



Peters Township School District

MINUTES
PETERS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024 AT 7:30 PM
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICES

CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Bowman, President, called the special meeting of the Peters Township Board of School Directors to order at 7:34 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Binsse, Mrs. Bowman, Mr. Briegel, Mr. Camilletti, Mrs. Chaudhari, Mr. O'Neill, 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**
- **Space Camp Scholarship Winners** - Two students from McMurray Elementary have been selected to receive the Space Camp Scholarship from the Intermediate Unit 1 Educational Foundation. Gemma Clark (5th grade) and Aarna Patel (4th grade) were selected and will attend Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama. The one-week camp includes hands-on learning opportunities in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), as well as astronaut training activities. The scholarship competition was open to female students in Washington County between the ages of 9-11 years old.
- **Missing Snowmen in 5th Grade:** Fifth grade students on Team Luna are writing creative essays about a missing snowman. To go along with their writing, they also crafted a likeness of their snowman to aid in the search.
- **Grinch Day At Bower Hill** - Second grade celebrated Grinch Day in December. Students read the story, got Grinch slime (thanks to the PTA), discussed what kinds of things would help the Grinch grow his heart 3 sizes (doing good deeds for others, etc.) and were even visited by the real Grinch!
- **Santa Math At Bower Hill** - Bower Hill 3rd graders in Mrs. Kiswardy's and Mrs. Powell's room worked as partners in December on a very important project! The students had to complete different ELA or Math challenges to move their Santa hats and unlock the North Pole.
- **Alumna Visits High School Media Department** - This month the PTHS Media Department welcomed PTHS 2004 graduate, Melissa Moretti at the school. Melissa is not only a PT grad, but

also a graduate of Robert Morris University with a degree in Media/TV Production. She met with a group of media students and shared her experience working for Disney/ABC for the past fifteen years, where she is currently a line producer for ABC's The View.

- **Phabulous Physics Phun Phest** – The day before Winter Break were filled with physics challenges including projectiles, can rolling, a flight challenge and spaghetti towers. The can rolling competition resulted in more than 1,100 items being donated to the Washington Food Pantry as well.
- **Bower Hill Stem Bees Make Snow** - Our Bower Hill STEM Bees created "snow" with slime last month and designed their own snowflakes made with marshmallows and toothpicks in the afterschool class. The Yoga Bees were also busy at Bower Hill making bookmarks that they hid in library books for other students to find. These little "elves" wanted to celebrate the joy of reading with others.
- **Middle School German Guest Speaker** – Middle School German students visited with Inga Krueztmann last month. Inga is a German exchange student who spent time talking with the middle schoolers about Holiday traditions in Germany.
- **Polar Express Comes To Peters Township** – The Polar Express made a stop at Pleasant Valley and Bower Hill for the holidays. Kindergarten students made the trip to the North Pole (via the school hallways) in their pajamas to hear the magical holiday story. Students in grades 1-3 took part by lining the hallways and wishing their younger classmates well on their journey.
- **Spanish Alumni Visit PTHS** – Former Spanish students stopped by the High School to talk with current students. Some were recent grads, but some dated back to the class of 2012. Whether they were studying Spanish in college, using their knowledge of Spanish in social situations or teaching the language at Penn State University, their experiences provided great insights for our current students.
- **Gift Of Reading At Bower Hill** – Third grade students at Bower Hill visited first grade classrooms in December to give them the “gift of reading.” Older students were paired with a younger one to share a story along with a gift bag full of items that helped to describe the plot of their story. The love of reading starts early in Peters Township!
- **Ugly Holiday Sweaters At McMurray** - Parents of students in Mrs. DeSalvo's and Mrs. Farabaugh's homerooms were invited to join their child in the makerspace at McMurray this month to use their creativity to create "Ugly Sweaters." Students and their parents then worked together to write a creative story on "How Your Ugly Sweater became The Ugly Sweater"!
- **German Pen Pal Delivery** - Middle School students in Mr. Wilkinson's class are participating in a Pen Pal Exchange Program with students in English classes in Delbrück, Germany - using vocabulary and phrases they've learned in class to communicate with other middle schoolers 4,000 miles away! Today they received their latest letters... along with authentic Haribo gummy bears and German cookies sent by the German students!
- **PTMS Spelling Bee** – The Annual Middle School Spelling Bee took place last week and 8th grader Jackson Hegedus took home the honor of Spelling Bee Champion after a thrilling finish with second place runner-up and fellow 8th grader, Lukas Hartman. Jackson and Lukas battled back and forth for multiple final rounds until eventually, Jackson secured the victory with the winning word “calcitonin.” Overall, 47 contestants took part in the event organized by teacher Nicole Mitchell.
- **McMurray Stem Challenge** - McMurray students in Mrs. Farabaugh's classes recently participated in a STEM challenge where they had to build the tallest possible tower out of only popsicle sticks

