



# Peters Township School District

MINUTES  
 PETERS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
 REGULAR MEETING  
 MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024 AT 7:30 PM  
 DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICES

CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Bowman, President, called the regular meeting of the Peters Township Board of School Directors to order at 7:30 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 Mrs. Annemarie Harr Eagle – Solicitor.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

- **Celebration of Excellence**
- **Excellence in Academics**
- **READ-A-THON KICKOFF** – As the Bower Hill PTA launched their annual Read-a-Thon, Buzzer Bee and Pete the Cat greeted students and stopped in classes around the school. Special guest readers also stopped by to read the theme book featuring Pete the Cat. Many thanks to our PTA who organizes this major effort as the school's only fundraiser for the year.
- **GUEST READER AT PLEASANT VALLEY** - Pleasant Valley second graders welcomed a special guest this month! Mr. Armand Buzzelli, a 2nd & 3rd grade PV parent, came in to read his children's book "Rosie's Red Sauce," and discussed how he became an author.
- **HIGH SCHOOL NAMED PLATINUM MEMBER OF AP HONOR ROLL** - Peters Township High School has been named to the 2024 AP School Honor Roll as a Platinum member. PTHS earned this distinction by expanding the school's college culture by enabling 81% of the Class of 2025 to experience at least one AP course before graduating, assisting with college affordability with 63% of the Class of 2025 earning college credit with an AP Exam score of 3, and optimizing our students' college readiness by creating opportunities for 30% of the senior class to take a total of 5 APs across their high school years, with at least one taken in 9th or 10th grade.
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL MOCK INTERVIEWS** - Volunteers were on hand in Dr. Conkle's 8th grade GOAL classes as the students took the next step in their career journeys with mock interviews. Over the past few weeks, students have been learning how to prepare for future careers with recent lessons focusing on job interviews, resumes, and references. A special thanks to our parent and Junior Achievement Volunteers who helped out with the interviews.

- **CONSTITUTION DAY** – On September 17<sup>th</sup> we celebrated Constitution Day and members of the PTHS Forensics Speech and Debate team read portions of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights on the PA system in homeroom and during class changes. At PTMS students were also given their own pocket copy of the Constitution.
- **Financial Planning Lesson at PTHS** - The High School Counselors presented a financial planning exercise with all sophomores during their American History classes this month. Students were able to create their own budget based on an example monthly paycheck in various cities across the U.S. They also had an opportunity to explore the various requirements and choices necessary to live on their own, as well as gain an understanding of what it's like to balance a monthly budget. In addition, students were able to make connections to their post-secondary options by understanding career options through an Associates Degree, Skilled Trade, Bachelor's Degree, and beyond.
- **STEM Bees Halloween Creations** - The Bower Hill STEM Bees used their skills to come up with some spooky creations this week! Check out their Haunted Houses, Magnet Fly Catchers, and Spider Parachutes!
- **A is for Apple** - Students in Mrs. Hackworth's Kindergarten classes at PV had some fun with apples! Students have been learning the letter Aa so OF COURSE they got to do some apple activities! The classes read "10 Apples Up on Top" and then completed a STEM activity using play dough and their creativity to stack their 10 apples!
- **Intro to Innovation - 3D Pens** - 6th grade students in Ms. Ferragonio's Intro to Innovation class tried their hands at using the 3D pens this month to make all kinds of things both sweet and spooky! The pens were purchased last spring through a grant from the Peters Township Education Foundation.
- **Apple Tasting at Bower Hill** - Students in Mrs. Miller's class at Bower Hill got into the fall spirit with some apple tasting! They sampled apples, apple sauce, apple juice, dried apples and even some apple pie and apple crisp. When they were done, everyone voted for their favorite item with apple pie and apple sauce tied for the class favorite!
- **WHITE CANE PRESENTATION** – High School freshman Katie Panasko's presentation in Language Arts class this week celebrated National White Cane Day. White Cane Day helps to raise awareness about blindness and how people who are blind or visually impaired can live independently. Katie is visually impaired and uses her cane to navigate the hallways at PTHS every day.
- **Commended Students** - Seven students from PTHS High School have been named Commended Students in the annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These students are: Liam Connolly, Michael Garin, Logan Peters, Audrey Racunas, Abbigal Segal, Mickey Vaccarello and Mackenzie Witmer. These students are among 34,000 of the highest scorers on the PSAT/NMSQT in the nation and will receive Letters of Commendation in recognition of their outstanding academic promise.
- **Excellence in the Arts**
- **PMEA HONORS BAND** – Two students from Peters Township High School have been selected by audition to take part in PMEA Honors Band. Junior Edward Kim and Senior Lily Goldbach will take part in the District 1 PMEA festival hosted by North Hills School District on November 22-24, culminating in a concert at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.
- **Romeo and Juliet at PTHS** – This month marked the first show of the school year for our Thespians as they staged Romeo and Juliet. The troupe also held a special preview of the show for 8th and 9th graders. Freshman read this timeless classic in English class each year and now they had a chance to see it staged by their classmates!

