

# Peters Township School District



**MINUTES  
PETERS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 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 7:30 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 Ms. Jocelyn Kramer – Solicitor.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

- **Celebration of Excellence**
- **Excellence in Academics**
- **Wild World Of Animals At Bower Hill** – Following their studies of animals and their habitats, first grade students at Bower Hill were treated to The Wild World of Animals assembly courtesy of the PTA. Students learned about the life and habits of a variety of animals including a turtle, alligator, falcon, lemur, porcupine and even a sloth!
- **McMurray Read-A-Thon Celebration** – This month we celebrated the end of an AMAZING Read-a-Thon at McMurray! Overall, our 4th and 5th grade students read for nearly 270,000 minutes during the event. Overall, the fundraiser earned an impressive \$16,999 for PTA events at the school. The top readers across each grade level also had the opportunity to silly string their principals during the assemblies. Congratulations to our student readers, thank you to our PTA and staff who supported this amazing event.
- **Pleasant Valley Read-A-Thon** – We also celebrated the end of a successful Pleasant Valley Read-a-Thon this month. Overall Pleasant Valley students read for 257,278 minutes and raised \$18,108.11 for PTA events and programs. Top readers from each grade level received their prize baskets and medals were distributed in homerooms throughout the building.
- **PITT Students Visit Pleasant Valley** - Third grade students in Miss Delon's class welcomed students from the University of Pittsburgh for a lesson about density. Students learned about solids, liquids, and gases and then made their own lava lamps with oil, water, Alka-Seltzer tablets, and food dye. The students enjoyed the demonstrations and hands-on learning with these special guests.
- **Odyssey Of The Mind Honors** - Three teams from McMurray Elementary participated in the regional Odyssey of the Mind competition with outstanding results! Odyssey of the Mind is a

creative problem-solving challenge for students designed to foster original and creative thinking. Teams may compete in a variety of categories/problems. The team solutions to the problems are presented at the competition. Two Peters Township teams won first place overall in their divisions and will now move on to the state competition next month. Congratulations to the team members listed above. (Taking on the CLASSICS problem, the Opening Night Antics team of Cecelia Borsani, Hannah Broering, Jack Landy, Alex Markocic, Jamison Peck, and Alaina Petrovich took top honors. In the TECHNICAL problem, the AI Tech-No Art team of Andrew Diamond, Colgan Gallagher, Colin Kaser, Tommy Robbins, Cameron Tarbert, and Jack Tucker also earned 1st place.)

- **3D Pens in Innovation Class** - PTMS students in the Intro to Innovation class had a chance to experiment with the new 3D pens. Ms. Ferragonio purchased the pens through a grant from the PT Education Foundation. The pens will now be added to the curriculum for future projects!
- **Energy Assembly At McMurray** – Our 4th grade students had a visit from First Energy this month for their assembly following their study of energy in the curriculum. Students learned about the different types of resources and how we can use them wisely. They talked about things they can do at home - like turning off lights when they leave a room, turning off the television when they are not watching or turning off the water while they brush their teeth - to help conserve resources. Kits were also provided for each family with items such as LED light bulbs, LED nightlights and a furnace filter whistle.
- **Read Across America At Bower Hill** – Bower Hill first grade students celebrated the birthday of Dr. Seuss with a week of spirit dress up days and some fun activities around Read Across America Day. Mrs. Pauley from the children’s section at the Peters Township Public library visited to read some special stories and to talk about the activities and programs available at the library. On Friday, the students also played Book Bingo with some great book prizes.
- **Applied Engineering Visit to All-Clad** - Members of the PTHS Applied Engineering class visited the All-Clad factory as they begin their industry partnership for this year. Each year the class partners with a local business for hands-on experience. Students went on a tour of the factory and were presented with the challenges that the class will tackle this year.
- **Excellence in the Arts**
- **Shakespeare Competition Honors** - Four students from PT have earned Honorable Mention honors in the Shakespeare Monologue Competition sponsored by the Pittsburgh Public Theater. Anthony Luisi (Upper Division 8-12), Jo Myers (Upper Division 8-12), Ceci Reyes (Upper Division 8-12) and Jude Glover (Lower Division 3-7) The students above were selected by the judges as members of the Top 25 participants in the competition that featured 800 students representing 80 different schools.
- **Frozen Jr. at PTMS** – Musical season in Peters Township never disappoints! At the Middle School, as cast of more than 85 talented students came together to stage Frozen Jr. for packed audiences. The students also performed sneak previews for visiting students from McMurray and Pleasant Valley for a glimpse of what they will be able to participate in when they get to the Middle School.
- **All Shook Up at PTHS** – This past weekend, Elvis was front and center at Peters Township High School as they performed All Shook Up. Set in the 1950s, the show featured many famous Elvis songs and outstanding dance numbers. Congratulations to the cast and crews of these great shows!
- **Excellence in Athletics**
- **National Letter Of Intent Signing at PTHS** - Congratulations to our PTHS student athletes who signed National Letters of Intent to continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level. We are so proud of these athletes:

- Baseball: Will Sommers, Point Park University
- Cross Country/Track: Sydney Shock, Johns Hopkins University
- Field Hockey: Ava Zimmer, Ohio Wesleyan University
- Football: Tanner Mindach, John Carroll University
- Dom Sirianni, Carnegie Mellon University
- Women's Ice Hockey: Leela Nemani, Lebanon Valley College
- Men's Lacrosse: Eliot Schratz, Seton Hill University
- Women's Soccer: Sophia Orphall, Penn West California University
- Softball: Elena Tylka, Grove City College
- Swimming & Diving: Aiden Filer, Washington & Jefferson College
- Women's Volleyball: Mailea Hufnagel, University of Virginia – College at Wise
- Men's Wrestling: Chris Cibrone, Mercyhurst University
- **Unified Bocce Team** - Congratulations to the PTHS Unified Bocce Team who earned 1st place in the Regional Championships this month. They are now headed on to states!
- **Winter Sports Round-Up** - Our winter sports season has come to an end.
  - Girls Basketball ended their incredible season 24-3, capturing third place in the WPIAL.
  - Wrestler Nick McGarrity won the WPIAL title at 107 pounds and took 6th place at the PIAA Championships
- **Excellence in Character**
- **Best Buddies Birdhouses** - Members of Best Buddies showed their RESPECT this month helping to clean out our PV birdhouses! The birdhouses were built last year by Mr. Vickers and painted by our Best Buddies crew. They are all clean and ready for some new spring visitors!
- **Kids Heart Challenge at Bower Hill** - Bower Hill students danced their heart out in gym class this month. The school participated in the American Heart Association Kids Heart Challenge. Families were invited to learn about hands-only CPR and to help raise money for the American Heart Association! A portion of what is raised will come back to our school to purchase gym equipment.
- **Donuts With Grownups** - Pleasant Valley PTA welcomed parents this month for Donuts with Grownups prior to the school day - what a great way to start the day! Coffee for the event was also provided by our High School's Coffee Tree Roasters. The students were working early to brew coffee for our special guests!
- **Excellence in Leadership**
- **Disability Awareness Summit** – On March 12th, Mrs. Clancy and Mrs. Yakubic took a group of students from PTMS Best Buddies and PTHS Partners in PE students to PennWest California for the 2nd Annual Disability Awareness Summit sponsored by Intermediate Unit 1. This summit was held for students in grades 7-12 and PT students who work with students in Special Education and those who are interested in pursuing a special education related field were invited to attend. They participated in a variety of sessions including an assistive technology demonstration, disability simulations, and a Special Education Career presentation.
- **Student Leadership Consortium** – On February 22, Peters Township High School hosted the Student Leadership Consortium. More than 120 students representing ten schools from our region attended for a day dedicated to learning strategies to engage the student body, techniques to be better student leaders and learning to communicate with students and the community. Breakout sessions included topics such as promoting positive mental health, encouraging school spirit, social media strategies as well as fundraising and pep rally planning. The sessions were led by the PTHS Executive Council.
- **8th Grade Move Up Day** – We held Move Up Day for our 8th graders as they made their first official visit to the High School. During the visit PTHS Ambassadors toured the students through