and clothespins. Students worked in groups to create strategies and problem solve their building issues.

- **High School Band Director Visits Pleasant Valley** - PTHS Band Director David Young visited Pleasant Valley in December to share his experience marching in the Thanksgiving Day Parade in NYC with students in Mrs. Williams' class. He talked about the preparation and the practice - and even his 1:00 a.m. wake up call the day of the parade for middle of the night practicing.
- **McMurray Career Fair** – In December, McMurray Elementary held Career Day with our 4th and 5th grade students rotating through a variety of career opportunities throughout the morning. Careers represented included engineering, marketing, nursing, finance, computer coding and pharmacy. Many thanks to the many parents and community volunteers who gave their time to share their career journey with the students.
- **Pleasant Valley Economics Fair** – Following their study of economic principals, 3rd grade students at Pleasant Valley were challenged to create their own products. Students not only produced their products, but they had to market them with their own advertising and sales plan to their classmates. Following the presentations, classmates had some time to “shop” the mall and purchase the other products.

Excellence in the Arts

- **PT Police Christmas Card Design Winner** – Artwork created by 5th grader Everett Gang was selected for the Peters Township Police Christmas card. Designs submitted to the police department were voted on by the officers to select the annual winner. Everett was presented with a plaque featuring his winning design by Chief Glover as well as a pizza party for his class.
- **Gingerbread Art at PTMS** - Middle School Art students in Mrs. Harrison's class made gingerbread houses from recycled materials following their study of architecture in art class. Teams displayed their houses in the hallways prior to the break for teachers to vote for their favorites and the top 3 were on display in the Township Library Youth Section over the holidays!
- **Holiday Skits at Bower Hill** – Third graders in Mrs. Dyer and Mrs. Barson's class performed three holiday skits for parents. Our special guests learned how the reindeer got their names, found the spirit of the holiday with the Scrooge and saw a tricky gingerbread man get outsmarted by a polar bear!
- **Thespian Conference Awards** – Forty-five students from PTHS represented our District at the PA State Thespian Conference in early December. Among the awards received by the Troupe were Outstanding Performance for their staging of 10 Best/Worst Things About High School and the Gold Honour Troupe Award. Individual awards are also listed above.
 - Individual Awards:
 - State Thespian Officer: Emma Collins
 - Hall of Fame for Excellence in Theatre: Annabella Gizzi
 - Hall of Fame and All Star Cast: Austin Koerbel
 - Hall of Fame for Technical Theatre: Natalie Zukowski
 - Full Tuition Scholarship for Acting: Anna Hoffmann
 - Troupe Awards:
 - Outstanding Performance: 10 Best/Worst Things About High School
 - Gold Honour Troupe Award
- **Coffee House** – Congratulations to the performers and crew of the annual PTHS Coffee House. This annual variety show showcases the talents our high school students and yet again, they did not disappoint!