- **Excellence in Athletics**
- Congratulations to the PTHS Girls Golf team who won the WPIAL AAA Team Championship today - for the 3rd year in a row! Best of luck to the team as they now advance to the PIAA Team Finals
- Congratulations to PTHS teacher and boys golf coach David Kuhn who has been named the **2023-2024 NFHS/Pennsylvania Boys Golf Coach of the Year!** Kuhn was selected for this honor based on his coaching impact, as well as the success of the **Golf** program during the 2023-2024 school year. We are so proud of you, Coach Kuhn!
- Congratulations to PTHS golfers Ellie Benson and Colton Lusk who finished as Gold Medalists to earn the title of Class AAA WPIAL Individual Golf Champions! Best of luck to our golfers as they head to the state level!
- **WPIAL Playoff Teams**
- Cross Country (WPIAL Championships are scheduled for Thu 10/24)
- Field Hockey (Section Champions, playoffs starts next week, opponent TBD)
- Football (clinched playoffs, two games remaining in regular season - home v Baldwin/home v Bethel)
- Boys Golf (Section Champions, season over)
- Girls Golf (Section Champions, WPIAL Champions, advanced to PIAA Final next Wednesday)
- Boys Soccer (Section Champions, first playoff game is Sat 10/26, opponent TBD)
- Girls Soccer (Section Champions, first playoff game is Thu 10/24, opponent TBD)
- Girls Tennis (made playoffs, advanced to WPIAL second round, season over)
- Girls Volleyball (made playoffs, playoff game/opponent TBD - should be today)
- **WPIAL Individual Champions**
- Colton Lusk - WPIAL Boys Golf Champion
- Ellie Benson - WPIAL Girls Golf Champion
- **PIAA Qualifiers**
- Boys Golf - Colton Lusk, Griffin Hansberry qualified for PIAA Individual Championships (scheduled Mon/Tue, Oct 21/22)
- Girls Golf - Ellie Benson, Sophia Severns, Brooke Vowcheck, Betty Glyptis qualified for PIAA Individual Championships (scheduled Mon/Tue, Oct 21/22)
- **Excellence in Character**
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL FIELD TRIP** - Our 8th graders took field trips to Camp Guyasuta this month where they took part in activities such as ropes courses, climbing walls, rappelling and more. These team-building activities helped to promote collaboration, critical thinking, and resilience among our students.
- **FIRE SAFETY WEEK AT PLEASANT VALLEY** – Members of the Peters Township Fire Department visited Pleasant Valley this week to share fire safety tips for our homes and students got a tour of the truck as well. Many thanks to all of our first responders for sharing these important lessons with our students.
- **Camp of Champions** – Students from the High School Partners in PE attended the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Camp of Champions at Elizabeth Forward High School this month. The Elizabeth Forward football team and cheerleaders worked with the kids to rotate through stations and compete in football drills. They were then awarded medals by Mike Logan (former Steeler) and Connor Heyward (current Steeler).

