

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**NORTH PEKIN-MARQUETTE HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 102**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025, 6:00PM**  
**MARQUETTE ELEMENTARY 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 6:00P.M. by President Scott Buhl. Present were Members D. Hasty, K. Hasty, Richardson, Stanley, Therry and Williams. Also present were Superintendent Jennifer Lindsay, Principal Jennifer Dietrich, Principal Camron Stanley, Shannon Niedermeier, Anne Look and Special Education Coordinator Jennie Turner.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

**BOARD SALUTES**

Member Williams gave a Board Salute to the principals and Mr. and Mrs. Woods for the Christmas program saying it was a nice time and appreciated.

Mrs. Lindsay gave a Board Salute to teachers and support staff for helping and having good safety measures in place.

**CONSENT AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF:**

Member Williams made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as listed.

Motion was seconded by Member Richardson.

- A. Hearing Waiver Minutes, November 18, 2025
- B. Regular Meeting Minutes, November 18, 2025
- C. Approval of Annual Audit Report prepared by Phillips, Salmi & Associates, LLC
- D. Board Expenditures – December, 2025
- E. Impress Fund Reports – November, 2025
- F. Activity Fund Reports – November, 2025
- G. Treasurer's Report – June, 2025
- H. Treasurer's Report – July, 2025
- I. Treasurer's Report – August, 2025
- J. Treasurer's Report – September, 2025
- K. Treasurer's Report – October, 2025
- L. Destruction of Audio Recordings from Closed Sessions dated February 13, 2024; February 27, 2024; April 23, 2024
- M. Keep Sealed Minutes from Closed Session Meetings dated February 25, 2025; March 18, 2025; April 29, 2025; May 20, 2025

Voting "Yea": Buhl, D. Hasty, K. Hasty, Richardson, Stanley, Therry and Williams

Motion carried 7-0

**OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO SPEAK**

Mrs. Lindsay introduced Marquette Elementary teachers Shannon Neidermier and Anne Look.

**BUILDING REPORTS**

Mr. Stanley informed the Board:

- Progress reports were emailed Friday, December 5.
- On December 9, fourth and fifth grade music students and 5<sup>th</sup> grade band, participated in their winter music program.
- Eighth grade student took the Pre-ACT on December 12.
- Seven, 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be inducted into the National Junior Honor Society on December 17.
- Fifth grade students met with educators from the TCHD who presented their maturation program on December 12.
- December 12 SIP day was used for teachers to collaborate and review the use of the new academic tools being used at GMS this year. The Special Education teachers met with Mrs. Turner to discuss state monitoring.
- Parents Club hosted the annual Secret Santa Shop on December 4 and 5.
- Eighth grade students hosted a babysitting night to start raising money for this year's 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip. Around 30 children attended.
- Boys' Basketball season will finish up after winter break, IESA regionals begin for 7<sup>th</sup> grade on January 17 and 8<sup>th</sup> grade on January 24.
- Volleyball tryouts took place on December 10 and 11.
- Annual Food Drive is finishing up collecting items for the North Pekin Fire Department Food Baskets. Items donated earn each homeroom 1 point, while "bonus" food items earned 5 points. The homeroom with the most points will earn a pizza party.
- Student Council organized "Penny Wars" during lunch to raise money to buy presents for kids in need. Funds were spent shopping for Christmas presents for families through the Center for Prevention of Abuse.
- Student Council hosted a Grinchmas themed Holiday Dance on December 12.
- Teachers and students are enjoying some holiday spirit days heading into winter break. Holiday parties will be December 19.

Mrs. Dietrich informed the Board:

- Staff returns from winter break on January 5. The Teacher Institute for that day will be planned by Mrs. Lindsay in collaboration with the admin team.
- January 9 is the end of second quarter. Report cards go home January 16. Teachers will begin having conversations with parents about any major concern that they are seeing and a plan for the remainder of the school year.
- Middle of the year benchmark assessments will begin January 7.
- Thank you to the custodial staff for their efforts with the winter weather we have started to experience.
- Thank you to Mr. Woods and the kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade teachers for their work for the Christmas Program.

- Spirit days started December 8 to celebrate the holiday season. Thank you to GMS Student Council for coming up with these days for the schools.
- Whole school holiday sing and holiday parties are December 19.
- Second Step will finish up with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade on December 17. Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade will begin Second Step after break.

