



# Peters Township School District

**MINUTES  
PETERS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024 AT 7:30 PM  
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICES**

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Briegel, Vice-President, called the special meeting of the Peters Township Board of School Directors to order at 7:32 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, Mr. Adam Swinchock - Director of Instructional Technology, Mr. Brandon Womer – Director of Buildings and Grounds, and Ms. Annemarie Harr Eagle – Solicitor

## SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

- Celebration of Excellence
- **Excellence in Academics**
- **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION** – Congratulations to the 73 students who were inducted into the National Honor Society this month at Peters Township High School. Students are inducted into the NHS based on qualifications in the areas of Character, Scholarship, Leadership and Service. A complete list of names may be found on the High School website.
 

National History Day Regional Honors – Peters Township students participated in the regional competition of the National History Day contest. Twenty PTMS and PTHS students were among the 300+ contestants who gathered at the Heinz History Center for this event. History Day is an opportunity for students to present historical papers, exhibits, performances, documentaries, and original website designs pertaining to an annual theme. Entries this year focused on the theme of “Turning Points in History.” Eight of the thirteen entries advanced to the state level of competition later this month.
- **First Place Awards**
  - Audrey Jeswilkowski**, Grade 9  
Senior Individual Exhibit  
Entry Title: *Sputnik: Turning the First Page for Space*
  - Mackenzie Bauer, Elly Helms and Kaylin Hoffman**, Grade 8  
Junior Group Exhibit  
Entry Title: *Watergate: The Scandal that Shook the Nation*

**Talen Stauffer**, Grade 8  
Junior Individual Documentary  
Entry Title: *The Johnstown Flood*

➤ **Second Place Awards**

**Joseph Spergel**, Grade 10  
Senior Individual Documentary  
Entry Title: *Assembling a Change in History: Ford and the American Automobile*

**Stephanie Kulbieda and Karli Stinner**, Grade 8  
Junior Group Exhibit  
Entry Title: *Jeannette Rankin: "...to change the world is to speak up and take action"*

**Maggie Snyder**, Grade 8  
Junior Individual Website  
Entry Title: *The Telegraph and How it Changed the Nation's Direction*

➤ **Third Place Awards**

**Nadia Knestrick**, Grade 8  
Junior Individual Exhibit  
Entry Title: *1902 Coal Strike: A Turning Point for the Common Man*

**Chase Combs and Chay LaMagna**, Grade 8  
Junior Group Documentary  
Entry Title: *Cuban Missile Crisis*

- **STEM CHALLENGE HONORS** - McMurray students took first place in the STEM Design Challenge. The team above (Dylan Galloway, Casey Kazienko, Andy Serdy) took top honors at the Intermediate Unit 1 Regional Challenge and has now qualified to move to on the state level. Each fall, students are given a challenge and have until March/April to design a prototype in response to the challenge. Along with a prototype, the teams will need to create a blueprint, a design notebook, and a presentation.
- **EDUCATION REFORM PRESENTATION AT PTMS** - Social Studies students in Mrs. Adams' 7<sup>th</sup> grade class presented proposals to Mr. Sikorski following their study of the Reform Movement and education reform. The students advocated for things like recess time, a later start to the school day, revised dress code and even vending machines for snacking throughout the day. Sikorski engaged the students with some of the possibilities and challenges to their proposals.
- **GEOLOGIST VISITS 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE** - Geologist Jeff the Geode Guy visited 1<sup>st</sup> grade at Bower Hill. He shared his adventures into an extinct volcano in Mexico where they mine for geodes. Students had a chance to examine and hold samples from his collection. They were also able to purchase polished geodes or even to have him break a new one right in front of them following the presentation. Many thanks to the PTA for providing this opportunity for the students!
- **Spanish Art** - After completing a unit on the world of art, Spanish IV students at PTHS painted their own artwork in the style of various Spanish artists. Bravo, PTHS!
- **Bower Hill Bees Dinosaur Theme** - Bower Hill has dinosaurs on the brain this month and our STEM Bees read the story, A Dinosaur Made Me Sneeze. They then excavated fossils (chocolate chip cookies), built dinosaurs with playdoh, and saved dinosaurs from hot lava. Maybe we have some future paleontologists in the making!
- **PV STEAM Night** - PV Teachers held a special Family STEAM this month with a variety of activities that encouraged students to apply science, technology, engineering, art and math skills. Members of the Titanium Titans robotics crew were also on hand with their frisbee throwing robot!