- If you are a PTMS parent, have you asked your student how they can "Rise Up" this year? This month was all about responsibility and today our 7th grade teams recognized students in this area who they saw doing things like consistently coming prepared to class, taking initiative to gather work when they would be missing school, or helping others who they saw needing support in class. Each grade and team is recognizing students in different ways. Glad we caught up with these awesome kids (and teachers!) today!
- **DARE CELEBRATION AT MCMURRAY** – The first round of DARE classes is now complete at McMurray Elementary for our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Following the lessons by Officer Hughes, students wrote essays sharing what they learned, how they have used the DARE Decision Making Model and how they plan to make safe and responsible choices for their future. One essay winner from each homeroom was chosen along with one Good Citizenship Award winner – recognizing students who helped in class, had a positive attitude and offered encouragement to their classmates. Congratulations to our winners!
- **HOMEcomings P-RADE** – This week the High School Dance Team sponsored the annual P-Rade at the High School. The evening of fun and activities culminated in a parade featuring student groups from across the District. It is a great kickoff for homecoming weekend for our community!
- **Cookies with a Cop** – Second grade students at Bower Hill in Mrs. Kuehn's and Mrs. Bodnar's homerooms had their first Cookies with a Cop session today. This month the classrooms held a coloring contest and Officer Mallory picked her favorites from each room. Those students had a chance to come visit with her, enjoy a cookie, and get to know each other. These relationships with our SROs are the cornerstone of the program as our first responders are trusted adults in the lives of our students. Each month a new group of students will meet with, and get to know, Officer Malloy!
- **Excellence in Leadership**
- **PTMS Walkathon** – The culmination of the PTMS Walkathon was a relay race – winning teams from each grade level went up against a teacher team for all the bragging rights. Seventh grade crossed the finish line first but the real winners were all of our students as the event raised over \$15,000. All fund support PTA efforts in the school this year. Don't worry, Mr. Sikorski is already in training for next year's race.
- **ELEMENTARY LUNCH** – This week Nutrition Group sponsored Nutrition for Life for 1<sup>st</sup> grade students. All first graders were invited to try a complimentary meal to welcome them to lunch in Peters Township. The event is designed to show our young students how the school lunch works with a variety of kid-friendly favorites and tasty new foods.
- Parent Safety Training
- **CYBER SAFETY PRESENTATION** – On September 18, two representatives from our local FBI Field Office held a Cyber Safety discussion with District parents. Topics covered were a child's digital footprint, online safety, and what crimes they are seeing. Many thanks to the FBI representative who visited with more than 60 PT parents tonight to talk about this important topic.

## PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA AND OTHER ITEMS

(Peters Township School District Policy 903)

Peters Township School District values parent and community engagement. Speakers who signed up in advance per Policy 903 will be allotted a maximum of five (5) minutes for public comment. All other speakers 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.

The public comment period of the meeting is not a question and answer format between the public and the Board. The purpose of public comment at Board meetings is to allow the Board to learn the thoughts of the public prior to Board deliberation and action.

## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Executive Sessions were held on October 14, 2024 and immediately prior to this meeting to discuss personnel, litigation, and other items. A training session was held. For those that were unable to attend, Intermediate Unit 1 is offering a training course that could be a useful substitute.

## 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 September 16, 2024.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for September 2024 with a balance of \$33,834,248.83.
3. Approval of the General Fund bills for September 13, 2024 through October 17, 2024.
4. Approval of the Capital Facilities Fund bills for September 13, 2024 through October 17, 2024.
5. Approval of the Food Service Fund bills for September 13, 2024 through October 17, 2024.
6. Approval of the McMurray Elementary School Activity Fund report for September 2024.
7. Approval of the Middle School Activity Fund report for September 2024.
8. Approval of the High School Athletic Fund report for September 2024.
9. Approval of the High School Activity Fund report for September 2024.
10. Approval of the High School Coffee Shop Activity Fund report for September 2024.

