



Peters Township School District

**AGENDA
PETERS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025 AT 7:00 PM
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICES**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

➤ Celebration of Excellence

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA AND OTHER ITEMS

(Peters Township School District Policy 903)

Peters Township School District values parent and community engagement. Speakers who signed up in advance per Policy 903 will be allotted a maximum of five (5) minutes for public comment. All other speakers will be allotted a maximum of two (2) minutes for public comment.

Part of our communication effort involves taping and sharing videos of our Board meetings to help our community stay informed on matters before the Board. Any guest speakers or members of the public who are taking part in the meetings are reminded to come to the podium and use the microphone when making comments so that they may be heard by those of us in the room and those watching online. All speakers are reminded to state their name and resident status for the minutes.

The public comment period of the meeting is not a question and answer format between the public and the Board. The purpose of public comment at Board meetings is to allow the Board to learn the thoughts of the public prior to Board deliberation and action.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

An Executive Session was held immediately prior to this meeting to discuss personnel and litigation matters.

Appointment of Board Committees:

<u>Committee:</u>	<u>Chair:</u>	<u>Vice-Chair:</u>
Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation	Alex O'Neill	Alexandra Binsse
Education	Rolf Briegel	Shari Payne
Finance	Jason Camilletti	Alex O'Neill
Personnel	Daniel Taylor	Jason Camilletti
Policy	Lisa Anderson	Kathleen Chaudhari
	<u>Representative:</u>	<u>Alternate:</u>
PSBA	Lisa Anderson	Rolf Briegel
SHASDA	Rolf Briegel	Rebecca Bowman
WACTC	Kathleen Chaudhari	

NEW BUSINESS

I. BUSINESS OFFICE

RECOMMENDATION: Consider a motion to approve Business Office recommendations as follows: (attachments)

1. Approval of the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting dated November 18, 2024, the Reorganization Meeting dated December 2, 2024, the Special Board Meeting dated December 2, 2024 and the Special Board Meeting dated December 16, 2024.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Reports for November 2024 and December 2024 with a balance of \$25,711,361.68.
3. Approval of the General Fund bills for November 15, 2024 through January 16, 2025.
4. Approval of the Capital Facilities Fund bills for November 15, 2024 through January 16, 2025.
5. Approval of the Food Service Fund bills for November 15, 2024 through January 16, 2025.
6. Approval of the McMurray Elementary School Activity Fund reports for November 2024 and December 2024.
7. Approval of the Middle School Activity Fund reports for November 2024 and December 2024.
8. Approval of the High School Athletic Fund reports for November 2024 and December 2024.
9. Approval of the High School Activity Fund reports for November 2024 and December 2024.
10. Approval of the High School Coffee Shop Activity Fund reports for November 2024 and December 2024.

II. BOARD COMMITTEES

Personnel

Daniel Taylor

1. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve salary adjustments for the 2024–25 school year for Act 93 administrators in accordance with the Act 93 agreement and contracted employees as presented.

Buildings and Grounds

Rebecca Bowman

2. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve the replacement of the walk-in cooler at the Middle School by Controlled Climate Systems, under Co-Stars contract #0000187236, in the amount of \$12,800.00. This project will be funded by the Food Services Account.
3. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve the replacement of the walk-in freezer at the Middle School by Controlled Climate Systems, under Co-Stars contract #0000187236, in the amount of \$19,400.00. This project will be funded by the Food Services Account.
4. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve a replacement Network Controller and upgrade to the Server Software for District controls by Combustion Service & Equipment in the amount of \$11,175.00. This project will be funded by the Maintenance Operating Budget.

Education

Shari Payne

Finance

Rolf Briegel

Policy

Lisa Anderson

PSBA

Lisa Anderson

Western Area Career and Technology Center

Rebecca Bowman

The next Joint Operating Committee Meeting will be held on January 22, 2025.

The Joint Operating Committee (JOC) received a report from the auditor. There were no auditing issues. Two matters were raised to the JOC's attention: A suggestion that an increase in the fixed asset capitalization threshold from the old and highly impractical \$1,500 to \$5,000 was put forward; and the auditor recommended that the JOC address the funding of post-retirement liabilities.

Adult education programs are financially independent from the High School WACTC programs. No funding comes from the sending districts. However, the JOC serves as the governing board for those programs, as well. The LPN program losses were reduced by more than half, and the aggregated adult programs operated in the black. The adult programs have sufficient reserves to cover the LPN losses.

The JOC approved the HHSDR proposal regarding a campus feasibility study subject to some requested changes, approved the Master Agreement subject to verification of some questions regarding compensation and termination in the event that proposals come in to high and the JOC decided not to proceed.

The JOC also approved a MOU with CCBC to offer a pilot adult welding program. The initial term is February 1, 2025 through July 9, 2025.

I am excited to report that Peters has two students in co-ops, one in auto mechanics and one in electrical occupations.