- **Odyssey of the Mind 1<sup>st</sup> Place Honors** – Two teams of students from McMurray Elementary participated in the state 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.
- **The Classic Team** (Cecelia Borsani, Hannah Broering, Jack Landy, Alex Markocic, Jamison Peck, and Alaina Petrovich) earned 1<sup>st</sup> place in the competition, earning a chance to attend the World Finals in Iowa next month. The Technical Team (Andrew Diamond, Colgan Gallagher, Colin Kaser, Tommy Robbins, Cameron Tarbert, and Jack Tucker) also finished an impressive 4<sup>th</sup> place in competition.
- **WILD WORLD OF ANIMALS AT PLEASANT VALLEY** – Pleasant Valley 1st Grade came back from Spring Break to a visit from the Wild World of Animals. They learned about the habits and lifestyle of a variety of animals including a turtle, lizard, snake, falcon, alligator, armadillo, lemur and even a sloth! There was no end to the questions from our inquisitive students and Mr. Kemmerer was a knowledgeable guest who answered them all!
- **Excellence in the Arts**
- **LIBRARY ARTS CAFÉ** – We celebrated the arts this month at PTHS with the Library Arts Café. Each day during the week featured a different form of the arts sharing their talents in the Black Box Theater through the day. Students may visit during study halls and enjoy the arts and purchase snacks to support the PTHS Library. Each day of the week features various types of art - media, choir, visual art, theater and bands.
- **Mamma Mia Master Class** - In honor of WORLD THEATRE DAY, Thespians from PTHS Troupe 185 participated in a song and dance Master Class with a Broadway cast member from the 25th Anniversary Tour of MAMMA MIA! Students also had the opportunity to take part in a field trip to see the show downtown.
- **A Little Fishy to Me at Pleasant Valley** - It might have seemed a "little fishy" to them, but the 2nd grade musical at Pleasant Valley was outstanding for all of us in the audience! Students entertained and shared some of their knowledge of sea creatures during the show. Many thanks to Mrs. Viola and the second grade team for putting it all together (with a shout out to Mrs. Wolk who painted all those adorable shirts!)
- **DINOSTARS AT BOWER HILL** – Second grade students performed their annual musical Dinostars this month for parents and classmates. This entertaining show not only showcases the musical skills of our students, but they also share lots of dinosaur knowledge with their audience. Kudos to Mr. Tupper and our second grade team for all their hard work.
- **IU1 Showcase Performance** - Room 100 represented Peters Township at the IU1 Board Convention Student Showcase in March at Southpointe. These talented singers kicked off an afternoon of performances from schools represented by Intermediate Unit 1. Also included in the event were student showcase tables demonstrating various programs, including WACTC cosmetology students from PTHS.
- **Band-Orchestra Visit Elementary Schools** – In the coming weeks our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders have the opportunity to select an instrument to play when they head to McMurray Elementary next year. As a preview, the High School Orchestra and Band visited the schools to perform for 1-3 grade. The students introduced each instrument and played a small sample so the elementary students could get a feel for the range and style of each option.
- **Excellence in Athletics**
- **Congratulations to the PTHS Girls Fencing team!** Earlier this month they took first place for the PIFA High School Foil season. The girls earned top honors against 8 other teams this season! Way to go!

