

North Pekin-Marquette Heights School District No. 102
Committee of the Board of Education
August 11, 2020
Georgetowne Library

MINUTES

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

President Knox called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM in the Georgetowne library. Mr. Sondgeroth took board attendance. Members who were present are marked with an "X".

Knox	Higdon	Shockley	Buhl	Therry	Williams	Vo
X	absent	X	X	absent	X	absent

Other: Mr. Sondgeroth, Brenda Schaefer, Anthony Schaefer

Brenda Schaefer addressed the board to discuss her concerns with reopening school in the fall due to the coronavirus pandemic. Anthony Schaefer echoed some of Mrs. Schaefer's concerns.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

Building and Grounds

Summer Projects – Mr. Sondgeroth briefly updated the Board on a variety of summer projects around the district including:

- replacement of the GMS roof,
- progress on the GMS gym renovation,
- installation of blacktop in the MES Pre-K area,
- renovation of the MES library,
- erosion work at GMS and
- installation of bottle filling water fountains in each building.

Transportation

2020-21 Transportation – Mr. Sondgeroth shared copies of the eligible bus streets that the Board approves annually at the start of the year. The Board will be asked to approve them again at the August Board meeting.

Finances

FY20 Final Budget Summary – Mr. Sondgeroth reported that the FY20 audit went well. There were no significant findings. The auditor indicated that there would only be the usual findings along with some other adjustments. Ms. Linton has finalized the books for FY20. Mr. Sondgeroth shared a copy of the final Budget Summary Report for FY20.

Tentative FY21 Budget – Mr. Sondgeroth reported that he is working on the FY21 budget and plans to present the tentative budget to the Board for approval at the August Board meeting.

Summary of Taxes Received – Mr. Sondgeroth shared a copy of a report he prepares showing the summary of property taxes received to date.

Health Insurance Renewal – District 102 belongs to the Central Illinois Educators Trust (CIE), a cooperative of several school districts/educational agencies located in the greater Central Illinois area. District 102 was accepted into the coop in 2013. Each summer in June/July, the coop seeks bids from insurance companies for the insurance renewal period beginning October 1 of each year. The insurance companies are invited to present their proposals to the Board of Directors for final presentations and a vote. This year, Blue Cross/Blue Shield proposed a significant increase for each of the next two years. Health Alliance proposed a decrease of 1.37% for the first year, with a second year increase of just over 7% for a plan very similar to what CIE currently has. Additionally, the proposed rates for ancillary services (dental, vision, life) were equal to or better than our current rates. Given the fact that Health Alliance was so much more competitive than Blue Cross/Blue Shield, the CIE Board of Directors approved the Health Alliance proposal on Wednesday, Aug. 5

Personnel

Employment Recommendations – We are currently in the process of gathering applications for a second shift custodian at Marquette School.

Enrollments/Fall Return to School – Registration was Thursday, July 30. Mr. Sondgeroth gave the most recent enrollment updates based on registration turnout and follow-up calls.

Policy

PRESS Issue 104 Policy Updates – PRESS Issue 104 addresses policies 2:220, 4:180, 7:40, 7.190, 7:340, 7:345. Copies of the updated policies were shared with the Board for second review.

Extra-Curricular Activities

2020-21 Teams – Mr. Sondgeroth updated the Board on Georgetowne's current fall sports situation.

Other Items from the Superintendent and Board Members

Change in September Board Meeting – Mr. Sondgeroth will ask the Board at the August meeting to approve a change in the date of the September meeting from Sept. 22, the fourth Tuesday, to Sept. 29, the fifth Tuesday. He will introduce the tentative FY21 budget at the August 25th meeting for approval. It then must sit in the office and be available for display for at least 30 days prior to approval. Sept. 22 would be too soon, but moving the meeting back by one week allows for the 30 days to pass, by law, before the Board approves the final budget.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:45 PM by Buhl. Second by Shockley. Motion passed by acclamation.



Keith Knox, President



Andrew Shockley, Secretary