**MOTION:**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

(9-0)

I. BOARD COMMITTEES

**Personnel**

Daniel Taylor

1. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve a one (1) day suspension without pay for employee #01-24-25.

**MOTION:**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

(9-0)

2. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to re-appoint Edward J. Rafferty 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, 2027.

**MOTION:**

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

COMMENT: Mrs. Bowman requested the District’s representatives provide reports directly to the Board. Mr. O’Neill asked if Edward Rafferty and Brian Geyer were the District’s representatives to the Peters Township Parks and Recreation Board. Dr. French responded in the affirmative.

**MOTION CARRIED**

(9-0)

**Buildings and Grounds**

Rebecca Bowman

3. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to authorize Administration to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFP) to solicit qualifications from Energy Services Providers (ESP) who can provide a guaranteed energy savings performance contract (GESA). (attachment)

**MOTION:**

Mrs. Bowman moved for approval of Buildings and Grounds recommendation 3, seconded by Mr. O’Neill.

**MOTION CARRIED**

(9-0)

**Education**

Shari Payne

An Education Committee was held on October 14, 2024. The meeting covered a substantive discussion on 1-1 devices. Anyone that is interested in the topic is encouraged to watch the meeting’s video on the District’s website.

**Finance**

Rolf Briegel

- 4. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve Resolution No. 2024-10-21A authorizing a transfer of funds from the General Operating Fund to the Capital Projects Fund. (attachment)

**MOTION:**

Mr. Briegel moved for approval of Finance recommendation 4, seconded by Mr. O’Neill.

**MOTION CARRIED**

(9-0)

**Policy**

Lisa Anderson

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

**Section 100 Programs**

Policy 103.1 Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students with Disabilities

**Section 200 Pupils**

Policy 218 Student Discipline

Policy 218.1 Weapons

Policy 218.2 Terroristic Threats

Policy 222 Tobacco and Vaping Products

Policy 227 Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia

Policy 234 Pregnant/Parenting/Married Students

Policy 247 Hazing

Policy 249 Bullying/Cyberbullying

**Section 300 Employees**

- Policy 323 Tobacco and Vaping Products
- Policy 339 Uncompensated Leave
- Policy 351 Controlled Substance Abuse

**Section 800 Operations**

- Policy 801 Public Records
- Policy 803 School Calendar
- Policy 805 Emergency Preparedness and Response
- Policy 805.1 Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies
- Policy 805.2 School Security Personnel
- Policy 806 Child Abuse
- Policy 807 Opening Exercises/Flag Displays
- Policy 815.1 Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in Education
- Policy 824 Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries

**Section 900 Community**

- Policy 904 Public Attendance at School Events
- Policy 909 Municipal Government Relations

**MOTION:**

Mrs. Anderson moved for approval of Policy recommendation 5, seconded by Mr. Briegel.

COMMENT: Mrs. Bowman noted that this is the second reading of the policies, and this vote would adopt the policies.

**MOTION CARRIED**

(9-0)

**PSBA**

Lisa Anderson

PSBA is holding a series of conferences and seminars on data-driven school board directors. On October 24, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., there will be a seminar on Understanding Achievement Data. There are two additional seminars in November, Utilizing Stakeholder and Community Data, and Mining Student Data. In December, there will also be a seminar on Budget Data Dive. If interested, request a link to sign up for the seminars. When Dr. French was hired, one major benefit to the District was that it became more data-driven, leading to significant improvements. It is important for school board members to be data driven. Intermediate Unit 1 and PSBA are having a school board member training in Coal Center, PA on Saturday, November 16, 2024, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

COMMENT: Mrs. Bowman shared about her role as a PSBA delegate.



## **Western Area Career and Technology Center**

Rebecca Bowman

The next Joint Operating Committee Meeting will be held on October 23, 2024.

WACTC is moving forward in the process of building a new facility to expand Auto Tech, Collision Repair and adding Diesel Tech.