- **PMEA Music Honors** – This weekend, Peters Township High School hosted the PMEA District 1 Sr. High Band West Festival. Our stage was filled with 133 talented musicians from across the Western Pennsylvania area including 10 of our student musicians. The guest conductor for this weekend was Dr. Scott A. Jones from Ohio State University and the event included a concert for the public on Saturday afternoon.
- **Excellence in Athletics**
- **Bocce Team Wins First Match** - The Peters Township Unified Bocce team won its first-ever match last week versus Washington High School. Each frame consists of two athletes and two partners competing for each school.
- **Football Honors** - Following their historical season, the honors continue to roll in for the PTHS football team. Please join us congratulating the student athletes and Coach Plack on the honors listed above.
 - Nolan DiLucia, Mickey Vaccarello named Class 5A all-state selections (PA Football Writers)
 - Nolan DiLucia – WPIAL 5A Player of the Year (TribLIVE High School Sports Network)
 - TJ Plack – WPIAL 5A Coach of the Year (TribLIVE High School Sports Network)
- **Excellence in Character**
- **Middle School Buddee Bags**– The Middle School Best Buddies Club collaborated with the Always B Smiling Organization to help them assemble "Buddee Bags." These bags are made to give to children in local hospitals. Mrs. Yakubic and her Bust Buddies crew got together to assemble the bags.
- **Pleasant Valley Food Drive** – Pleasant Valley families donated more than 10 boxes of food items last month as part of their Holiday Food Drive. The word of the month at Pleasant Valley was compassion and they are learning to help others as they put the word into action. Members of the Best Buddies crew also helped to sort and organize the food for drop off at the Food Pantry.
- **Cocoa and Compliments at Pleasant Valley**
- **Excellence in Leadership**
- **Career Chat at PTMS** - Last month PT parent Jeff Mascaro from Mascaro Construction stopped by PTMS for their latest Career Chat Session. The students learned more about the job opportunities in the construction industry.
- **Apple Award For Pleasant Valley Teacher** - Pleasant Valley 3rd grade teacher Cari Williams was presented with a special Apple Award from the National State Teacher of the Year - Pennsylvania Chapter. The Award is presented to educators who make a positive difference in the lives of students, school districts and communities.
- **Purple Star School Award** - Passed into law in July 2022, the PA Department of Education launched the Purple Star School Program to support military-connected children as they re-locate to new schools due to a parent's change in duty station. The Purple Star School designation is given to schools or local education agencies for their commitment to active-duty military families and students. Peters Township School District was recognized by PDE with an Award of Excellence for demonstrating our commitment to students and parents connected to our nation's military. Dr. Jennifer Murphy and Mrs. April Ragland accepted the recognition on behalf of the District.
- **Education Foundation Grant Awards** – The Peters Township Education Foundation is proud to announce the winners of the 2024 GEO Grants. This year, the PTEF will provide \$7,402.07 in funds to support classroom projects. Since 2012, the PTEF has provided more than \$110,000 in funds to support education at all levels in Peters Township.

- **School Board Appreciation 2024** - January is school board recognition month and we end our highlights by recognizing and honoring our Board for the dedication to our community and the time and talents they lend to our students and staff. This evening our schools have provided small tokens of their appreciation to our board members. We also have with us a few special guests who would like to say a few words.

Dr. Lori Pavlik representing Act 93 Administrative Employees, Caroline Abele, representing Peters Township Federation of Teachers and Kim Wolfe, representing Clerical, Paraprofessional and Bus Drivers' Union thanked the Board for their continued service and commitment to providing the best educational opportunities for the students of Peters Township. They thanked them for their time and dedication to the District, and also for the many hours devoted to providing all the services necessary for the District to move forward.

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.

- #1 Dominic Battista
- #2 Brian Capezzuto
- #3 John Binsse

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Executive Sessions were held on December 18, 2023 and immediately prior to this meeting to discuss personnel and litigation matters.