SUPERINTENDENT’S AGENDA

III. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

RECOMMENDATION: Consider a motion to approve Certificated Personnel recommendations subject to all required pre-employment history reviews and clearance requirements as follows:

- 1. Approve the following **leaves of absence:**

January 2024-2025-01
January 2024-2025-02

- 2. Approve the following **change of classification:**

Name: John Good
From: Bachelors plus 15, Step 15
To: Masters, Step 15
Effective: 2nd Semester of the 2024-2025 School Year

- 3. Approve the following **long term substitute change of classification:**

Name: Catherine Lund
From: Bachelors, Step 1
To: Masters, Step 1
Effective: 2nd Semester of the 2024-2025 School Year

- 4. Approve the following as **day-to-day substitute certificated personnel** for the 2024–25 school year:

Kelly Breen - Biology 7-12
Kamryn Kostelnik - Social Studies 7-12
Ryan Shawley - Grades PK-4

IV. NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

RECOMMENDATION: Consider a motion to approve Non-Certificated Personnel recommendations subject to all required pre-employment history reviews and clearance requirements as follows:

1. Approve the following **leaves of absence:**

January 2024-2025-03
January 2024-2025-04
January 2024-2025-05

2. Accept the following **resignations:**

Name: Shirley Harmon
Position: Cafeteria Food Service General Helper
Assignment: High School
Effective: December 13, 2024

Name: Teresa Shuman
Position: Cafeteria Food Service General Helper
Assignment: High School
Effective: December 31, 2024

Name: Renee Muscatello
Position: Paraprofessional
Assignment: Middle School
Effective: January 17, 2025

Name: Chad Wright
Position: Kitchen Leader
Assignment: Pleasant Valley Elementary
Effective: January 31, 2025

Name: Melinda Hindman
Position: Custodian
Assignment: High School
Effective: March 31, 2025

Name: Robert Hodge
Position: Custodian
Assignment: Middle School
Effective: January 16, 2025

3. Approve the following **new hires**:

Name: Bertha Reed
Position: Cafeteria Food Service, General Helper
Assignment: Middle School
Salary: \$16.61/hr.
Effective: TBD
Replacing: Natalie DiGorio

Name: Edward Lucas
Position: Maintenance
Assignment: Maintenance, Buildings and Grounds
Salary: \$22.58/hr.
Effective: February 10, 2025
Replacing: Todd Millington

4. Approve the following **transfers**:

Name: Stephanie Blasch
From: Class III Clerical, McMurray Elementary
To: Class I Clerical, District Administration Office
Effective: March 3, 2025
Replacing: Patricia Myers

Name: Lynn Thomas
From: Cafeteria Food Service General Helper, High School
To: Cafeteria Food Service General Helper, Pleasant Valley Elementary
Effective: TBD
Replacing: Vanessa Rincon

5. Approve the following **day-to-day non-teaching substitutes** for the 2024–25 school year:

Liam McCue - Paraprofessional
Chad Wright - Cafeteria Food Service

V. EXTRA-DUTY PERSONNEL/PROGRAMS

RECOMMENDATION: Consider a motion to approve Extra-Duty Personnel/Program recommendations subject to all required pre-employment history reviews and clearance requirements as follows:

1. Approve the following **extra-duty Activities personnel** for the 2024–25 school year: (attachment)

HIGH SCHOOL

Drama, Volunteer, Musical

Sarah Zwiebel

MENTOR

Angel Schranz

Kristi Barzanty

ASSIGNED PROFESSIONAL

Kayla Bandik/High School (Second Semester)

Samantha Edwards/Bower Hill Elementary (Second Semester)

2. Accept the following **renewal of extra-duty Athletic personnel** for the 2024–25 school year:

HIGH SCHOOL

Spring

Track and Field, Volunteer Coach

Keith Compeggie

3. Approve the following **extra-duty Athletic change of status** for the 2024–25 school year:

HIGH SCHOOL

Spring

David Pyles

FROM:

Baseball, Assistant Coach
(Split 70% w/OPEN)

TO:

Baseball, Assistant Coach

4. Approve the following **extra-duty Athletic personnel** for the 2024–25 school year: (attachments)

HIGH SCHOOL

Winter

Wrestling, Boys Volunteer Coach

Wrestling, Girls Volunteer Coach

Frank O’Korn

Daniel Mahoney

Spring

Baseball, Assistant Coach

Volleyball, Boys Assistant Coach

Jake Monroe (Split 60% w/OPEN)

