

Peters Township School District



**MINUTES
PETERS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2024 AT 7:30 PM
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICES**

CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Bowman, President, called the regular meeting of the Peters Township Board of School Directors to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Binsse, Mrs. Bowman, Mr. Briegel, Mr. Camilletti, Mrs. Chaudhari, Mr. O'Neill and Mr. Taylor were present. Dr. Payne was absent.

Also present were: Dr. Jeannine French - Superintendent, Dr. Jennifer Murphy - Deputy Superintendent, Mr. Brad Rau - Business Manager, Mrs. Patty Kelly – Director of Pupil Services, and Ms. Jocelyn Kramer – Solicitor

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

- **Celebration of Excellence**
- **Excellence in Academics**
- **Class Of 2024 Commencement** – On Friday, June 7th, we celebrated the 288 members of the Class of 2024. These students bring great pride to our community and we wish them well as they take their next steps!
- **Eighth Grade Awards** - Congratulations to our 8th grade students as they celebrated their Awards Ceremony this month. This end of the year tradition marks the end of their middle school days for the Class of 2028. Congratulations to everyone!
 - Elly Houston Kindness Award:
 - Team Clemente – Lucy Wicker, Ian Seabright
 - Team Rooney – Grace Galbraith, Dante Srsic
 - Team Warhol – Aubrey Sasuta, Tanner Weiss
 - Student Citizenship Award:
 - Team Clemente – Stephanie Kulbieda, Talen Stauffer
 - Team Rooney – Hannah McCabe, Dante Srsic
 - Team Warhol – Cameron Ponce, Tanner Weiss
 - Teacher Excellence Award:
 - Stephania Kulbieda
 - Dante Srsic

- **Elementary Walk for Graduates** – As graduation drew closer, our seniors went back to where it all began, and walked through their elementary hallways in their caps and gowns. Cheered on by current students and staff members, the Class of 2024 enjoyed the walk down memory lane before heading to the stadium for graduation practice.
- **Flag Day at Bower Hill** - Second grade students at Bower Hill celebrated Flag Day early before the school year ended! They shared their knowledge of the flag and how it came about, sang patriotic songs, learned how to say the pledge of allegiance in sign language and even heard from Betsy Ross (thanks to Mrs. Hanak!). They ended their ceremony with a special check for the Peters Township Fire Department. Classroom fundraisers throughout the year helped them donate \$400 to the department.
- **Meteorologist Visit at Pleasant Valley** – Pleasant Valley parent and Meteorologist Myranda Fullerton visited first grade this month to talk all about weather - different types of weather, and weather changes, and a fun weather experiment! This special visit followed their ELA Topic “How can weather affect us?” Did you know that lightning strikes the earth 8.6 million times a day?
- **Book Tasting At McMurray** - Student on Team Luna were invited to a "Book Tasting" - complete with snacks courtesy of the class parents! Students each provided a review of their favorite book and their classmates had the chance to take a look and "sample" the offerings to come up with a list of books they might like to read this summer!
- **Eighth Grade Students Visit Flight 93 Memorial** - Our 8th grade students went on their annual field trip this month to the Flight 93 National Memorial in Shanksville. Students toured the site and heard from the knowledgeable park staff on the events of that historic day and how it impacted our nation.
- **Reading Restaurant at Bower Hill** - Third grade parents in Mrs. McMullen’s room were invited to a Reading Restaurant for "Lunch at McMullen's" as a part of our ABC countdown for letters L and M. Each student had a parent visit as their special guest where they “served” them some amazing work they’ve been doing in class!
- **WACTC Honors** – Congratulations to the students above from Western Area Career and Technology Center who have earned the Advanced NOCTI Certification in their chosen technical area. NOCTI is the National Occupation Competency Testing Institute whose programs ensure that the students are following the best industry practices and standards.
- **“My Family” at Bower Hill** - Mrs. Gallagher’s students at Bower Hill had some special visitors during their countdown for the final days of school with the ABCs. In honor of the letter M for “My Family, ” students invited one family member to attend the event and each student wrote a special color poem about their guest. Students performed skits based on some of their favorite poems they read this year. Families also enjoyed a video of some of the highlights from throughout the school year.
- **Fire Safety Lesson at Bower Hill** - Bower Hill second graders had the chance to visit the Fire Safety House and tour the fire truck this month thanks to a visit from the PT Fire Department. The PTFD shared tips for staying safe in different areas of the home and shared some of the special features of their equipment that make them such great community helpers!
- **PTHS Mock Trial** – High School students in Mrs. Vollmer’s American Legal Systems Class showed off what they have learned through their Mock Trials. This culminating project helps students gain an insider’s perspective on courtroom procedures, while focusing on the critical analysis of problems, strategic thinking, good questioning skills, strong oral presentation skills, and the ability to prepare and organize material. Through the use of fictional cases provided by