- **Congratulations to Maggie Stech and Carson Throckmorton** for being selected to participate in the PMEA Western Region Orchestra Festival! The festival, which was held at Butler High School from March 21st through 23rd, was directed by Dr. Christopher Cicconi from Towson University.
- **Congratulations to the PTHS Unified Bocce Team** who earned the State Championship with a 6-3 win over Northern York! This was the team’s first season and they had outstanding results. The team and their coaches are here to tonight to be recognized by the Board.
- **Excellence in Character**
- **PERSONAL WELLNESS CPR CERTIFICATION** – High School freshmen taking Personal Wellness this semester recently completed the CPR/AED/First Aid Instruction Unit and this week they put their CPR knowledge to the test! Students learned how to administer CPR to adults, children and babies through the course. Students who demonstrate the skills have the opportunity to become certified through a partnership with the PT Fire Department. Personal Wellness is a requirement for all freshman at PTHS.
- **The PTHS Interact Club Presents:** The Autism Awareness Carnival! Sunday, March 24, 2024, 12- 2 p.m. @ PTHS. Join us as we celebrate with games, food and more to raise money and support for local non-profits! Donation of \$5 per person recommended at the door.
- **Excellence in Leadership**
- **ART AND TECHNOLOGY HALLWAY ART** – High School students returned to school to find a new look for the art and technology hallway. Sponsored by the PTA, the artwork reflects the amazing work done by the students and staff in the classrooms along that hallway reminds them to “imagine, inspire, innovate, design and create.”
- **APPLE AWARDS AT PLEASANT VALLEY** - Dr. Marquis and Dr. Fisher visited with three Pleasant Valley teachers on March 26<sup>th</sup> who are the recipients of Apple Awards from the National State Teacher of the Year – Pennsylvania Chapter. These awards are given to educators for exceptional efforts in teaching and for making a positive difference in the lives of our students! Without a doubt, Mrs. Barry, Mrs. Viola and Mrs. Zajicek are making a difference at Pleasant Valley.
- **ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR** – At the Pennsylvania School Athletic Directors Association Annual Awards, Peters Township Athletic Director Brian Geyer was named Region IV Athletic Director of the Year. Geyer is in his 13<sup>th</sup> year in Peters Township, having spent five years as the Athletic and Transportation Director for Seton LaSalle . He holds his bachelor’s degree in Education from Clarion University and earned his NIAAA Certified Athletic Administration certification in 2010. He has been instrumental in providing increased opportunities for student athletes in Peters Township and played a key role in the design and development for the athletic wing of the newly constructed Peters Township High School.

## 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.

Adrian Markocic

## 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 March 18, 2024.
2. Approval of the Treasurer’s Report for March 2024 with a balance of \$13,459,292.85.
3. Approval of the General Fund bills for March 15, 2024 through April 11, 2024.
4. Approval of the Capital Facilities Fund bills for March 15, 2024 through April 11, 2024.
5. Approval of the Food Service Fund bills for March 15, 2024 through April 11, 2024.
6. Approval of the McMurray Elementary School Activity Fund report for March 2024.
7. Approval of the Middle School Activity Fund report for March 2024.
8. Approval of the High School Athletic Fund report for March 2024.
9. Approval of the High School Activity Fund report for March 2024.
10. Approval of the High School Coffee Shop Activity Fund report for March 2024.
11. Approval of the Budget Transfers for March 2024.

### **MOTION:**

Mr. O’Neill moved for approval of the Business Office recommendation items 1 through 11, seconded by Dr. Payne.

Comment: Mr. Camilletti is very impressed with the High School Coffee Shop for running a good business.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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## II. BOARD COMMITTEES

### Personnel

Daniel Taylor

1. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to appoint Ashli Detweiler to the position of Dean of College and Career Readiness at the Peters Township High School pursuant to the Act 93 compensation plan and on terms and conditions approved by the Solicitor. (attachment)

#### **MOTION:**

Mr. Taylor moved for approval of the Personnel recommendation 1, seconded by Dr. Payne.

Comment: Mrs. Chaudhari asked when will Ashli start. Mr. Taylor responds that she will start at the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year.

**MOTION CARRIED**

(9-0)

### Buildings and Grounds

Rebecca Bowman

2. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve carpet replacement in the Middle School Auditorium and three (3) classrooms at Pleasant Valley Elementary by Franklin Interiors, Co-Star Contract #153643, in the amount of \$48,821.00. This project will be funded by the Capital Projects Fund.

#### **MOTION:**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

(9-0)

3. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve stadium field replacement lighting by Qualite, Co-Star Contract #14-216, in the amount of \$168,807.00, on terms and conditions approved by the Solicitor. This project will be funded by the Capital Projects Fund.