WACTC continues to vigorously pursue all identifiable funding sources. Successful grant applications include a \$32,000 Commonwealth Charity Foundation Grant (providing funding for students to purchase necessary protective clothing and tools), a \$498,750 Special Programs Grant, a \$30,000 PASR scholarship, a \$10,000 Gene Haas Scholarship Foundation Grant, and a \$25,000 PAWC grant. In addition, an easement to Range for a water line brought in \$27,000. WACTC was also authorized to revise a previous \$35,000 PCCD grant to cover chill room costs. The Perkins application was approved for \$225,248. Several grant opportunities are either recently opened or not yet open. WACTC is also searching for a grant for new school vehicles and boiler system replacement. Updates to fire hydrants are proceeding. A community committee has been formed to explore expansion of public sewer to WACTC and beyond; in that event, the WACTC private sewage treatment plant would be taken offline.

WACTC is currently conducting pre-tests to evaluate student preparation for the NOCTI testing.

The headline-making possibility of a teacher-prep program through CTCs will be added to the interest survey WACTC conducts to gather information about interest in potential programs.

A new articulation agreement was approved with Laurel Business Institute for Cosmetology, Electrical trades, Health professions, Networking, and Welding. The WACTC also approved a student teacher support program agreement and extended its participation in the IU3 natural gas rate agreement with NRG.

COMMENT: Mrs. Anderson asked how the contributions to the new facility will be assessed to the member districts. Mrs. Bowman could not comment on how this project will be assessed, but that past projects were assessed to member districts the year following completion of the project. Dr. French stated that a resolution with exact costs will be presented to the Board, approving the financing of the facility, once estimates have been received. Mrs. Anderson asked about the voting process between the delegates and the District's board members. Mrs. Bowman explained the process. Mr. Briegel asked about the timeline of the project. Mrs. Bowman responded that the project is in the concept phase and that the project would be expected to be completed for the 2026-2027 school year. Mrs. Bowman provided an update on litigation against the Welding Studio architect and building designer. Mrs. Bowman stated that the affirmative action was taken to keep the lawsuit open.

### **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. The following individual has completed three (3) years in Peters Township School District as a Temporary Professional Employee and has been rated in accordance with the provision of Section 1123 of the Public School Code of 1949 as amended. Having earned a final rating of “satisfactory” this individual is so certified and entitled to **Professional Employee Status** in accordance with the provision of Section 1108(b):

Professional Employee  
Tara Gromen

Building  
McMurray Elementary

2. Approve the following **student teachers/observers/interns** for the 2024–25 school year. All compliance documents for the following individuals are on file.

Name: Ian Burns  
 Dates of Assignment: 10/22/24 - 12/20/24  
 College or University: Duquesne University  
 Curriculum Major: Social Studies 7-12  
 PTSD Teacher & Bldg.: Joshua Elders/Peters Township Middle School  
 Assignment: Field Experience

Name: Patrick Mulligan  
 Dates of Assignment: 10/22/24 - 12/20/24  
 College or University: Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
 Curriculum Major: Social Studies 7-12  
 PTSD Teacher/Bldg.: Harry Bushmire/Peters Township Middle School  
 Assignment: Field Experience

3. Approve the following as day-to-day substitute certificated personnel for the 2024–25 school year:

Katherine Dunleavy - Nurse  
 Jake Monroe - Grades PK-4  
 Kimberly Smith - English 7-12 and Family Consumer Science K-12  
 Brenda Swierko - Nurse  
 Karin Warner - Nurse

**MOTION:**

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

**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:**

October 2024-2025-01

2. Accept the following **retirements:**

Name: Richard Ziner  
Position: Custodian  
Assignment: Middle School  
Effective: January 31, 2025

Name: Patricia Myers  
Position: Class III Clerical  
Assignment: District Office  
Effective: February 28, 2025

3. Accept the following **resignations:**

Name: Rachael Hall  
Position: Paraprofessional  
Assignment: McMurray Elementary  
Effective: October 18, 2024

Name: Carolyn Heath  
Position: Paraprofessional  
Assignment: McMurray Elementary  
Effective: September 27, 2024