Appointment of Board Committees:

<u>Committee:</u>	<u>Chair:</u>	<u>Vice-Chair:</u>
Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation	Rebecca Bowman	Alex O'Neill
Education	Shari Payne	Alexandra Binsse
Finance	Rolf Briegel	Jason Camilletti
Personnel	Daniel Taylor	
Policy	Lisa Anderson	Kathleen Chaudhari
	<u>Representative:</u>	<u>Alternate:</u>
PSBA	Lisa Anderson	
SHASDA	Rolf Briegel	
WACTC	Rebecca Bowman	Kathleen Chaudhari

NEW BUSINESS: None

I. BUSINESS OFFICE

RECOMMENDATION: Consider a motion to approve Business Office recommendations as follows: (attachments)

1. Approval of the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting dated November 20, 2023, the Reorganization Meeting dated December 4, 2023 and the Special Board Meeting dated December 18, 2023.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Reports for November 2023 and December 2023 with a balance of \$28,163,111.19.
3. Approval of the General Fund bills for November 17, 2023 through January 11, 2024.
4. Approval of the Capital Facilities Fund bills for November 17, 2023 through January 11, 2024.
5. Approval of the Food Service Fund bills for November 17, 2023 through January 11, 2024.
6. Approval of the McMurray Elementary School Activity Fund reports for November 2023 and December 2023.
7. Approval of the Middle School Activity Fund reports for November 2023 and December 2023.
8. Approval of the High School Athletic Fund reports for November 2023 and December 2023.
9. Approval of the High School Activity Fund reports for November 2023 and December 2023.

10. Approval of the High School Coffee Shop Activity Fund reports for November 2023 and December 2023.

MOTION:

Mr. Taylor 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 salary adjustments for the 2023-24 school year for Act 93 administrators in accordance with the Act 93 agreement and as presented.

MOTION:

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

MOTION CARRIED

(9-0)

2. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to re-appoint Brian Geyer as the Peters Township School District Representative to the Peters Township Parks and Recreation Board for a three (3) year term commencing after Peters Township Council approval and ending on December 31, 2026.

MOTION:

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

MOTION CARRIED

(9-0)

Buildings and Grounds

Rebecca Bowman

Comment: Mrs. Bowman stated that the District conducted routine water testing per Act 39 Compliance with no issues identified.

Education

Shari Payne

Finance

Rolf Briegel

3. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve an hourly rate of \$175.00 per hour for Solicitor services from Weiss Burkardt Kramer, LLC commencing January 1, 2024. This is an increase of \$20.00 per hour over the previous rate. All other terms of the Solicitor reappointment remain the same.

MOTION:

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

Comment: Mr. Camilletti commented that the rate is in the ballpark of the comparables but the question to discuss is WBK the most qualified. Mr. Briegel commented that some complaints that were made would not be at the feet of the solicitor since the solicitor recommends but the Board makes the decision. Mr. Briegel also stated that he was happy with WBK and the advice and recommendations that were to the district. Mrs. Anderson commented that the liability that exists beyond the hourly and values the experience that WBK brings.

MOTION:

Mrs. Binsse moved to postpone recommendation 3, seconded by Mrs. Chaudhari.

Comment: Mr. Camilletti asked if there would be any negative repercussions delaying the vote. Mrs. Kramer stated there would be no negative repercussions to postpone the vote until next month.

MOTION CARRIED

(8-1)

Bowman - No

Policy

Lisa Anderson

Mrs. Anderson reported that the state omnibus school code bill passed and are expecting some new policy updates in the near future.

PSBA

Lisa Anderson

Mrs. Anderson reported that PSBA is having a Board Leadership workshop virtually on January 23rd, February 15th and in-person on March 16th. PSBA is having a School Safety summit in Mechanicsburg on March 19th.

Western Area Career and Technology Center

Rebecca Bowman

The next Joint Operating Committee meeting will be held on January 24, 2024.

At the regional Skills USA competition, Emma Affleck of Peters placed third in the Firefighting competition. Overall, WACTC had four (4) students who will advance to the Pennsylvania State Leadership Conference in April 2024.

In addition, to the five grant proposals already submitted, WACTC is looking for a grant for new vehicles for internal school transportation.

WACTC is fully staffed. The Joint Operating Committee also reviewed the audit report: WACTC received a clean management letter.

WACTC won an \$85,000 competitive equipment grant. This year, for the first time, it is not a matching grant, meaning that WACTC does not have to come up with an equal amount in order to utilize the grant funds.

