

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTH PEKIN-MARQUETTE HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 102
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026 6:00PM
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 6:00P.M. by President Scott Buhl. Present were Members D. Hasty, K. Hasty, Richardson, Stanley and Williams. Also present, Superintendent Jennifer Lindsay, Principal Jennifer Dietrich, Principal Mary Hudson, Jennifer Turner, Ashley Lambert and Amy Smith. Member Therry was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

BOARD SALUTES

Mrs. Lindsay gave a Board Salute to a very, very smooth start to the school year.
Member Buhl gave a Board Salute to the teachers and staff for returning for another year, saying Thank you!

CONSENT AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF:

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

Motion was seconded by Member D. Hasty.

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes, July 28, 2026
- B. Closed Session Minutes, July 28, 2026
- C. Board Committee Minutes, August 11, 2026
- D. Board Expenditures – August, 2026
- E. Impress Fund Reports – July, 2026
- F. Activity Fund Reports – July, 2026
- G. Request for Facility Use

Voting “Yea”: Buhl, D. Hasty, K. Hasty, Richardson, Stanley and Williams

Motion carried 6-0

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO SPEAK

Mrs. Lindsay introduced teachers who attended the meeting. Mrs. Lambert and Mrs. Smith, both special education teachers at Georgetowne. Mrs. Lambert said she and Mrs. Smith signed up and attended to represent the teachers.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Marquette School Report-

Mrs. Dietrich informed the Board:

- On August 14, students practiced PBIS expectations throughout the school. Third grade leaders helped teach the expectations to the other students. Students were treated to Kona Ice for their hard work.

- Benchmark assessments will take place August 19 – September 4. The data collected from these assessments will be used to guide instruction and intervention planning. The MTSS committee will meet on September 8 to review the data.
- After July pre-k screening, class lists will be set for the year. There are 55 students in the pre-k program and anticipating four students through Early Intervention from December to April of this school year.
- Thank you to the custodial staff for their efforts preparing the school for the new year.
- The summer demolition and construction has improved the appearance outside of Marquette.
- Pre-K welcomed parents to Marquette on August 12 for parent night. Miss Malinda and Miss Rachel presented important information about pre-k, in addition to families getting the chance to see the classroom.
- Marquette students and staff will participate in safety drills in the coming weeks. This includes fire, tornado, bus drills and a drill with the MHPD. Parents were sent notification of the upcoming drills.
- Vision and Hearing screening is scheduled for Monday, September 14.
- Dental Sealants and More will be visiting September 21 for student dental exams.

Georgetowne School Report-
Mrs. Hudson informed the Board:

- New teacher orientation took place on August 4; fourth grade transition night was August 3, Teacher Institute was August 11 and 12. Mrs. Hudson was able to meet with the whole staff as well as grade-level teachers, paraprofessionals, Mr. Jerry Vanderheydt and Mrs. Jodie Vanderheydt to discuss existing systems, procedures and programs.
- Open house and supply drop off were held the evening of August 12. The Parent's Club hosted a really nice Back-to-School Blast in the GMS gym.
- First day of student attendance was August 13. Students were informed of some new updates to GMS procedures and expectations.
- Benchmark STAR assessments began on August 18. All students took the STAR reading and mathematics assessment to determine their growth goals. The assessment will also be used to determine who will be placed in interventions for math and ELA.
- Tazewell County Health Department will begin our health instruction for our 8th graders on August 25.
- Center for Prevention of Abuse will begin their PreventEd; Bullying instruction with 4th and 5th graders on September 1.
- Custodial staff has done a great job this past summer preparing our building for our students to be back in the building.
- Baseball, softball and cross county seasons have begun. Softball and baseball continue to play their home games at Koch Street.
- Girls basketball tryouts will be held at the end of August and beginning of September.
- GMS and MES are coordinating for all drills this year. The first mandatory drill will be a fire drill next week.
- Pekin Moose Lodge held a fundraiser for local schools' care closet and they donated \$1000 to the GMS Care Closet.
- New fundraiser to buy new playground items; families can purchase a birthday message for their student to be displayed on the LED sign for \$5.

Special Education Report-

Mrs. Turner informed the Board:

- This school year began with four new students, their IEP meetings have already been completed.
- The Special Services team is ready to begin the 2026-27 evaluations. To date, we have five play-based assessments to complete and 15 re-evaluations scheduled.
- Selected teachers are completing online training that supports compliance with Illinois State Board of Education RTO policies and emphasizes person-centered de-escalation and behavior management strategies. This year, we are using Center of Intensive Behavioral Supports courses to maintain compliance.
- As the 2026-27 school year begins, Mrs. Turner will pursue additional grants to support the needs of our students/teachers with IEPs in the classroom. Funds will also be sought for teacher professional development to address curriculum needs and support growth.

Personnel Report-

Mrs. Lindsay informed the Board:

- The district is fully staffed. Second shift custodian filled and on the agenda for approval.
- A cafeteria worker had not shown up to work the first days of the year. This is considered job abandonment, this position has been filled.
- Marquette paraprofessional has been posted and filled due to a resignation.
- Coaching vacancies for 2026-2027 school year and status:
 - Chess – on 8/25/26 agenda
 - Boys' Basketball- on 8/25/2026 agenda
 - Baseball- Brian Woods approved 7/28/26

ACTION ITEMS

Member Williams made a motion to Approve FY27 tentative Budget

Motion was seconded by Member Richardson.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Member K. Hasty made a motion to Set FY27 Budget Hearing for September 29, 2026 at 6:00PM in the Georgetowne Library.

Motion was seconded by Member Stanley.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Member D. Hasty made a motion for the Approval of Engagement with Phillips Salmi – FY26 Audit.

Motion was seconded by Member Williams.

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

Motion carried 6-0

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Member Stanley made a motion for the Approval of PRESS Policy Update 122 Regarding Policies: 2:230; 3:70; 4:175; 5:40; 5:70; 5:110; 5:140; 5:240; 6:70; 6:80; 6:190; 7:80; 7:130; 8:10; 8:70.

Motion was seconded by Member Richardson.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Member K. Hasty made a motion for the Approval of MOA with Marquette Principal.

Motion was seconded by Member D. Hasty.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Member D. Hasty made a motion for the Approval of MOA with Special Services Coordinator.

Motion was seconded by Member Stanley.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Member K. Hasty made a motion for the Approval of Zander Schatzman, PT Custodian.

Motion was seconded by Member Richardson.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Member Stanley made a motion for the Approval of Shawna Burnice, Paraprofessional.

Motion was seconded by Member Williams.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Member Richardson made a motion for the Approval of Brandon Maize, Chess Coach.

Motion was seconded by Member Williams

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Member K. Hasty made a motion for the Approval of Sara Malin, Boys' Basketball Coach.

Motion was seconded by Member Richardson.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Member D. Hasty made a motion for the Approval of Mary Smith, Cafeteria Personnel.

Motion was seconded by Member Stanley.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Back to School Comments-

Mrs. Lindsay reported that two weeks are down and that everything is doing okay, nothing addition to add.

Facilities Updates-

Mrs. Lindsay informed the Board that the out buildings at Marquette are down and the garage is done. Mrs. Lindsay asked the Board to evaluate what is on the horizon. Possible patching and painting of Georgetowne, stating there could be other priorities that come up but to consider looking at updating paint and art work.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO SPEAK

No one addressed the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Richardson made a motion to adjourn at 6:43P.M.

Motion seconded by Member Stanley.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Scott Buhl, President

Ryan Williams, Secretary