#### **MOTION:**

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

Comment: Dr. Payne asked how long it would take to recoup the \$168,807. Mr. Rau responded that with yearly projected maintenance costs of \$13,000 and \$8,000 to \$12,000 in electricity savings, the District would have a 7.5 year payback period. Mrs. Chaudhari asked why this year and not next year. Mr. Camilleti responded that feedback from families and that the lighting is not up to standards. Mr. Camilleti also stated that there is a financial argument and performance argument to make the upgrade. Mrs. Binsse asked Mr. Womer what is the hour limit on the warranty. Mr. Womer stated that there is no hour limit, only a 25 year limit to the warranty, and that the warranty covers parts and labor. Mrs. Binsse responded that per the Qualite website, the warranty is 30 years, 25 years on the bulbs, and a 10,000 hour limit. Mrs. Binsse also stated that the efficiency is only a 25% to 30% savings. Mrs. Binsse is worried that light dimming is not covered under warranty.

Mr. Womer responded that the bid explicitly stated that warranties must cover light brightness. Mr. Womer stated that the lighting standard is 50 foot candles and the stadium is at an estimated 30 foot candles. Mr. Womer also stated the current estimated maintenance cost for the lights at the stadium is \$14,750, if no additional bulbs go out between now and August. Dr. Payne asked if the warranty covers parts and labor. Mr. Womer responded yes and that the Pleasant Valley Field has similar lights and the District has not had any maintenance costs in the past 9 years. Mr. O’Neill is concerned that this project is more of a want than a need and thinks that there are other more pressing projects.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Mrs. Anderson – Yes  
Mrs. Binsse – No  
Mrs. Bowman – Yes  
Mr. Briegel – Yes  
Mr. Camilletti – Yes

Mrs. Chaudhari – No  
Mr. O’Neill – No  
Dr. Payne – No  
Mr. Taylor – Yes

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Mrs. Bowman left the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

**Education**

Shari Payne

An Education Committee Meeting was held on April 9, 2024.

4. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve the following new courses for the 2024-25 school year:

**HIGH SCHOOL**

Technology:

CHS Media TV Production II, IV, V, VI (semester)  
Media III, IV, V, VI Sports Television Production (semester)  
Python II Honors (semester)

Science:

Earth Space Science Academic

World Language:

French III Honors  
German III Honors  
Spanish III Honors

**MOTION:**

Dr. Payne moved for approval of Education recommendation 4, seconded by Mr. O’Neill.

**MOTION CARRIED**

(8-0)

5. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve the following course name changes for the 2024–25 school year:

**HIGH SCHOOL**

Technology:

Media II/III Photography and Media IV/V Digital Photography change to Media II, III, IV Photography

Physical Education:

PE I & PE 2 change to PE I/PE II

World Language:

AP French change to AP/CHS French

AP German change to AP/CHS German

AP Spanish change to AP/CHS Spanish

**MOTION:**

Dr. Payne moved for approval of Education recommendation 5, seconded by Mr. Taylor.

**MOTION CARRIED**

(8-0)

**Finance**

Rolf Briegel

Comment: Mr. Briegel commented on the preliminary budget, which was discussed at the finance committee meeting, and an updated budget will be discussed next month. Mr. Camilletti commented that he would like to see what the millage would be with a balanced budget at the next committee meeting.

A Finance Committee Meeting was held on April 9, 2024.

**Policy**

Lisa Anderson

A Policy Committee Meeting has been scheduled for April 22, 2024.

**PSBA**

Lisa Anderson

6. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve the purchase of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, Inc. (PSBA) All-Access membership for the 2024–25 school year at a cost of \$18,208.46. This is an increase of \$700.40 from the 2023–24 school year. (attachment)

**MOTION:**

Mrs. Anderson moved for approval of PSBA recommendation 6, seconded by Dr. Payne.

Comment: Mr. O’Neill asked what are the membership benefits and are we getting a good value of the PSBA membership. Mr. Taylor discussed the shared legal services that are done by PSBA on behalf of its member districts and without PSBA, the District would have to shoulder those costs themselves. Mrs. Anderson also stated that the costs would be astronomically higher for legal services without PSBA. Mr. O’Neill and Mrs. Binsse discussed lowering our PSBA membership. Mrs. Andersson and Dr. French respond with the benefits of our current membership.



Mrs. Chaudhari is worried about a lack of competition in the marketplace for these services. Mrs. Binsse asks if the solicitor reviews the work done by PSBA. Mrs. Andersson answered when the solicitor will and will not review PSBA work. Mrs. Chaudhari asked if this vote can be tabled.