the Georgetown Law School, students demonstrated their understanding of the different roles within the legal system by taking on the various positions in a courtroom - lawyer, witnesses, judge, jury, etc.

- **3rd Grade Spelling Bees** – Congratulations to the winners of the 3rd grade spelling bees sponsored by the McMurray Rotary. Each year the Rotary provides dictionaries to our 3rd graders and challenge the students to show their spelling prowess at the end of the school year in the spelling bee competitions.
- **History Chalk Walk** - Students in Mrs. Pinto's AP U.S. History Class showed their creative side for their American History Chalk Competition – displaying their knowledge along with their artistic savvy as well! Staff members voted for their favorite creation and the winner's design will be hung on the wall in Mrs. Pinto's classroom.
- **Pittsburgh Business Times Ranking** - In the 2024 Guide to Schools from the Pittsburgh Business Times, Peters Township has ranked 3rd in the region overall, and 5th in the state. This year's rankings are based on the past three years of available standardized test scores. Counties included in the regional ranking are: Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Washington, Westmoreland. (In 2023, Peters Township ranked 3rd in the region and 6th in the state.)
- **Excellence in the Arts**
- **Room 100 Single** - Congratulations to the members of the PTHS Acapella group Room 100! Under the direction of Ryan Perrotte, these talented students have just released their newest single and music video. You can find the link to view it on the District Facebook page.
- **Excellence in Athletics**
- **Athletic Letters of Intent** - Congratulations to our High School athletes who signed letters of intent in June to continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level. The students are:
 - Baseball:
 - TJ Taylor: Penn State University, New Kensington
 - Wrestling:
 - Isaac Meyers – Penn State University, Behrend
 - Grace O'Korn - West Liberty University
 - Track and Field/Cross Country:
 - George Bondi – Washington and Jefferson College
 - Alexis Conway - Lafayette College
 - Basketball:
 - Jack Dunbar, University of Mt. Union
- **Excellence in Leadership**
- **District Retirees** - As we celebrate the end of the school year, we also celebrate the careers of our colleagues who are retiring this year. The people who make up our District set us apart and each of these individuals has made an impact on our students, community and his/her colleagues. We offer them our gratitude and wish them all the best. Thank you to our retirees for being a part of the PT family.
 - Elizabeth Bladel, PTMS Teacher
 - Matthew Cheran, PTMS Teacher
 - Janet Cimino, PTMS Custodian
 - Elizabeth Clark, McMurray Teacher
 - Chris Cooper, Bus Garage Driver
 - Olga Ellsworth, McMurray Paraprofessional
 - Mary Fecher, PTHS Clerical

- Dell Hickle, PTHS Teacher
- Lisa Meier, PTHS Paraprofessional

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA AND OTHER ITEMS

(Peters Township School District Policy 903)

Peters Township School District values parent and community engagement.

Speakers listed on the agenda will be allotted a maximum of five (5) minutes for public comment.

Speakers not listed on this agenda 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.

