3. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve the second reading and adoption of the following policies. (attachments)

Section 000: Local Board Procedures

Policy No. 006 Meetings

Section 200: Pupils

Policy No. 216.1 Supplemental Discipline Records

Policy No. 251 Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care,

and Other Educational Instability

Section 800: Operations

Policy No. 800 Records Management

Policy No. 830 Security of Computerized Personal Information/Breach Notification Policy No. 830.1 Data Governance – Storage/Security

MOTION:

Mrs. Anderson moved for approval of Policy recommendation 3, seconded by Mr. Briegel.

MOTION CARRIED

(9-0)

PSBA

Lisa Anderson

PSBA 2023 Delegate Assembly – Rebecca Bowman

The PSBA platform committee rejected a proposal that PSBA should advocate for student safety by advocating for Red Flag legislation, a requirement that lost or stolen firearms be reported, enhanced background checks, and requirements for safe firearm storage. The proposing school district requested reconsideration, which was rejected.

In two cases, the platform had combined two different concepts into a single proposal. Both combinations involved charter school reform. The Assembly wanted to split the combine concepts back into two each. The parliamentarian (incorrectly in my opinion) told the chair that the Assembly did not have the power under Robert's Rules of Order to bifurcate. Consequently, the Assembly passed two amendments to the platform that included, in one case, disputed language (structuring charter school special education rates) and, in the second case, absurd language (excluding pre-school and kindergarten reimbursement obligation, even if the district provided the program).

(At one point in the Assembly, the Parliamentarian also made a legal ruling, which was not his role.)

Because there was only one candidate for each of the open positions, the candidates were successfully elected.

Mrs. Anderson shared that PSBA will be offering new or returning Board Member training starting in December. PSBA is offering a webinar on November 28th at noon on Cyber Security.

Western Area Career and Technology Center

Rebecca Bowman

The upcoming Joint Operating Committee meetings will be held on November 15, 2023 and December 20, 2023.

WACTC developments:

- 1. WACTC now has sufficient CDL teachers and instructors to establish itself as an emissions inspection station.
- 2. The following grants have been awarded: \$44,750 dual enrollment grant, \$12,000 Commonwealth Charitable Management, \$140,000 PCCD grant over two years, and \$239,168 Perkins grant.
- 3. WACTC has entered into a STAR Articulation Agreement with CCAC: Nursing and Allied Health graduates will be awarded at least three credits, while all other programs will be awarded at least six technical credits.

Intermediate Unit

Thomas McMurray

The Board of Directors held a meeting on November 9, 2023. The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on December 14, 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 **leave of absence:** November 2023-2024-01
- 2. Approve the following **resignation**:

Name: Dr. Christian Lesnett

Position: Assistant High School Principal

Assignment: High School

Effective: December 31, 2023

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

Name: Lindsay Beach
Position: Elementary Teacher
Assignment: Bower Hill Elementary

Salary: Bachelors, Step 1 (pro-rated)

Effective: TBD

Replaces: Emily Kiswardy

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

Name: Haley Denes

Dates of Assignment: 11/21/23 - 1/16/24

College or University: Slippery Rock University
Curriculum Major: Art Education K-12

PTSD Teacher & Bldg.: Pamela Harrison/Middle School

Assignment: Pre-Student Teaching Field Placement

Name: Lindsay Starr
Dates of Assignment: 1/16/24 - 4/23/24
College or University: Duquesne University

Curriculum Major: Speech-Language Pathology

PTSD Teacher/Bldg.: Tammi Hanak/Bower Hill Elementary

Assignment: Externship

5. Approve the following as **day-to-day substitute certificated personnel** for the 2023–24 school year:

Ean Cafaro - English 7-12

MOTION:

Mr. Dunleavy moved for approval of Certificated Personnel recommendation items 1 through 5, seconded by Mr. Briegel.

Comment: Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Allison, and Mr. Briegel wished Dr. Lesnett good luck in his new position.

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 **leave of absence:** November 2023-2024-02

2. Approve the following **retirements:**

Name: Janet Cimino
Position: Custodian
Assignment: Middle School
Effective: June 7, 2024

Name: Olga Ellsworth Position: Paraprofessional

Assignment: McMurray Elementary

Effective: December 22, 2023

3. Approve the following **resignations:**

Name: Lawrence Garcia

Position: Part Time Mail Carrier/Inventory Clerk

Assignment: Buildings and Grounds Effective: November 3, 2023

Name: Pamela Olszewski Position: Paraprofessional

Assignment: Bower Hill Elementary

Effective: October 31, 2023

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

Name: Patricia Ayres
Position: Paraprofessional
Assignment: High School
Salary: \$19.52/hr.