As of November 15, 2023, Peters Township School District had 52 student enrolled in WACTC. Five of the nine sending schools have students in co-ops; Peters is not one of them.

Comment: Dr. Payne asked what are the most popular programs for our students? Mrs. Bowman answered that it is a split between among carpentry, masonry, welding and auto repair. Mrs. Anderson asked if co-ops are during the school day and Mrs. Bowman answered that they are. Mr. Camilletti asked if more information would be provided on co-ops in the future. Mrs. Bowman said she will request a detailed report to share.

Intermediate Unit

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on January 25, 2024.

Mrs. Bowman and Mrs. Kramer gave a brief explanation of the Intermediate Unit. Mrs. Kramer also provided information about the role of the Intermediate Unit.

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:**

January 2023-2024-01

2. Approve the following **student teacher/observer/intern** for the 2023–24 school year. All compliance documents for the following individuals are on file.

Name: Courtney Wolf

Dates of Assignment: 1/16/24 - 5/4/24
College or University: Waynesburg University
Curriculum Major: Doctoral Counseling Program
PTSD Teacher & Bldg.: Jane Zupancic (IU1 Social Worker)/High School
Assignment: Practicum

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

Eugenia Chirino - Spanish K-12 and Art K-12
Mikayla DiCesare - Grades PK-4
Christelle Irani - Nurse
Lauren Lober - Grades PK-4
Devon Strimel - Business Computer Information Technology K-12
Samantha Szewczyk - Grades PK-4

MOTION:

Mr. Briegel moved for approval of Certificated Personnel recommendation items 1 through 3, seconded by Mr. Taylor.

Comment: Mr. Camilletti asked what is Business Computer Information Technology K-12. Dr. Murphy answered that this would include business, marketing and computers courses.

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:**

January 2023-2024-02
January 2023-2024-03
January 2023-2024-04

2. Approve the following **resignations:**

Name: Kathleen Paul
Position: Cafeteria Food Service General Helper
Assignment: High School
Effective: December 31, 2023

Name: Linda Klobcar

Position: Cafeteria Food Service General Helper
Assignment: McMurray Elementary
Effective: December 14, 2023

3. Approve the following **new hire**:

Name: Matthew Crisson
Position: Part Time Mail Carrier/Inventory Clerk
Assignment: Buildings and Grounds
Salary: \$16.77/hr.
Effective: January 22, 2024
Replacing: Lawrence Garcia

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

Kathleen Paul - Cafeteria Food Service
Tyler Smida - Paraprofessional

MOTION:

Mr. Briegel moved for approval of Non-Certificated Personnel recommendation items 1 through 4, seconded by Mr. Taylor.

Comment: Dr. Payne asked about cafeteria staffing. Mr. Rau answered that we still have cafeteria employee vacancies.

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

Wrestling, Volunteer Coach

Brian Green

Spring

Lacrosse, Boys Volunteer Coach

Kevin Dowd

Lacrosse, Girls Volunteer Coach

Laney Naille

Softball, Assistant Coach

Patrick Cantini

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.)

Jessica Ferragonio
Tanya Hileman

3. Approve the following **renewal of extra-duty Athletics personnel** for the 2024–25 school year.

HIGH SCHOOL

Fall

Cross Country, Head Coach

Kristin Sortino

Field Hockey, Head Coach

Kelly Meenan

Football, Head Coach

Thomas Plack

Golf, Boys Head Coach

David Kuhn

Golf, Girls Head Coach

Michael Lacey

Soccer, Boys Head Coach

Robert Dyer

Soccer, Girls Head Coach

Patrick Vereb

Tennis, Girls Head Coach

Brandt Bowman

Volleyball, Girls Head Coach

Terrance Kelly

MOTION:

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

Comment: Mrs. Binesse asked about the process of renewal of extra-duty employees. Dr. Murphy answered that there is a review process by the athletic department before recommendations are made to be retained. Mr. Briegel asked about the protocol for coaches with kids in the District. Dr. French explained that there are certain requirements for coaches applying with children in the program.