Mr. Taylor motioned to call the vote. Dr. Payne seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Mrs. Anderson – Yes

Mrs. Binsse – No

Mr. Briegel – Yes

Mr. Camilletti – Yes

Mrs. Chaudhari – No

Mr. O’Neill – No

Dr. Payne – Yes

Mr. Taylor – Yes

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**Western Area Career and Technology Center**

Rebecca Bowman

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

WACTC is again fully staffed in all its high school programs.

The Joint Operating Committee (a board-like committee with representatives from each sending school) executed an articulation agreement with the University of Northwestern Ohio through which WACTC auto students can obtain up to 12 advanced placement credits in hydraulic brake systems (6 credits) and suspension and steering (6 credits).

As reported previously, a number of grant applications are either in preparation or awaiting outcomes. However, we particularly celebrated that our new machining instructor was successful in winning a grant from the Washington County Chapter of School Retirees Education Support Grant to purchase tooling for the machine shop.

For the second year in a row, Dress for Success (for the girls) and Lulu's Free Store (for the boys) came to WACTC to make sure that our students had dress clothes for both interviews and graduation. Another aspect of life-readiness was provided by Washington Financial through a financial literacy class. Since a number of WACTC students will go on to open their own businesses, Washington Financial has also proposed to provide presentations regarding entrepreneurship.

WACTC students graduate with high school diplomas from their sending schools. However, the completion of their studies at WACTC is also an important milestone in their lives. The WACTC certificate ceremony will be held on May 16, 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. Approve the following **leaves of absence:**

April 2023-2024-01  
April 2023-2024-02

2. Accept the following **resignation:**

Name: Leyna Steffen  
Position: Dean of Counseling Services  
Assignment: High School  
Effective: March 29, 2024

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

Name: Eve Cunningham  
Position: Mathematics Teacher  
Assignment: High School  
Salary: Bachelors, Step 2  
Effective: 2024-2025 School Year  
Replaces: Tracey Ranone

Name: Victoria Laboon  
Position: Spanish Teacher  
Assignment: Middle School and Pleasant Valley Elementary  
Salary: Masters, Step 2  
Effective: 2024-2025 School Year  
Replaces: Daniel Kornosky

**MOTION:**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**  
(8-0)

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:**

April 2023-2024-03  
April 2023-2024-04

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

Name: Lori Mulik  
Position: Cafeteria Food Service, General Helper  
Assignment: Middle School  
Salary: \$16.11/hr.  
Effective: April 17, 2024  
Replacing: Carol Earley

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

Katherine Belcher - Paraprofessional

4. Accept the following **paraprofessional resignation** for the **2024 Extended School Year (ESY) Program** from June 24, 2024 through July 25, 2024:

Lucy Micaletti

5. Approve the following **paraprofessional** 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:

Katherine Belcher

**MOTION:**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**  
(8-0)

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: (attachment)

**HIGH SCHOOL**

**Spring**

Baseball, Volunteer Coach

John Bachman

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

**ALL SEASONS**

Faculty Manager

Faculty Manager

Faculty Manager

Kristofer Bergman (Split 50% w/Helbig)

Charles Helbig (Split 50% w/Bergman)

Dale Carmassi

Faculty Manager

(Split 33% w/Farrell and Maize)

Timothy Farrell

Faculty Manager

(Split 33% w/Carmassi and Maize)

Joseph Maize

(Split 33% w/Carmassi and Farrell)

**HIGH SCHOOL**

**Fall/Winter**

Cheerleading, Head Coach

Sema Konur-McIntyre

**Winter**

Basketball, Boys Head Coach

Joseph Urmann

Basketball, Girls Head Coach

Steven Limberiou

Swimming, Head Coach

Alexander Hardwick

Track, Winter Indoor Head Coach

Justin Pinto

Wrestling, Head Coach

Derrick Evanovich

- 3. Approve the Peters Township Girls Wrestling Team as a District sponsored sport for Peters Township High School and Peters Township Middle School commencing July 1, 2024.
- 4. Approve the Peters Township Boys Volleyball Team as a District sponsored sport for Peters Township Middle School commencing July 1, 2024.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Taylor moved for approval of Extra-Duty Personnel/Programs recommendation items 1 through 4, seconded by Mr. O'Neill.