Name: Jade Schweitzer  
Position: Paraprofessional  
Assignment: McMurray Elementary  
Effective: October 31, 2024

Name: Mark Plimpton  
Position: Paraprofessional  
Assignment: High School  
Effective: December 1, 2024

Name: Mitchell Kobrys  
Position: Custodian  
Assignment: Middle School  
Effective: October 8, 2024

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

Name: Pamela Olszewski  
Position: Paraprofessional  
Assignment: McMurray Elementary  
Salary: \$19.52/hr.  
Effective: October 28, 2024  
Replacing: Carolyn Heath

Name: Vanessa Rincon  
Position: Cafeteria Food Service General Helper  
Assignment: Pleasant Valley Elementary  
Salary: \$16.61/hr.  
Effective: October 23, 2024  
Replacing: Robin Eiszler

Name: Heather Carter  
Position: Cafeteria Food Service General Helper  
Assignment: Middle School  
Salary: \$16.61/hr.  
Effective: October 28, 2024  
Replacing: Liza Fisher

Name: Judy Calcutta  
Position: Cafeteria Food Service General Helper  
Assignment: High School  
Salary: \$16.61/hr.  
Effective: October 28, 2024  
Replacing: Billie Jo Hullak

Name: Michele Walters  
Position: Cafeteria Playground Monitor  
Assignment: McMurray Elementary  
Salary: \$16.88/hr.  
Effective: TBD  
Replacing: Laura Batchelder

Name: Robert Hodge  
Position: Custodian  
Assignment: Middle School  
Salary: \$19.99/hr.  
Effective: November 10, 2024  
Replacing: Jack Minnick

5. Approve the following day-to-day non-teaching substitutes for the 2024–25 school year:

Patricia Beck - Cafeteria Food Service  
Denise Greenfield - Paraprofessional and Cafeteria Playground Monitor  
Julie Kelso - Driver and Paraprofessional  
Deise LaCamera - Paraprofessional and Cafeteria Playground Monitor  
Mark Plimpton – Paraprofessional

**MOTION:**

Mr. Briegel moved for approval of Non-Certificated Personnel recommendation items 1 through 5, seconded by Mr. O’Neill.

**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 Activities personnel** for the 2024–25 school year:

**MENTOR**  
Tara Rebar

**ASSIGNED PROFESSIONAL**  
Samantha Denner/Middle School

2. Accept the following **extra-duty Athletic personnel resignation** for the 2024–25 school year:

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**Spring**  
Softball, Head Coach

Taryn Sherry

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

**HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Spring**  
Volleyball, Boys Assistant Coach

Margaret Syverson

4. Approve the following **extra-duty Athletic changes of status** for the 2024–25 school year:

**HIGH SCHOOL**

**FROM:**

**TO:**

**Fall**

Edwin Brueggman      Football, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Coach  
(Split 50% w/Dugan)  
Football, 3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant Coach  
(Split 50% w/Dugan)

Football, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Coach

Daivon Jackson      Football, Volunteer Coach

Football, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Coach  
(Split 50% w/Dugan)  
Football, 3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant Coach  
(Split 50% w/Dugan)

**Winter**

Dante Mamone      Basketball, Boys Assistant Coach  
(Split 50% w/Monroe)

Basketball, Boys Volunteer Coach

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**FROM:**

**TO:**

**Fall**

James Kubina      Football, Assistant Coach  
(Split 50% w/Open)

Football, Assistant Coach

5. Approve the following **extra-duty Athletic personnel** for the 2024–25 school year: (attachments)

**HIGH SCHOOL**

**Winter**

Basketball, Boys Assistant Coach

Robert Zewe (Split 50% w/Monroe)

**Spring**

Volleyball, Boys Head Coach

Jordan Ray

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**Spring**

Volleyball, Boys Head Coach

Erin Graybill

**MOTION:**

Mr. Briegel moved for approval of Extra-Duty Personnel/Programs recommendation items 1 through 5, seconded by Mr. O’Neill.