the building, 8th graders heard from our student panel about various departments and activities at the school, and our thespians shared their one-act play "The Ten Worst/Best Things About High School."

- **Women In Trades Event** - PT Sophomore Baylei Sowden and junior Isabella Asbury were part of a group of students from Western Area Career and Technical Center to attend the annual Women in the Trades event at Rosedale Technical College. Structured to provide an educational experience exploring various career opportunities in STEM-related fields, the students were paired with current Rosedale tech students and met with employers, trade professionals, and Rosedale Tech alumni to learn about career opportunities in the trades and how Rosedale Tech can help prepare them for their futures.

## 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 and litigation matters.

## 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 February 20, 2024.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for February 2024 with a balance of \$17,904,778.54.
3. Approval of the General Fund bills for February 16, 2024 through March 14, 2024.
4. Approval of the Capital Facilities Fund bills for February 16, 2024 through March 14, 2024.

5. Approval of the Food Service Fund bills for February 16, 2024 through March 14, 2024.
6. Approval of the McMurray Elementary School Activity Fund report for February 2024.
7. Approval of the Middle School Activity Fund report for February 2024.
8. Approval of the High School Athletic Fund report for February 2024.
9. Approval of the High School Activity Fund report for February 2024.
10. Approval of the High School Coffee Shop Activity Fund report for February 2024.

**MOTION:**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**  
(9-0)

**II. BOARD COMMITTEES**

**Personnel**

Daniel Taylor

**Buildings and Grounds**

Rebecca Bowman

1. **RECOMMENDATION:** Motion to approve a one (1) year renewal agreement with Bob’s Landscaping for grass cutting services in the amount of \$42,500.00. There is no change in annual cost from last year’s agreement.

**MOTION:**

Mrs. Bowman moved for approval of Buildings and Grounds recommendation 1, seconded by Mr. Briegel.

Comment: Dr. Payne pointed out that it’s the second year in a row without an increase. Mr. O’Neill added it was a competitively bid years ago and the price has been held since.

**MOTION CARRIED**  
(9-0)

2. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve the responsive bus bid submitted by Myers Equipment Corporation meeting specifications for two (2) 72 passenger school buses with chains at a total cost of \$279,034.00. One other bid was received. This project is funded by Capital Projects.

**MOTION:**

Mrs. Bowman moved for approval of Buildings and Grounds recommendation 2, seconded by Mr. Briegel.

Comment: Mr. O'Neill commented on the frugality of the transportation department and no one expects the price of buses to go down. Mrs. Chaudhari asked how much was the other bid and what is the time frame for delivery. Mr. Rau answered the other bid was \$143,548 per bus and the time frame is by August 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Briegel asked is there a concern of the buses not being ready for the start of school. Mr. Rau answered that part of the proposal is a delivery before the start of school. Mrs. Binsse commented that she agreed that this is a big price increase and pointed out that there are grant opportunities to purchase electric buses.

**MOTION CARRIED**

(9-0)

**Education**

Shari Payne

An Education Committee Meeting has been scheduled for April 9, 2024.

3. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve the Peters Township School District's Comprehensive Plan.

**MOTION:**

Dr. Payne moved for approval of Education recommendation 3, seconded by Mr. Briegel.

Comment: Mrs. Anderson asked if there were comments. Dr. French and Dr. Murphy responded no.

**MOTION CARRIED**

(9-0)

**Finance**

Rolf Briegel

Audit Presentation for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023 presented by Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood LLP.

4. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to accept the 2022–2023 School District Audit including the Single Audit Report prepared by Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood LLP for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023 as presented.

**MOTION:**

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

Comment: Mrs. Anderson commented on additional data points and overview of the district included in the report. Dr. Payne commended Mr. Rau and his team for the audit report.

**MOTION CARRIED**  
(9-0)

**Policy**

Lisa Anderson: Mrs. Anderson asked that a Policy Committee Meeting be scheduled.

**PSBA**

Lisa Anderson

**Western Area Career and Technology Center**

Rebecca Bowman

The next Joint Operating Committee meeting will be held on March 20, 2024.

WACTC programs are again fully staffed.

WACTC has won the following grants: Supplemental Equipment, PCCD, LSA, Dual Enrollment, and Competitive Safety. Other grants are still in the pipeline.

The WACTC has an on-site sewage treatment plant. Since there is currently no public sewer service, the system is rapidly aging and will need a complete replacement within five years. With potential developments moving out from Houston in the direction of WACTC and beyond, the administration has already begun exploring funding and partnerships to bring public sewer out. Since this would significantly improve property values in the area, this may prove to be fortuitous timing.

**Intermediate Unit**

The 2024 “State of the Intermediate Unit 1” Conference will be held on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Southpointe.

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

**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. Accept the following **retirements**:

Name: Elizabeth Clark  
Position: Elementary Teacher  
Assignment: McMurray Elementary  
Effective: End of the 2023-2024 School Year

Name: Dell Hickle  
Position: Special Education Teacher  
Assignment: High School  
Effective: End of the 2023-2024 School Year

Name: Matthew Cheran  
Position: Social Studies Teacher  
Assignment: Middle School  
Effective: July 31, 2024

Name: Elizabeth Bladel  
Position: German Teacher  
Assignment: Middle School  
Effective: August 17, 2024

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

Jessica Boland - Nurse

3. Approve the following **teacher** to instruct **2024 Summer Physical Education Courses**, at the teacher contractual rate, not to exceed 34 hours per session:

Anthony DeMarco

**MOTION:**

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

Comment: Mr. Camilletti asked if any of these were surprises. Dr. French answered that there were no surprises.

**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:**



March 2023-2024-01  
March 2023-2024-02  
March 2023-2024-03  
March 2023-2024-04

2. Accept the following **retirement**:

Name: Lisa Meier  
Position: Paraprofessional  
Assignment: High School  
Effective: March 28, 2024

3. Approve the following **transfer**:

Name: Mitchell Kobrys  
From: Custodian, High School  
To: Custodian, Middle School  
Effective: March 11, 2024  
Replacing: Robin Resciniti

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

Name: Carolyn Heath  
Position: Paraprofessional  
Assignment: McMurray Elementary  
Salary: \$19.52/hr.  
Effective: March 20, 2024  
Replacing: Kristen Collier

Name: Christopher Smith  
Position: Custodian  
Assignment: McMurray Elementary  
Salary: \$19.48/hr.  
Effective: March 20, 2024  
Replacing: Taylor Lindley

Name: Stephen Bombich  
Position: Custodian  
Assignment: High School  
Salary: \$19.48/hr.  
Effective: April 8, 2024  
Replacing: Mitchell Kobrys

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

Jeanne Hutchison-Bus Aide  
Lisa Stugan-Custodian

6. Approve the following **paraprofessionals** for the **2024 Extended School Year (ESY) Program** at the contractual rate, from June 24, 2024 through July 25, 2024, one (1) in-service half day and 19 instructional days, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday:

Patricia Ayres	Stephanie Keelon
Christine Bomba	Mary Liz LaRosa
Ryan DeFazio	Carly Lutz
Glenn Girol	Lucy Micaletti
Rachel Hall	Ramona Neal
Lisa Harrison	Tracey Sollon
Carolyn Heath	