- #1 Cheryl Graves – Paraprofessional Employment
- #2 Bob Donnan – Cell Towers
- #3 Tony Brown – Cell Towers

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS

Executive Sessions were held on June 5, 2024 and immediately prior to this meeting to discuss personnel, litigation, and other items.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMENT: Mrs. Binsse asked what it would look like if the District added full-time positions paraprofessional from a financial perspective. She also asked what the cost would be to have one full-time paraprofessional at each building. Mr. Camiletti stated that he didn’t know if the request was for more paraprofessionals, one per building, or more of an a la carte model. Dr. French stated she would model out the different scenarios.

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 May 20, 2024 and the Special board Meeting dated May 30, 2024.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for May 2024 with a balance of \$9,415,742.64.
3. Approval of the General Fund bills for May 17, 2024 through June 20, 2024.
4. Approval of the Capital Facilities Fund bills for May 17, 2024 through June 20, 2024.
5. Approval of the Food Service Fund bills for May 17, 2024 through June 20, 2024.
6. Approval of the McMurray Elementary School Activity Fund report for May 2024.
7. Approval of the Middle School Activity Fund report for May 2024.
8. Approval of the High School Athletic Fund report for May 2024.
9. Approval of the High School Activity Fund report for May 2024.
10. Approval of the High School Coffee Shop Activity Fund report for May 2024.
11. Approval of the Budget Transfers for May 2024.

MOTION:

Mr. Taylor moved for approval of the Business Office recommendation items 1 through 10, seconded by Mr. Camilletti.

MOTION CARRIED

(8-0)

II. BOARD COMMITTEES

Personnel

Daniel Taylor

1. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve a non-monetary amendment to the Deputy Superintendent's contract on terms and conditions approved by the Solicitor. (attachment)

MOTION:

Mr. Taylor moved for approval of Personnel recommendation 1, seconded by Mrs. Anderson.

COMMENT: Mrs. Binsse voiced concerns about the non-resident student policy and the exceptions to the policy. She also discussed the tuition rate used for non-resident students and the per pupil costs. Ms. Kramer explained the extenuating circumstances and the calculation rate in the policy. Mrs. Anderson provided a historical perspective about how the policy has been revised.

MOTION CARRIED

(7-1)

Binsse - No

2. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve salary adjustments for Act 93 employees per the current Act 93 Agreement as presented.

MOTION:

Mr. Taylor moved for approval of Personnel recommendation 2, seconded by Mr. Camilletti.

MOTION CARRIED

(8-0)

3. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve salary adjustments for Confidential Secretaries, independently contracted employees, and non-represented employees as presented.

MOTION:

Mr. Taylor moved for approval of Personnel recommendation 3, seconded by Mr. Camilletti.

MOTION CARRIED

(8-0)

4. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve the substitute/part-time wage rates for Teacher, Secretary, Paraprofessional, Custodian, Maintenance, and Transportation Aide substitutes. (attachment)

MOTION:

Mr. Taylor moved for approval of Personnel recommendation 4, seconded by Mr. Camilletti.

MOTION CARRIED

(8-0)

5. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve the suspension without pay effective June 25, 2024 and dismiss a probationary Employee #04-23-24, effective July 3, 2024 subject to any due process rights, as set forth in the attached Resolution No. 2024-06-24A. (attachment)

MOTION:

Mr. Taylor moved for approval of Personnel recommendation 5, seconded by Mr. Camilletti.

MOTION CARRIED

(8-0)

Buildings and Grounds

Rebecca Bowman

6. **RECOMMENDATION:** Authorize the Superintendent and Special Counsel to release funds held and resolve all pending claims regarding the New High School project not to exceed \$625,000.00 and authorize the proper officers of the Board to execute all documents to effectuate the same.

MOTION:

Mrs. Bowman moved for approval of Buildings and Grounds recommendation 6, seconded by Mr. Taylor.