**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: Dr. Jeannine French, Superintendent – District Administrative Offices  
Activity: The Forum for Western Pennsylvania School Superintendents  
Dates: November 20 – 22, 2024  
Location: Farmington, PA  
Estimated Cost: \$77.18

Name: Rebecca Fox-O’Kelly, Fourth Grade Teacher – McMurray Elementary  
Activity: Guided Math: Navigating New Horizons for Grades K-6  
Dates: December 5 – 6, 2024  
Location: Virtual  
Estimated Cost: \$845.00

Names: Dr. Jennifer Murphy, Deputy Superintendent – District Admin. Offices  
Dr. Michael Fisher, Assistant Superintendent – District Admin. Offices  
Mr. Adam Sikorski, Principal – Middle School  
Activity: 2025 SXSW Conference  
Dates: March 2 – 5, 2025  
Location: Austin, TX  
Estimated Cost: \$0.00 (Covered by 2025 Learning Alliance Grant)

**MOTION:**

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

COMMENT: Mr. Briegel asked about Dr. French’s lodging costs. Dr. French explained that those cost are covered by the District’s membership to the Forum.

**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: Forensics Team – High School  
Purpose: Team Expenses  
Dates: October 26, 2024  
Location: High School  
Activity: Speech and Debate Tournament

Organization: Swimming and Diving Boosters – High School  
Purpose: Team Expenses  
Dates: October 26, 2024 (Rain Date October 27, 2024)  
Location: Bruster’s Ice Cream  
Activity: Car Wash

Organization: Wrestling Team – High School  
Purpose: Team Expenses  
Dates: October 28 – November 8, 2024  
Location: High School  
Activity: Gourmet Apple Sale

Organization: Girls Basketball Boosters – High School  
Purpose: Team Expenses  
Dates: November 1 – 30, 2024  
Location: Community  
Activity: Sport-Specific T-Shirt Sale

Organization: Best Buddies – Middle School  
Purpose: Group Expenses  
Dates: November 1 – December 31, 2024  
Location: Middle School  
Activity: Group-Specific T-Shirt Sale

Organization: Swimming and Diving Boosters – High School  
Purpose: Team Expenses  
Dates: November 4 – 22, 2024  
Location: Community  
Activity: Sport-Specific T-Shirt Sale

Organization: Junior Class – High School  
Purpose: Class Expenses  
Dates: November 9, 2024  
Location: High School  
Activity: Baked Goods Sale



Organization: Wrestling Team – High School  
 Purpose: Team Expenses  
 Dates: November 15 – 29, 2024  
 Location: Community  
 Activity: Sport-Specific T-Shirt Sale

Organization: Girls Lacrosse Boosters – High School  
 Purpose: Team Expenses  
 Dates: November 19 – 30, 2024  
 Location: High School  
 Activity: Wreath Sale

Organization: Girls Basketball Boosters – High School  
 Purpose: Team Expenses  
 Dates: November 26, 2024 – March 30, 2025  
 Location: High School  
 Activity: Concessions

Organization: Girls Basketball Boosters – High School  
 Purpose: Team Expenses  
 Dates: December 1, 2024 – January 31, 2025  
 Location: Community  
 Activity: Golf Raffle

Organization: Parent Teacher Association (PTA) – Pleasant Valley Elementary  
 Purpose: PTA Expenses  
 Dates: January 16 – February 4, 2025  
 Location: Community  
 Activity: Read-A-Thon

Organization: Parent Teacher Association (PTA) – Pleasant Valley Elementary  
 Purpose: PTA Expenses  
 Dates: January 23 – January 24, 2025  
 Location: Community  
 Activity: Book Fair

Organization: Swimming and Diving Boosters – High School  
 Purpose: Team Expenses  
 Dates: February 1 – 12, 2025  
 Location: Community  
 Activity: Pepperoni Roll Sale