7. Approve the following **substitute paraprofessionals** for the **2024 Extended School Year (ESY) Program** at the contractual rate, from June 24, 2024 through July 25, 2024, one (1) in-service half day and 19 instructional days, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday:

Cheryl Graves  
 Kimberly Jackson  
 Amy Obringer  
 Tyler Smida

8. Approve the **2024 summer secretary hours** (175-200 approximated hours per school) from June 19, 2024 – August 6, 2024 for the following buildings:

Pleasant Valley Elementary  
 Bower Hill Elementary  
 McMurray Elementary

**MOTION:**

Mr. Briegel moved for approval of Non-Certificated Personnel recommendation items 1 through 8, 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 Athletics changes of status** for the 2023–24 school year.

<b><u>HIGH SCHOOL</u></b>	<b><u>FROM:</u></b>	<b><u>TO:</u></b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Adrianna Costanza	Lacrosse, Girls Volunteer Coach	Lacrosse, Girls Assistant Coach

Alexander Puhl      Volleyball, Boys Assistant Coach      Volleyball, Boys Volunteer Coach

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

**HIGH SCHOOL**

**Spring**

Volleyball, Boys Assistant Coach

Zachary Horensky

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

**HIGH SCHOOL**

**FROM:**

**TO:**

**Fall**

Greta Schratz

Field Hockey, Assistant Coach

Field Hockey, Volunteer Coach

**MOTION:**

Mr. Briegel moved for approval of Extra-Duty Personnel/Programs recommendation items 1 through 3, seconded by Mr. O'Neill.

**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: Brian Geyer, Athletic Director – High School  
Activity: Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors Association (PSADA)  
2024 Award Banquet  
Dates: March 21 – 22, 2024  
Location: Hershey, PA  
Estimated Cost: \$0.00

Name: Gregg Wilson, Assistant Principal – High School  
Activity: Pennsylvania Science Education Leaders (PennSEL)  
Network PA Science, Technology & Engineering, Environmental Literacy,  
and Sustainability (STEELS) Training  
Dates: April 11 – 12, 2024  
Location: Cranberry Township, PA  
Estimated Cost: \$118.59

Name: Dr. Jeannine French, Superintendent – District Admin. Offices  
Activity: The Forum for Western Pennsylvania School Superintendents  
Dates: May 1 – 3, 2024  
Location: Bedford, PA  
Estimated Cost: \$155.44

**MOTION:**

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

Comment: Mr. Briegel thanked the staff for adding details to the estimated costs to the summaries.

**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: Students Active for Environment (S.A.F.E.) Club – High School  
Purpose: Club Expenses  
Dates: March 19 – 26, 2024  
Location: Community  
Activity: Sarris Candy Bar Sales

Organization: Girls Lacrosse Boosters – High School  
Purpose: Team Expenses  
Dates: April 20, 2024  
Location: Bruster's Ice Cream  
Activity: Car Wash

Organization: Quarterback Club – High School  
Purpose: Team Expenses  
Dates: May 4 – 5, 2024  
Location: Peters Township Tennis Center  
Activity: Tennis Bubble Removal

Organization: Interact Club – High School  
Purpose: Club Expenses  
Dates: May 9, 2024  
Location: High School  
Activity: Blood Drive

Organization: Girls Golf Boosters – High School  
Purpose: Team Expenses  
Dates: May 22, 2024  
Location: Topgolf  
Activity: Play and Donate

Organization: Girls Golf Boosters – High School  
Purpose: Team Expenses  
Dates: June 18 – 21, 2024

Location: Community  
Activity: Golf Clinic

Organization: Dance Team Boosters – High School  
Purpose: Team Expenses  
Dates: June 29, 2024  
Location: Community  
Activity: Raffle Basket

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

Organization: Unified Bocce Team – High School  
Advisor: Mark Seckar  
Purpose: Special Olympics Unified Bocce State Finals  
Dates: March 20 – 21, 2024  
Location: Hershey, PA  
Cost to Dist.: \$2,560.00