Effective: November 28, 2023

Replacing: Vacancy

Name: Donna McBride Position: Paraprofessional

Assignment: Bower Hill Elementary

Salary: \$19.52/hr.

Effective: November 28, 2023 Replacing: Pamela Olszewski

Name: Carol Earley

Position: Cafeteria Food Service General Helper

Assignment: Middle School Salary: \$16.11/hr.

Effective: November 16, 2023 Replacing: Crystle Munch

Name: George Diesing

Position: Driver
Assignment: Bus Garage
Salary: \$24.82/hr.

Effective: November 21, 2023 Replacing: Tammy Kitterman

Name: Kimberly Angel

Position: Part Time Class III Clerical

Assignment: Pleasant Valley Elementary

Salary: \$19.80/hr.

Effective: November 29, 2023

Replacing: Laura Gray

5. Approve the following day-to-day non-teaching substitutes for the 2023–24 school year:

Terri Moorhead - Cafeteria Playground Monitor, Cafeteria Food Service and Clerical Donna VanLuik - Cafeteria Playground Monitor and Clerical

MOTION:

Mr. Dunleavy moved for approval of Non-Certificated Personnel recommendation items 1 through 5, 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 extra-duty Athletic personnel for the 2023–24 school year: (attachments)

HIGH SCHOOL

Winter

Basketball, 9th Grade Head Coach Dante Mamone

Cheerleading, Assistant Coach Kathy Nguyen (Split 50% w/Open)

Unified Bocce, Head Coach
Wrestling, 9th Grade Assistant Coach
Wrestling, Volunteer Coach
Wichael Yancosky

Spring

Baseball, Boys Assistant Coach David Pyles (Split 67% w/Open)

2. Approve the following Personnel as **Support Personnel for Athletics** for the 2023–24 school year. (e.g., ticket takers, ticket sellers, crowd control, announcers, scorekeepers, judges, etc.)

David Young

MOTION:

Mr. Dunleavy moved for approval of Extra-Duty Personnel/Programs recommendation items 1 and 2, seconded by Mr. Briegel.

Comment: Dr. Payne asked about the Bocce team. Dr. Murphy explained it is a Unified Sports Team and is a collaborative between regular education and students with special needs.

MOTION CARRIED

(9-0)

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: Darlene Farabaugh, Fifth Grade Teacher – McMurray Elementary
Activity: Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN)

Writing In Math: Guiding Your Students in Answering Open-Ended

Questions

Dates: November 6 - 7, 2023

Location: Malvern, PA Estimated Cost: \$789.78

Name: David Young, Music Teacher and Marching Band Director – High School Activity: Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade: Saluting America's Band Directors

Dates: November 19 - 23, 2023

Location: New York, NY

Estimated Cost: \$300.00

Names: Dr. Jennifer Murphy, Deputy Superintendent – District Admin. Offices

April Ragland, Assist. Director of Pupil Services – District Admin. Offices

Activity: SAS Institute 2023

Successful Leadership: Shaping Your School's Story

Purple Star Award Recipient

Dates: December 10-11, 2023

Location: Hershey, PA Estimated Cost: \$729.93

Name: David Kuhn, Social Studies Teacher and Boys Golf Coach – High School

Activity: US Golf Coaches Conference/PGA Show Leadership Workshop

Dates: January 22 – 25, 2024 Location: Orlando, Florida

Est. Cost to Dist.: \$450.00

MOTION:

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

Comment: Mrs. Bowman acknowledged Mr. Young's participation in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

MOTION CARRIED

(9-0)

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: Swimming and Diving Boosters – High School