MOTION CARRIED

(8-0)

Education

Kathleen Chaudhari

7. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve the following materials:

MIDDLE SCHOOL

6th Grade Science

Inspire Science; McGraw Hill Education, ISBN 978-1-26-642286-7, Cost: \$43,342.20

HIGH SCHOOL

Chemistry Academic

Inspire Chemistry; McGraw Hill Education, ISBN 978-0-02-138115-9, Cost: \$27,034.35

AP Biology

Campbell Biology 12th Edition, AP Edition, Urry, Cain, Wasserman, Minorsky, Orr; Pearson, ISBN 978-0-13-648687-9, Cost: \$12,545.00

Earth and Space Science Academic

Earth and Space Science, 1st Edition, Hendrix, Thompson, Turk; National Geographic Learning/Cengage, ISBN 978-0-357-11362-2, Cost: \$16,530.00

CHS Anatomy & Physiology

Holes' Human Anatomy & Physiology 16th Edition, Charles J. Welsh & Cynthia Prentice-Craver; McGraw Hill, ISBN 978-1-26-433385-1, Cost: \$17,458.32

Anatomy & Physiology Mentorship

Photographic Atlas of Anatomy, 9th North American Edition, Johannes W. Rohen, Chichiro Yokichi & Elke Lutjen-Drecoll; Wolters Kluwer, ISBN 978-1-9751-5134-8, Cost: \$509.95

MOTION:

Mrs. Chaudhari moved for approval of Education recommendation 7, seconded by Mrs. Anderson.

MOTION CARRIED

(8-0)

Finance

Jason Camilletti

8. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to adopt the General Fund Budget for 2024-2025 school year in the amount of \$83,070,291.00. The Proposed Final Budget amount adopted in May was \$83,070,291.00. (attachment)

MOTION:

Mr. Camilletti moved for approval of Finance recommendation 8, seconded by Mr. Taylor.

COMMENT: Mrs. Binsse explained that she will vote no on the budget because she is concerned with how capital projects have been prioritized and the future of the 1-1 Device Program. Mr. Camilletti commented that the 1-1 Device Program can be discussed at a future Education Committee Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

(7-1)

Binsse - No

9. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve Resolution No. 2024-06-24B establishing a Real Estate millage rate of 15.66 mills for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. This is an increase of 0.29 mills over the 2023-2024 millage rate of 15.37 mills. (attachment)

MOTION:

Mr. Camilletti moved for approval of Finance recommendation 9, seconded by Mr. Taylor.

COMMENT: Mrs. Bowman commented that the District could have raised taxes to the index, and the District has not raised to the index for the past two years. Mr. Camilletti commented that it is not easy to raise taxes, and he is proud to present an increase of only 1.9%.

MOTION CARRIED

(7-1)

Binsse - No

10. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve Homestead/Farmstead Resolution No. 2024-06-24C for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Eligible property owners will receive a \$204.51 reduction in real estate tax by providing a credit of \$13,059.00 of assessed value. (attachment)

MOTION:

Mr. Camilletti moved for approval of Finance recommendation 10, seconded by Mr. Taylor.

MOTION CARRIED

(8-0)

11. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve Resolution No. 2024-06-24D of the Board of School Directors authorizing interim assessments of any property, improvements or subjects of taxation which may have been omitted or any new property, improvements or subjects of taxation which may have come into being since the last county-wide assessment. (attachment)

MOTION:

Mr. Camilletti moved for approval of Finance recommendation 11, seconded by Mr. Taylor.

MOTION CARRIED

(8-0)

12. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve Resolution No. 2024-06-24E for all taxes under the Local Tax Enabling Act (Act 511), Earned Income Tax, Real Estate Transfer Tax, and Occupational Privilege Tax to remain unchanged. (attachment)

MOTION:

Mr. Camilletti moved for approval of Finance recommendation 12, seconded by Mr. Taylor.