Organization: MATHCOUNTS – Middle School  
Advisor: Amy Quiring  
Purpose: MATHCOUNTS State Competition  
Dates: March 22 – 23, 2024  
Location: Harrisburg, PA  
Cost to Dist.: \$1,099.71

Organization: Odyssey of the Mind – McMurray Elementary  
Advisor: Tara Gromen  
Purpose: 2024 State Finals  
Dates: April 5 – 7, 2024  
Location: Swiftwater, PA  
Cost to Dist.: \$949.24

Organization: Music Department – High School  
Advisor: Ryan Perrotte  
Purpose: Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA)  
All State Festival  
Dates: April 17 – 21, 2024  
Location: Erie, PA  
Cost to Dist.: \$3,995.16

**MOTION:**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**  
(9-0)

VIII. OTHER

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

1. Approve the DRAFT 2025–26 School Calendar. Approve the calendar with the most affirmative votes:

Option 1 – Original calendar with end date of June 5, 2026 (attachment)

Option 2 – Shorter Spring Break with earlier end date of June 2, 2026 (attachment)

**MOTION:**

Mr. Briegel moved to approve DRAFT 2025–26 School Calendar option with the most affirmative votes, seconded by Mr. O’Neill.

Comment: Mr. Briegel asked if there is any consideration to moving the in-service day from butting against spring break. Dr. Murphy answered, the in-service days have to fall at the end of the grade period quarter or semester. Mrs. Anderson stated that she is in favor of a full week of spring break. Mr. Camilletti commented that he is not in favor of a week at spring break since other activities continue over the break. Mr. Briegel commented that he is favor of a full week for spring break to give students a chance to visit colleges. Mrs. Binsse asked if public feedback will be gathered after the draft calendar is approved. Dr. French answered that a survey will be sent out and information will be shared with the board. Mrs. Binsse also asked if we see more truancy in certain times of the calendar and do we take that into consideration. Dr. French answered that people travel when they want and the calendar does not seem to influence attendance. Dr. Payne asked is the timing of the break before testing beneficial for the students. Dr. Fisher answered that he believed the break is good and lets the students recharge before testing. Mrs. Binsse asked can other district calendars be reviewed to see other options.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Mrs. Anderson – Option 1  
Mrs. Binsse – Option 1  
Mrs. Bowman – Option 2  
Mr. Briegel – Option 1  
Mr. Camilletti – Option 2

Mrs. Chaudhari – Option 1  
Mr. O’Neill – Option 1  
Dr. Payne – Option 1  
Mr. Taylor – Option 2

**OPTION 1 CARRIED**

(6-3)

Mr. Taylor left meeting.

2. Approve the donation of two (2) Point-N-Play Playground Banners from Sophia and Amelia Severns to be displayed at the Pleasant Valley and Bower Hill Elementary playgrounds. The approximate value of the donation is \$560.00.
3. Approve a \$50.00 donation from National Energy Foundation to Peters Township School District for McMurray Elementary to purchase books for the library on the topic of Energy.
4. Approve donations of \$2,500.00 from the McMurray Elementary Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and \$2,062.26 from the McMurray Student Council to Peters Township School District for gym equipment at McMurray Elementary.
5. Approve the following **drivers** from Mlaker L.L.C. Student Transportation for the 2023–24 school year:

Candace Donaway  
Brittany Hallas  
Wyatt Johnson  
Timothy Reeder

6. Approve a disciplinary recommendation for a student #23-24-03.
7. Approve the purchase and installation of fitness equipment at Peters Township Middle School at a cost of \$28,035.00, from Websters Fitness Products Inc., COSTARS #014-E23-298. This purchase is funded by the High School Athletic Fund. (attachment)
8. Approve a three year renewal agreement with DQE Communications for Metro Ethernet & Internet Services at a cost of \$1,430.00 per month through the Federal E-Rate Program, on terms and conditions approved by the Solicitor. This renewal agreement is a savings of \$500 per month over last year and is eligible for 40% reimbursement. (attachment)
9. Approve the purchase of a Fortinet FG-201F firewall, one (1) year of FortiCare Premium subscription, and one (1) year of Fortinet Security Operations Center-as-a-Service (SOCaaS) from Dagostino Electronic Services at a cost of \$10,235.00 through the Federal E-Rate Program. This purchase is eligible for 40% reimbursement. (attachment)
10. Approve the purchase and installation of three (3) Community Loudspeakers on the Press Box roof, two (2) speakers on the light poles on the opposite side of the field, two (2) audio amplifiers, one (1) audio digital signal processor, two (2) combo wireless microphone systems, one (1) referee wireless microphone System, and one (1) desktop microphone from Dagostino Electronic Services at a cost of \$43,648.51. The items will be purchased through the COSTARS #034-071 contract. (attachment)
11. Approve a 3-year fair market value lease of 724 Lenovo laptop and 324 Chromebook computers from Trafera at a cost of \$182,581.00 annually for student use. The items will be leased through the COSTARS Hardware Contract #003-051. (attachment)
12. Approve a 5-year fair market value lease of 51 Lenovo ThinkCentre computers from Trafera at a cost of \$10,029.00 annually for staff use. The items will be leased through the COSTARS Hardware Contract #003-051. (attachment)
13. Approve a 5-year fair market value lease of 143 Lenovo Thinkpad computers from Trafera at a cost of \$58,450.00 annually for staff use. The items will be leased through the COSTARS Hardware Contract #003-051. (attachment)
14. Approve a 5-year fair market value lease of 41 Lenovo legion computers from Trafera at a cost of \$23,724.00 annually for student use. The items will be leased through the COSTARS Hardware Contract #003-051. (attachment)

**MOTION:**

Mr. Briegel moved for approval of Other recommendation items 2 through 14, seconded by Mr. O'Neill.

Comment: Mr. Briegel stated he was happy that we are upgrading the sound system at the stadium and have we heard a similar system. Mr. Swinchock answered that he had the opportunity to hear this system and will be more than capable. Mrs. Anderson asked if any of the old equipment will be kept. Mr. Swinchock answered that they will reuse everything that they can. Mrs. Anderson asked if we are moving away from chromebooks. Mr. Swinchock answered that the only change would be 6<sup>th</sup> grade will no longer use chromebooks. Dr. Payne commented that this is not a complete replacement. Mr. Swinchock commented that this is the start of a recycle schedule starting at 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 6<sup>th</sup> grade and 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Mr. Camilletti commented that the K-12 one-to-one program should be discussed at some point in Education Committee since long term this cost will increase over the next two years. Mrs. Chaudhari asked if there were any grant opportunity to offset the cost of the stadium sound system. Mr. Rau answered that the district is currently exploring private donations to offset some costs related to the stadium sound system. Mrs. Chaudhari thanked everyone for the donations and asked for an explanation of the athletic fund. Mr. Rau explained that the athletic fund is a separate account used to process athletic gate receipts and pay officials. It also includes rental fees from WPIAL and PIAA and these additional funds have been used to for athletic improvements in the district.

**MOTION CARRIED**  
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BOARD INFORMATION: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: Ms. Kramer delivered her report in Executive Session

**CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS OF INFORMATION**

April Board Meetings:

- Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.                      Education / Finance Committee Meeting
- Monday, April 15, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.                      Regular Board Meeting
- Monday, April 22, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.                      Policy Committee Meeting
- Monday, April 29, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.                      Joint Meeting with the Township  
Hosted by Peters Township School District

May Board Meeting:

- Monday, May 20, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.                      Regular Board Meeting



**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Mr. O'Neill moved for adjournment at 8:51 p.m., seconded by Mr. Briegel.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Board Secretary

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Board President