Purpose: Team Expenses

Dates: November 21 - 27, 2023

Location: Community
Activity: Poinsettia Sale

Organization: Girls Basketball Boosters – High School

Purpose: Team Expenses

Dates: November 21 – December 1, 2023

Location: Community

Activity: Sport Specific T-Shirt Sales

Organization: Wrestling Boosters – High School

Purpose: Team Expenses

Dates: November 21 – December 2, 2023

Location: Community

Activity: Spirit T-Shirt Sales

Organization: Girls Basketball Boosters – High School

Purpose: Team Expenses

Dates: November 21 – December 31, 2023

Location: Community

Activity: Team Sponsorship

Organization: Art Club – High School

Purpose: Club Expenses

Dates: November 22 – December 31, 2023

Location: High School Activity: Candy Sales

Organization: Dance Team Boosters – High School

Purpose: Team Expenses
Dates: November 25, 2023

Location: Community
Activity: Gift Wrapping

Organization: Swimming and Diving Boosters – High School

Purpose: Team Expenses

Dates: November 27 – December 6, 2023

Location: Community

Activity: Sport Specific T-Shirts

Organization: Girls Basketball Boosters – High School

Purpose: Team Expenses

Dates: December 1, 2023 – March 25, 2024

Location: High School Activity: Concessions

Organization: Cheerleading Boosters – High School

Purpose: Team Expenses

Dates: December 14 - 22, 2023

Location: High School

Activity: Holiday Candy Gram

Organization: Executive Council of Student Leaders – High School

Purpose: Group Expenses
Dates: December 22, 2023

Location: High School

Activity: Dodgeball Tournament

Organization: Parent Teacher Association – McMurray Elementary

Purpose: PTA Expenses

Dates: January 26 – February 11, 2024 Location: McMurray Elementary School

Activity: Read-A-Thon

2. Approve the following **student trip:** (attachment)

Organization: Football Team – High School

Advisor: Thomas Plack

Purpose: PIAA State Football Team Finals

Dates: December 7 – 9, 2023 Location: Mechanicsburg, PA

Cost to Dist.: \$21,234.36

MOTION:

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

MOTION CARRIED

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VIII. OTHER

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

- 1. Approve a \$457.33 donation from the Bower Hill Elementary Parent Teacher Association (PTA) to Peters Township School District for the purchase of recess equipment at Bower Hill Elementary School.
- 2. Accept the donation of a memorial plaque from the Thomas W. McMurray Family. The memorial plaque will be placed in the area of the High School flagpole. The estimated value of this donation is \$500.00.
- 3. Approve the donation of time and materials from student Thomas Gallagher to plant trees, provided by Peters Township School District, at the High School. This donation is part of Thomas' Eagle Scout project and is a collaborative effort with the Buildings and Grounds Department. The estimated value of this donation is \$1,365.00.
- 4. Approve a non-monetary settlement agreement with the Intermediate Unit 1 Health Insurance Consortium Trust and the discontinuance of Case No. 2022-3603 in the Washington County Court of Common Pleas, on terms and conditions recommended by the Superintendent and Solicitor. (attachment)
- 5. Approve the revised 2023–24 School Calendar. Due to the April 8, 2024 total solar eclipse, Spring Break will be modified by moving March 28, 2024 to a student day and April 8, 2024 to a non-student, in-service/clerical day. (attachment)
- 6. Approve the Letter of Agreement between Southwest Behavioral Care, Inc. d/b/a SPHS Behavioral Health and Peters Township School District at no cost to the District from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025, on terms and conditions approved by the Solicitor. (attachment)
- 7. Approve the Letter of Agreement between CARE Center, Inc. d/b/a SPHS Care Center and Peters Township School District at no cost to the District from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025, on terms and conditions approved by the Solicitor. (attachment)
- 8. Approve signage for the Middle School Renovation Project with Graphics 22 Signs, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$2,700.00.
- 9. Approve the purchase and installation of a dishwasher at Pleasant Valley Elementary School at a cost of \$43,950.00, from TriMark SS Kemp (Co-Star #036-006) and manufactured by Hobart. This purchase is funded by the Food Service Fund.
- 10. Approve the one year renewal agreement between DQE Communications and Peters Township School District for the Dark Fiber Services between the High School and the District Administrative Offices at a cost of \$1,650.00 per month. This is a reduction of \$292.50 per month, on terms and conditions approved by the Solicitor. (attachment)

MOTION: Mr. Dunleavy moved for approval of Other recommendation items 1 through 10, seconded by Mr. Briegel.
MOTION CARRIED (9-0)
BOARD INFORMATION: Mr. Dunleavy, Mrs. Allison, Mrs. Grossman, and Mr. McMurray made final comments.
PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None
SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Ms. Kramer thanked out going Board Members for their service.
CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS OF INFORMATION
December Board Meeting:
Monday, December 4, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Reorganization Meeting
January Board Meeting:
Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. Regular Board Meeting
MOTION TO ADJOURN
Mrs. Allison moved for adjournment at 8:40 p.m., seconded by Mr. Dunleavy.
MOTION CARRIED (9-0)
Board Secretary Board President

Comment: Mr. Briegel thanked the Bower Hill PTA and Mr. Gallagher for their donations.