Mrs. Turner informed the Board:

- Special education teachers and support staff participated in part 1 of 2 team trainings to explore the state requirement for IEP's to prepare the state to come in and review records in the 2027-2028 school year.
- Paraprofessional will be receiving training though the IESE (Illinois Elevating Special Educations) Network grant.
- Staff- completion of the online training by staff to ensure we are compliant with the RTO 8 hour.

#### ACTION ITEMS

Member K. Hasty made a motion for the Approval of 2025 Certificated of Tax Levy  
Motion was seconded by Member Therry.

Voting “Yea”: Buhl, D. Hasty, K. Hasty, Richardson, Stanley, Therry and Williams  
Motion carried 7-0

Member Stanley made a motion for the Approval of Engagement with Chapman & Cutler, LLP for Continuing Disclosure Services

Motion was seconded by Member D. Hasty.

Voting “Yea”: Buhl, D. Hasty, K. Hasty, Richardson, Stanley, Therry and Williams  
Motion carried 7-0

Member D. Hasty made a motion for the Approval of Application for Building Permit, Marquette Elementary

Motion was seconded by Member Stanley

Voting “Yea”: Buhl, D. Hasty, K. Hasty, Richardson, Stanley, Therry and Williams  
Motion carried 7-0

Member Williams made a motion for the Approval Alyssa Ricca, Track Coach  
Motion was seconded by Member Therry.

Voting “Yea”: Buhl, D. Hasty, K. Hasty, Richardson, Stanley, Therry and Williams  
Motion carried 7-0

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Discussion of Operational Fund Expenditures and Cash Reserves Balance –**

Mrs. Lindsay informed the Board that Public Act 103-0394 amends the school code to require any district that does not receive federal impact aid to calculate the combined annual average of expenditures of its operational funds for the previous three fiscal years, as reported in the school districts most recently audited financial reports. School boards must also annually present a written report at a board meeting. Mrs. Lindsay provided the each Board Member that report.

**Transportation Updates –**

Mrs. Lindsay provided updates regarding bus options for the Board to consider as the current 3-year bus lease expires in June. Mrs. Lindsay contacted three bus companies to solicit proposals. Mrs. Lindsay explained options to consider between 5 year leases and lease to own. There was discussion about what the buses could have and what is needed on them, how much mileage put on them, repairs that are needed each year and insurance coverage.

**School Handbook Updates –**

Mrs. Lindsay informed the Board that the principals have submitted handbook updates to align with the IPA Model Student Handbook and recent board policy updates. Mrs. Lindsay included those handbooks in redline format to the Board.

**FY26 School Maintenance Grant Application –**

Mrs. Lindsay informed the Board that there is an option for another round of school maintenance project grant funding. It is a 50/50 matching grant. Board Members and Mrs. Lindsay discussed different projects to apply the grant. A few projects that were discussed are the Marquette gym/cafeteria updates, Georgetowne rooftop units and Marquette roof. Grant application deadline is January 30, 2026.

**Second Read: PRESS Policy Update 120 to Policies: 2:120; 2:150; 2:270; 3:10; 3:50; 3:60; 4:10; 4:30; 4:80; 4:110; 4:140; 4:150; 4:160; 4:170; 4:190; 5:10; 5:20; 5:90; 5:100; 5:120; 5:185; 5:190; 5:200; 5:220; 5:280; 5:300; 6:20; 6:40; 6:60; 6:130; 6:135; 6:140; 6:160; 6:210; 6:220; 6:235; 6:240; 6:260; 6:270; 6:280; 6:300; 6:310; 6:315; 7:10; 7:70; 7:130; 7:140; 7:150; 7:180; 7:190; 7:250; 7:290; 7:310; 7:340; 8:30; 8:100 –**

Mrs. Lindsay provided the Board with these polices in redline format. Mrs. Lindsay will inform the Board of any items that need further discussion beyond the PRESS recommendations.

**Other Items as Presented by the Superintendent –**

Mrs. Lindsay informed the Board of an email received about the energy supply rate and that there may be an increase. The District may need a new quote; Mrs. Lindsay added that the district should be locked in through 2026.

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

Member Stanley made a motion to adjourn to closed session at 6:57P.M.  
Motion seconded by Member Richardson  
Voting “Yea”: Buhl, D. Hasty, K. Hasty, Richardson, Stanley, Therry and Williams  
Motion carried 7-0

The Board returned to open session at 7:44pm.

Member K. Hasty made a motion to adjourn at 7:44pm  
Motion was seconded by D. Hasty.  
Motion carried by acclimation.

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Scott Buhl, President

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Ryan Williams, Secretary