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: Dr. Jennifer Murphy, Deputy Superintendent – District Admin. Offices
Activity: High School Innovation Tour
Dates: January 24 – 25, 2024
Location: Cleveland, OH
Estimated Cost: \$44.67

Name: Andrew Thomas, Assistant Business Manager – District Admin. Offices
Activity: Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials (PASBO)

Dates: 69th Annual Conference
March 5 – 8, 2024
Location: Hershey, PA
Estimated Cost: \$424.94

MOTION:

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

Mr. Camilletti asked why some of the costs are so low. Dr. Murphy explained how some costs are covered by other sources.

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: Color Guard – High School
Purpose: Team Expenses
Dates: January 18 – 29, 2024
Location: Pleasant Valley Elementary
Activity: Winter Guard Clinic

Organization: Music Boosters – High School
Purpose: Club Expenses
Dates: January 26 – January 27, 2024
Location: High School
Activity: Meatballs and Music

Organization: Interact Club – High School
Purpose: Club Expenses
Dates: February 22, 2024
Location: High School
Activity: Bingo Night

Organization: Boys Volleyball Boosters – High School
Purpose: Team Expenses
Dates: March 1 – 31, 2024
Location: Community

Activity: T-Shirt Sales

Organization: Boys Volleyball Boosters – High School
 Purpose: Team Expenses
 Dates: March 1 – June 11, 2024
 Location: High School
 Activity: Concessions

Organization: Boys Volleyball Boosters – High School
 Purpose: Team Expenses
 Dates: March 15 – 19, 2024
 Location: Community
 Activity: Basketball Pool

Organization: Library Assistants – High School
 Purpose: Group Expenses
 Dates: March 18 – 22, 2024
 Location: High School
 Activity: Library Arts Cafe

Organization: Track and Field Boosters – High School
 Purpose: Team Expenses
 Dates: March 23, 2024
 Location: High School
 Activity: Mattress Sale

Organization: Interact Club – High School
 Purpose: Club Expenses
 Dates: March 24, 2024
 Location: High School
 Activity: Autism Carnival

Organization: Boys Volleyball Boosters – High School
 Purpose: Team Expenses
 Dates: March 29 – April 5, 2024
 Location: Community
 Activity: Pepperoni Sales

Organization: Dance Team Boosters – High School
 Purpose: Team Expenses
 Dates: June 12 – 13, 2024
 Location: Middle School
 Activity: Dance Clinic

Organization: Yearbook and News Magazine – High School
 Purpose: Club Expenses

Dates: August 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025
Location: Community
Activity: Senior and Business Ad Sales

Organization: Yearbook – High School
Purpose: Club Expenses
Dates: August 1, 2024 – June 1, 2025
Location: Community
Activity: Yearbook Sales

Organization: Media Department – High School
Purpose: Club Expenses
Dates: October 1, 2024 – December 30, 2024
Location: Community
Activity: Media T-Shirt Sales

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

Organization: Wrestling Team – High School
Advisor: Derrick Evanovich
Purpose: PIAA State Wrestling Team Finals
Dates: February 7 – 11, 2024
Location: Hershey, PA
Cost to Dist.: \$9,444.62

Organization: Winter Indoor Track Team – High School
Advisor: Justin Pinto
Purpose: Pennsylvania Track and Field Coaches Association (PTFCA) State Finals
Dates: February 24 – 25, 2024
Location: State College, PA
Cost to Dist.: \$1,710.00

Organization: Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) – High School
Advisors: John Good and Sarah Palermo
Purpose: 2024 FBLA State Leadership Conference & Competition
Dates: April 7 – 10, 2024
Location: Hershey, PA
Cost to Dist.: \$6,638.76

MOTION:

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

Comment: Mr. Camilletti asked about how the costs of student trips are calculated. Dr. French answered that Dr. Fisher reviews all submissions and would explain. Dr. Payne gave kudos to the Interact Club for planning an Autism Carnival. Mr. Briegel recommended for everyone to attend Music and Meatballs.

