

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTH PEKIN-MARQUETTE HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 102
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2020, 6:00 P.M.
GEORGETOWNE MIDDLE SCHOOL
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

All Board Members received their notices of the regular meeting at least 48 hours in advance.

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by President Keith Knox. Present were Buhl, Higdon, Shockley, Therry, Vo and Williams. President Knox and Board Member Vo attended meeting through Zoom. Also present were Superintendent Byron Sondgeroth, Principals Tom Brown, Jennifer Dietrich, and Jennifer Lindsay.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD SALUTES

Sondgeroth gave a Board Salute to Mr. and Mrs. Woods for volunteering to continue with the Veterans' Day Program virtually this year. Thank you to Miss Bridges for helping put the video together.

Sondgeroth gave a Board Salute to our Veteran Board Members, Mr. Shockley, Mr. Buhl, Mr. Therry and Principal Mr. Brown. Thank you for your service.

Sondgeroth gave a Board Salute and a "Thank You" to the School Board Members for all the work and effort they put in each month. Board Member appreciation day was on Sunday, November 15, 2020.

Sondgeroth gave a Board Salute to Principal Mrs. Lindsay on being selected for the "Central Illinois Valley Principal of the year" award.

Knox gave a Board Salute to all the staff for the additional work load they have during COVID.

CONSENT AGENDA

Member Shockley moved to approve the consent agenda with the addition of item "H". The motion was seconded by Therry.

- A. Regular Board Minutes of October 27, 2020
- B. Closed Session Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2020
- C. October, 2020 Treasurer's Report
- D. November, 2020 Board Bills
- E. October, 2020 Imprest Fund Reports
- F. October, 2020 Activity Reports
- G. Updated Substitute List

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CONSENT AGENDA CONT'D

Voting "Yea" were: Buhl, Higdon, Knox, Shockley, Therry, Vo and Williams. Motion carried 7-0.

CITIZENS TO SPEAK

Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Goeken and Miss Marlow were in attendance. No one addressed the Board.

BUILDING REPORTS

Mrs. Dietrich informed the Board:

This year Parent/Teacher Conferences were virtual. Overall they were very successful. Midpoint assessments were completed for K-2 students. Chromebooks were assigned to 1st and 2nd grade students. The annual Health and Life Safety visit was on November 12. Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Woods and Miss Bridges for their work in preparing the virtual Veterans Day program.

Mrs. Lindsay informed the Board:

Midpoint STAR Assessments are in progress. Teachers reported full parent participation during the Parent/Teacher Conferences and were pleased with how well the virtual format went. Teachers will complete the BesstWeb social/emotional screener this month to help in the identification of potentially at-risk students. At this time there are 27 remote learners and 7 students on quarantine at home. There are 14 virtual IEP meetings scheduled for November. Social Worker intern, April Troyer, will begin on December 1, 2020.

Mr. Brown informed the Board:

The Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences were conducted on October 29 and 30, 2020. STAR Testing has begun for both in-person and remote learning students. 8th grade students participated in PSAT testing on Friday, November 13. There are 15 remote learners. Open gyms for volleyball and basketball have begun at Georgetowne. Student Council coordinated a blood drive at an alternate location in support of the Red Cross. 15 units of blood were collected. The National Junior Honor Society induction ceremony will take place on Friday, December 11. The following students will be inducted: Elizabeth Austin, Kiley Coker, Aiden Craft, Noah Edgcomb, Gabrielle Gonzales, Alivia Harris, John Kroll, Ruhi Patel, Olivia Poe, Alina Vang, Joey Walker and Jeffrey Wood.

ACTION ITEMS

Member Shockley moved to approve the 3-year contract agreement to employ Mrs. Jennifer Lindsay as the next Superintendent of the North Pekin-Marquette Heights School District with a starting date effective July 1, 2021. The motion was seconded by Buhl. Voting "Yea" were: Buhl, Higdon, Knox, Shockley, Therry, Vo and Williams. Motion carried 7-0.

ACTION ITEMS CONT'D

Williams made a motion to adopt the tentative 2020 Tax Levy. The motion was seconded by Therry. Voting "Yea" were: Buhl, Higdon, Knox, Shockley, Therry, Vo and Williams. Motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2020 School Report Cards: Mr. Sondgeroth informed the Board the school report cards are basically the same as last year. State assessments were waived in the spring, so there are no scores to update or report this year.

IESA Updated Plan for 2020-21: Mr. Sondgeroth informed the Board the IESA plan is constantly changing. All indoor sports have been suspended beginning on Friday, November 20, 2020. Basketball and Volleyball will not begin until January, 2021.

Summary of Taxes Received Report: Mr. Sondgeroth discussed with the Board the 3 distributions of the 2019 taxes we have received as of October 14, 2020.

School Board Election Update: Mr. Sondgeroth informed the Board some key upcoming dates as it pertains to the April, 2021 Board elections. Monday, December 14, 2020 filing begins to run for a board member position in the April elections. Monday, December 21, 2020 is the last day to file. The district will have 4 board member vacancies to fill.

Remote Learning: More schools in the area are going to remote learning. Georgetowne School has 25% of the students quarantining at home. There could be a possibility of remote learning for two weeks after the winter break if data or the situation supports such a move..

Therry moved to adjourn to Closed Session at 6:40 P.M. The motion was seconded by Williams. Voting "Yea" were: Buhl, Higdon, Knox, Shockley, Therry, Vo and Williams. Motion carried 7-0.

Board returned to open session at 7:09 P.M.

Buhl made a motion, seconded by Therry to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 P.M. All seven members voted "aye".

Keith Knox, President

Andrew Shockley, Secretary