Tanush Nelikil

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Spring

Track and Field, Assistant Coach

Volleyball, Boys Assistant Coach

Erin Ridge

Richard Samolovitch

5. Accept the following **renewal of extra-duty Athletic personnel** for the 2025–26 school year:

HIGH SCHOOL

Fall

Cross Country, Head Coach

Field Hockey, Head Coach

Football, Head Coach

Golf, Boys Head Coach

Golf, Girls Head Coach

Soccer, Boys Head Coach

Soccer, Girls Head Coach

Tennis, Girls Head Coach

Volleyball, Girls Head Coach

Kristin Sortino

Kelly Meenan

Thomas Plack

David Kuhn

Michael Lacey

Robert Dyer

Patrick Vereb

Brandt Bowman

Terrance Kelly

VI. PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES, TRAININGS AND TRIPS

NO ACTION ITEMS AT THIS TIME

VII. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND STUDENT ACTIVITIES

RECOMMENDATION: Consider a motion to approve the Educational Programs and Student Activities subject to cancelation or change by the Superintendent for health and safety reasons as follows:

1. Approve the following **fundraising** activities:

Organization: Junior Class – High School
Purpose: Class Expenses
Dates: February 4 – 13, 2025
Location: High School
Activity: Bake Sale

Organization: Interact Club – High School
Purpose: Club Expenses
Dates: February 6, 2025
Location: High School
Activity: Bingo Night

Organization: Thespian Backers – High School
Purpose: Group Expenses
Dates: February 21, 2025
Location: High School
Activity: One Act Play Performance

Organization: Thespian Backers – High School
Purpose: Group Expenses
Dates: March 8, 2025
Location: High School
Activity: Musical Workshop

Organization: Yearbook and News Magazine Club – High School
Purpose: Club Expenses
Dates: August 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026
Location: Community
Activity: Yearbook Sales

Organization: Yearbook and News Magazine Club – High School
Purpose: Club Expenses
Dates: August 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026
Location: Community
Activity: Senior and Business Ad Sales

Organization: Media Department – High School
Purpose: Club Expenses
Dates: October 1, 2025 – December 30, 2025
Location: Community
Activity: Media T-Shirt Sales

2. Approve the following **student trips:** (attachments)

Organization: Wrestling Team – High School
Advisor: Derrick Evanovich
Purpose: PIAA State Wrestling Team Finals
Dates: February 6 – 8, 2025
Location: Altoona, PA
Cost to Dist.: \$4,938.10

Organization: Music Department – High School
Advisor: Stephen McGough
Purpose: Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA)
Western Region Orchestra Festival
Dates: February 20 – 22, 2025
Location: Johnstown, PA
Cost to Dist.: \$1,475.70

Organization: Forensics Speech and Debate Club – High School
Advisors: Kristin Groninger and Alyssa Patton
Purpose: Pennsylvania High School Speech League (PHSSL)
State Forensics Tournament
Dates: March 20 – 22, 2025
Location: Bloomsburg, PA
Cost to Dist.: \$3,496.70

Organization: Baseball Team – High School
Advisor: Michael Plassio
Purpose: Vero Beach Tournament
Dates: March 30 – April 5, 2025
Location: Vero Beach, FL
Cost to Dist.: \$0.00

Organization: Boys Lacrosse Team – High School
Advisor: Joseph Tritschler
Purpose: Eastern Pennsylvania Play Date
Dates: April 25 – 26, 2025
Location: Camp Hill, PA
Cost to Dist.: \$0.00

VIII. OTHER

RECOMMENDATION: Consider a motion to approve other recommendations as follows:

1. Approve the 2025–26 School Calendar. (attachment)
2. Approve Resolution No. 2025-01-21A designating local holidays for the 2025–26 school year. (attachment)
3. Accept a “Cash for Classrooms” grant from Kickline Dance Center valued at \$2,336.80. Recipients are Bower Hill Elementary teachers, Lori Bodnar (\$222.00), Kelly Borsani (\$250.00), Melissa Dunn (\$250.00), Brent Killen (\$250.00), McMurray Elementary teacher Abby Shade (\$250.00), Middle School teachers, Bethany Adams (\$179.00), Renee Brown (\$130.00), Dr. Jackie Conkle (\$250.00), Stephen McGough (\$250.00), Peters Township High School teachers, Kevin Bastos (\$245.80) and Sarah Palermo (\$60.00).
4. Accept a Granting Educators Opportunities (GEO) grant donation for Peters Township School District staff members at Bower Hill, Pleasant Valley, McMurray Elementary Schools, Peters Township Middle School and Peters Township High School valued at \$6,190.64 from the Peters Township Education Foundation.
5. Authorize Administration to solicit bids for athletic supplies and equipment for the 2025–26 school year.
6. Approve Robert Kaminski from Mlaker L.L.C. Student Transportation as a substitute driver for the 2024-2025 school year.
7. Exonerate Jordan Tax Service Incorporated for lienied 2024 real estate taxes for the 2024–25 school year.
8. Approve a confidential special education settlement with terms and conditions approved by the Solicitor.

BOARD INFORMATION

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS OF INFORMATION

February Board Meeting:

Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting

March Board Meeting:

Monday, March 17, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting

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