MOTION CARRIED
(9-0)

VIII. OTHER

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

1. Approve the 2024–25 School Calendar. We are requesting ACT 80 approval for August 14, 2024, August 15, 2024, August 16, 2024, November 27, 2024 and February 14, 2025. (attachment)
2. Approve Resolution No. 2024-01-16A designating local holidays for the 2024–25 school year. (attachment)
3. Accept a “Cash for Classrooms” grant from Kickline Dance Center valued at \$1,538.94. Recipients are Peters Township High School teachers, Robin Hodgin-Frick (\$227.78), Katelyn Rose (\$250.00), Bettina Lemmon and Leah Blasso (\$476.80), Middle School teacher, Lisa Clark (\$250.00), McMurray Elementary teachers, Jamie Oney and Megan Mongillo (\$200.00), and Pleasant Valley Elementary teacher, Lisa Mascellino (\$134.36).
4. Accept a \$200.00 donation from Mr. Joseph Falbo to Peters Township School District for Pleasant Valley Elementary School.
5. Accept a \$200.00 donation from Mr. Joseph Falbo to Peters Township School District for Bower Hill Elementary School.
6. Accept a \$251.89 donation from the Bower Hill Parent Teacher Association (PTA) to Peters Township School District for the music department at Bower Hill Elementary School.
7. Accept the donation of one (1) Voxelab 3D Printer and cartridges from Financial Fuel Services to Peters Township School District for the Peters Township High School valued at \$300.00.
8. Accept a Granting Educators Opportunities (GEO) grant donation for Peters Township School District staff members at Bower Hill, Pleasant Valley, McMurray Elementary Schools, Peters Township Middle School and Peters Township High School valued at \$7,402.07 from the Peters Township Education Foundation.
9. Accept an Educational Improvement Organization (EIO) Fund grant from Washington County Community Foundation in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the Peters Township School District to support elementary science and technology. This EIO Fund grant was sponsored by Washington Financial Bank.
10. Approve a disciplinary recommendation for a student #23-24-02.

11. Authorize Administration to solicit bids for athletic supplies and equipment for the 2024–25 school year.
12. Approve the sale of wood shelving for library books to the Intermediate Unit 1 for \$500.00.
13. Exonerate Jordan Tax Service Incorporated for liened 2023 real estate taxes for the 2023–24 school year.
14. Approve the following **drivers** from Mlaker L.L.C. Student Transportation for the 2023-24 school year:

Austyn Ditillo
Jessica Guest
Cindy Osborne
Michael Purvis
Chandler Veverka

MOTION:

Mr. Briegel moved for approval of Other recommendation items 1 through 14, seconded by Mr. O’Neill.

Comment: Mrs. Binsee asked where donations go that are not specifically earmarked. Mr. Rau answered that donation made to schools are generally used for supplies not included in their budgets. Mrs. Chaudhari asked about designating local holidays. Mrs. Kramer explained that the school code only list certain holidays but local districts can designate additional days. Mrs. Chaudhari asked what athletic supplies and equipment are being bid. Mr. Rau answered that this would be a list of supplies needed for next school year. Mr. O’Neill asked Mr. Rau for an explanation on exoneration Jordan Tax Service. Mr. Rau answered at this time Jordan Tax Service turns over all delinquent real estate taxes that are then turned over to Washington to be liened. Mr. Briegel thanked everyone for their donations. Mr. Camilletti asked that the administration get public feedback in the creation of 2025-26 school calendar.

MOTION CARRIED

(8-0-1)

Dr. Payne abstained on number 14

BOARD INFORMATION: Mr. Briegel reported that SHASDA will be hosting a presentation at Upper St Clair High School on Thursday, February 1st on Artificial Intelligence.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: Ms. Kramer reported that all items were discussed in executive session.

CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS OF INFORMATION

February Board Meeting:

Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

March Board Meeting:

Monday, March 18, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. O'Neill moved for adjournment at 8:54 p.m., seconded by Mr. Taylor.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(9-0)

Board Secretary

Board President