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

Organization: Cross Country Team – High School  
Advisor: Kristin Sortino  
Purpose: PIAA State Cross Country Individual Finals  
Dates: November 1 – 2, 2024  
Location: Hershey, PA  
Cost to Dist.: \$3,127.84

Organization: Field Hockey Team – High School  
Advisor: Kelly Meenan  
Purpose: PIAA State Field Hockey Team Finals  
Dates: November 15 – 17, 2024  
Location: Mechanicsburg, PA  
Cost to Dist.: \$7,182.34

Organization: Boys Soccer Team – High School  
Advisor: Robert Dyer  
Purpose: PIAA State Boys Soccer Team Finals  
Dates: November 15 – 17, 2024  
Location: Mechanicsburg, PA  
Cost to Dist.: \$7,620.34

Organization: Girls Soccer Team – High School  
Advisor: Patrick Vereb  
Purpose: PIAA State Girls Soccer Team Finals  
Dates: November 15 – 17, 2024  
Location: Mechanicsburg, PA  
Cost to Dist.: \$7,770.34

Organization: Girls Volleyball Team – High School  
Advisor: Terrance Kelly  
Purpose: PIAA State Girls Volleyball Team Finals  
Dates: November 15 – 17, 2024  
Location: Mechanicsburg, PA  
Cost to Dist.: \$6,732.34

Organization: Swimming and Diving Team – High School  
Advisor: Alexander Hardwick  
Purpose: SPIRE Swim Invitational  
Dates: December 20 – 21, 2024  
Location: Geneva, OH  
Cost to Dist.: \$0.00

Organization: Girls Wrestling Team – High School  
Advisor: Amber Helphenstine  
Purpose: Curwensville Tournament  
Dates: January 3 – 5, 2025  
Location: Curwensville, PA  
Cost to Dist.: \$0.00

**MOTION:**

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

COMMENT: Mr. Briegel asked about the meals in the budgeted cost in item 2. Dr. Fisher explained the budgeted meal costs. Mrs. Bowman asked for an explanation of the Forensics Team fundraiser. Dr. Murphy explained the fundraiser.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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VIII. OTHER

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

1. Accept a donation of dictionaries from the Rotary Club of McMurray to Peters Township School District for third graders at Bower Hill Elementary School and Pleasant Valley Elementary School. The approximate value of this donation is \$1,044.00.
2. Accept a donation of \$50.00 from Mr. Alexander Keddie to Peters Township School District for the Golf Practice Facility at the High School.
3. Accept a \$100.00 donation from an anonymous Peters Township family to Peters Township School District for McMurray Elementary School.
4. Accept a donation of \$5,634.00 from the Peters Township Quarterback Club to Peters Township School District for Weight Room Equipment at the Middle School.
5. Accept a \$2,000.00 BotsIQ grant from the National Havoc Robot League (NRHL) and BotsFC – Emulsifier to Peters Township High School.
6. Authorize Administration to advertise for replacement school buses.
7. Approve a three-year contract extension with NRG/Direct Energy for Natural Gas on the Columbia Gas System with a start date of September 1, 2025. The contract will have a Basis price of (-\$0.267) cents per Dth. The contract extension was recommended by the Western Pennsylvania Natural Gas Consortium Committee.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Briegel moved for approval of Other recommendation items 1 through 7, seconded by Mr. O’Neill.

COMMENT: Mr. Briegel thanked the organizations and individuals for their donations. Mr. Camilletti asked if item 7 was written correctly. Mr. Taylor responded in the affirmative. Mrs. Binsse commented on item 6 and on Clean School Bus grants. Mrs. Binsse noted that other local districts received grants and that the Clean School Bus grants closes in January. Mrs. Binsse would like the Buildings and Grounds team to evaluate the appropriateness of the Clean School Bus grant program for the District.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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SOLICITOR’S REPORT

CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS OF INFORMATION

November Meeting:

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

December Board Meeting:

Monday, December 2, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.                      Reorganization Meeting

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Mr. O’Neill moved for adjournment at 8:02 p.m., seconded by Mr. Taylor.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Board Secretary

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Board President