**MOTION CARRIED**

(8-0)

**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: Tara Gromen, Gifted/Enrichment Teacher – McMurray Elementary  
 Activity: STEM Design Challenge Featuring K'Nex State Finals  
 Dates: May 2 – May 3, 2024  
 Location: Harrisburg, PA  
 Estimated Cost: \$648.42

Name: Brian Geyer, Athletic Director – High School  
 Activity: National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) Summer Conference  
 Dates: June 27 – July 2, 2024  
 Location: Boston, MA  
 Estimated Cost: \$0.00

**MOTION:**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

(8-0)

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: Field Hockey Boosters – High School  
Purpose: Team Expenses  
Dates: April 16 – 28, 2024  
Location: Community  
Activity: Flower Sales

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

Organization: Horticulture Club – High School  
Purpose: Club Expenses  
Dates: May 11, 2024  
Location: High School  
Activity: Plant Sale

Organization: Quarterback Club – High School  
Purpose: Team Expenses  
Dates: May 11, 2024  
Location: Community  
Activity: Discount Cards

Organization: Senior Class – High School  
Purpose: Class Expenses  
Dates: May 22, 2024  
Location: Stadium  
Activity: Powder Puff Football Game

Organization: Boys Volleyball Boosters – High School  
Purpose: Team Expenses  
Dates: May 23 and May 27, 2024  
Location: Pittsburgh Convention Center

Activity: Volleyball Net Set-Up and Removal  
Organization: Senior Class – High School  
Purpose: Class Expenses  
Dates: November 9, 2024  
Location: High School  
Activity: Craft and Vendor Show

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

Organization: National History Day  
Advisor: Joshua Elders  
Purpose: National History Day State Competition  
Dates: April 19 – 21, 2024  
Location: Scranton, PA  
Cost to Dist.: \$3,089.41

**MOTION:**

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

Comment: Mr. Camilletti requested that someone explain why the District cannot fund the Odyssey of the Minds trip. Dr. French explained that the Odyssey of the Minds is not a board approved club and that there are policies dictating what clubs receive funding. There is an application process to become a board approved club. Once a club is board approved, the amount of funding for the club is set by policy and contracts.

**MOTION CARRIED**

(8-0)

VIII. OTHER

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

1. Accept a donation of music equipment from McMurray Student Council to Peters Township School District for the Music Department at McMurray Elementary School at a value of \$1,206.98.
2. Approve the bids for District Athletic Supplies for the 2024–25 school year. (attachment)
3. Approve the public auction of the 2001 F350 Pickup Truck with 422 Sales.
4. Approve the public auction of the 2014 Ford Box Truck with 422 Sales.
5. Approve a disciplinary recommendation for a student #23-24-04.
6. Approve the Dual Credit Agreement between University of Pittsburgh and Peters Township School District for the 2024–25 school year, on terms and conditions approved by the Solicitor. (attachment)

7. Approve the College in High School Enrollment Agreement between Point Park University and Peters Township School District, on terms and conditions approved by the Solicitor. (attachment)

**MOTION:**

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

**Roll Call Vote for Item #7:**

Mrs. Anderson – Yes  
Mrs. Binsse – Yes  
Mr. Briegel – Yes  
Mr. Camilletti – Yes

Mrs. Chaudhari – Yes  
Mr. O’Neill – Yes  
Dr. Payne – Abstain  
Mr. Taylor – Yes

**MOTION CARRIED**

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8. Approve a five (5) year Affiliation Agreement between Carlow University Education Department and Peters Township School District, on terms and conditions approved by the Solicitor. (attachment)

**MOTION:**

Mr. O’Neill moved for approval of Other recommendation items 1 through 6 and 8, seconded by Mr. Taylor.

Comment: Mr. O’Neill would like to thank the McMurray Student Council for their donation.

**Items #1 - 6 and #8**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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BOARD INFORMATION

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Michael Holtkamp

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS OF INFORMATION

April Board Meetings:

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 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting

Monday, May 20, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting

June Board Meeting:

Monday, June 24, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Taylor moved for adjournment at 8:32 p.m., seconded by Mr. O'Neill.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**  
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