

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTH PEKIN-MARQUETTE HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 102
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2026 6:13PM
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 6:13P.M. by President Scott Buhl. Present were Members D. Hasty, K. Hasty, Richardson, Therry and Williams. Also present, Superintendent Jennifer Lindsay, Principal Jennifer Dietrich, Principal Mary Hudson, Jennifer Turner, Maddie Mangieri and Kelsey Underwood. Member Stanley was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD SALUTES

Mrs. Hudson remarked about the quality of people working in the school district is not everywhere; that everyone came together, all committees are fully staffed and ready to get things done.

CONSENT AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF:

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

Motion was seconded by Member D. Hasty.

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes, August 25, 2026
- B. Committee of the Board Meeting Minutes, September 15, 2026
- C. Board Expenditures – September, 2026
- D. Impress Fund Reports – August, 2026
- E. Activity Fund Reports – August, 2026
- F. Request for Facility Use

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

Motion carried 6-0

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO SPEAK

Mrs. Lindsay introduced teachers who attended the meeting. Ms. Mangieri, speech pathologist at Marquette and Mrs. Underwood, kindergarten teacher at Marquette.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Georgetowne School Report-

Mrs. Hudson informed the Board:

- GMS will have the following committees:
 - PBIS, which will plan and implement behavior incentive tracking, communication, and celebrations.
 - MTSS, which will function as a problem-solving committee to focus on the behavioral, emotional, and academic struggles and how to support them.
 - Sunshine Committee, which will work to support the well being of teachers and staff.

- The Parent's Club popcorn fundraiser has concluded.
- Students were informed of some new updates to GMS procedures and expectation.
- Data day was September 15. The team met with grade-level teachers to look at fall Star testing data and make recommendations for which students need additional academic supports.
- Girls' basketball is underway, and practices have begun.
- GMS has completed most of the mandatory drills this year; one remaining fire drill to be conducted in October with the fire department, and an additional storm drill in the spring during the heavy storm season.
- Speech has started practices with Mrs. Wendelin.
- Chess team has started meeting with Mrs. Maize.
- Dance team is holding a dance clinic for younger children on October 17.

Marquette School Report-
Mrs. Dietrich informed the Board:

- Fall Data Day gave the teachers an opportunity to discuss data with the MTSS team and plan interventions for the beginning of the school year.
- The second and third grade students started Second Step with the Center of Prevention of Abuse on September 16.
- First quarter PBIS focus is Ready to Learn. Students are learning about what it means to be ready to learn in the classroom.
- September SIP Day will give teachers time to work on mandated trainings, the SEL screener and time to meet as a team.
- All mandatory drills have been completed, with the exception of the surprise fire drill with the Marquette Heights Fire Department.
- Molly Ippolito, a parent and former teacher, will continue to support MES with STEM activities.
- School picture day is Wednesday, September 30.
- Third graders will be going to Sommer Park on September 22 as part of their pioneer unit. Kindergarten will be walking to the MHFD on October 2 to learn all about the fire station and being a fire fighter. Pre-k students will be going to Pekin High FFA Petting Zoo October 15.

Special Education Report-
Mrs. Turner informed the Board:

- Special Service team received 7 referrals for initial Special Education Evaluations.
- Selected teachers are continuing their learning with online AIMsweb education to increase their knowledge of progress monitoring of academics aligned with IEP goals.
- Teachers completed the SEL screener on September 25 during the SIP day. This information will be used to create lunch groups and in-classroom SEL learning.
- Mrs. Turner is completing digital Edmentum training for an evidence-based curricula for grades 6-12 learners to increase on-time graduation rates and support high-quality programs for first-time credit recovery core courses.
- Will pursue the 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.

FOIA Requests-

Mrs. Lindsay shared a FOIA Request Status Tracker sheet with the Board, all five FOIA's listed have completed status.

Personnel Report-

Mrs. Lindsay informed the Board:

- Posted Position – Paraprofessional- Marquette Elementary
 - The District needed a paraprofessional at GMS to support a student participation in an alternative curriculum and credit recovery per his 504 plan. Additionally, some changes were recommended to a special education classroom at Marquette. A paraprofessional was reassigned from the MES classroom to support the student at GMS, thus leaving a vacancy at MES.

ACTION ITEMS

Member K. Hasty made a motion for Approve of FY27 Budget.

Motion was seconded by Member Therry.

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

Motion carried 6-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Handbook Updates-

Mrs. Lindsay shared the updated documents with the Board. The Board did not have additional questions for principals.

Superintendent Goals-

Mrs. Lindsay informed the Board that she updated FY27 goals to reflect the future direction of the District some of which are: improve finances, what and how that is done, continuing education, planning of recall Bonds, continue to support the Admin team, meeting with administration individually, allowing principals to collaborate and provide coverage for that.

One-Cent Tax Referendum-

Mrs. Lindsay informed the Board that five area schools came together at Pekin Community High School and shared a video of what was presented. The one cent county sales tax can reduce reliance on property taxes, can be used on school safety and security upgrades, resource officers, roof repairs, social and emotional supports and fire prevention. The tax is a sales tax that does not go through the state it goes directly to the counties.

The Board discussed the importance of making the school safer and what is taxed with the referendum.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO SPEAK

No one addressed the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Member D. Hasty made a motion to adjourn at 6:57P.M.

Motion seconded by Member Richardson.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Scott Buhl, President

Ryan Williams, Secretary