MOTION CARRIED

(8-0)

13. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve the following in accordance with section 688 of the Public School Code (Limitations on certain unreserved fund balances):

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Peters Township Board of School Directors that it will assign \$8,500,000.00 of funds for the purpose of satisfying future Debt Service Obligations and increases in the employer contributions to the Public School Employees Retirement System and Future Employee Healthcare Obligations as follows:

Future Debt Service Obligations - \$4,500,000.00

Future Retirement Obligations - \$2,000,000.00

Future Employee Healthcare Obligations - \$2,000,000.00

By taking this action, the District has fulfilled its obligation to maintain an unreserved undesignated fund balance that does not exceed 8% of total budgeted expenditures as legally required. The unreserved undesignated fund balance is estimated to be \$1,429,543.00.

MOTION:

Mr. Camilletti moved for approval of Finance recommendation 13, seconded by Mr. Taylor.

MOTION CARRIED

(8-0)

14. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to authorize the Administration's recommendation to approve the list of budget transfers for the 2023-2024 fiscal year due to audit reclassifications. A list of the transfers will be provided to the Board after the completion of the 2023-2024 Audit.

MOTION:

Mr. Camilletti moved for approval of Finance recommendation 14, seconded by Mr. Taylor.

COMMENT: Mr. O'Neill asked about the audit timeline Mr. Rau answered that the audit typical starts in September and goes through early October.

MOTION CARRIED

(8-0)

15. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to authorize the Administration to pay required invoices between June 25, 2024 and August 19, 2024 due to the length of time between meetings.

MOTION:

Mr. Camilletti moved for approval of Finance recommendation 15, seconded by Mr. Taylor.

MOTION CARRIED

(8-0)

Policy

Lisa Anderson

16. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve the second reading and adoption of the following policies: (attachments)

Section 200 Pupils

- 200 Enrollment of Students
- 202 Eligibility of Nonresident Students
- 217 Graduation Requirements
- 254 Educational Opportunity for Military Children

Section 800 Operations

- 810 Transportation
- 815 Acceptable Use of Technology Resources
- 819 Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response

Section 900 Community

903 Public Comment in Board Meetings

MOTION:

Mrs. Anderson moved for approval of Policy recommendation 16, policies 200, 217, 254, 810, 819, 903, seconded by Mr. Briegel.

MOTION CARRIED

(7-1)

Taylor - No

MOTION:

Mrs. Anderson moved for approval of Policy recommendation 16, policy 202, seconded by Mr. Briegel.

COMMENT: Mrs. Binsse commented that non-resident student policy needs to be more clearly written. Mrs. Chaudhri asked for clarification of Mrs. Binsse's comments. Mrs. Binsse replied that her concern is that the wording is too broad, and the policy should be more general. Mrs. Bowman asked Mrs. Anderson if the changes to the policy were legislatively required. Mrs. Anderson explained the legislative requirements and the process of changing a policy. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Camiletti would like to revisit the topic in a future Policy Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

(7-1)

Binsse - No

PSBA

Lisa Anderson

17. **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to approve the purchase of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, Inc. (PSBA) All-Access membership for the 2024–25 school year at a cost of \$18,208.46. This is an increase of \$700.40 from the 2023–24 school year. (attachment)

MOTION:

Mrs. Anderson moved for approval of PSBA recommendation 17, seconded by Mr. Briegel.

COMMENT: Mrs. Binsse appreciated the opportunity to revote on this item. Mrs. Chaudhari commented that she appreciated the extra time. Mrs. Chaudhari asked Mrs. Anderson if she found out more information about the self-assessment and if it made sense financially. Mrs. Anderson responded with the requirements for self-assessment and the process of a self-assessment through PSBA. Mrs. Anderson stated that she does not believe the District can save much money on going to the a la carte method of the PSBA membership. Mrs. Bowman and Mr. O'Neill gave additional thoughts on the self-assessment.

MOTION CARRIED

(8-0)

Western Area Career and Technology Center

Rebecca Bowman

The Joint Operating Committee held a meeting on June 19, 2024.

WACTC is staying current with the markets. In addition to the Occupational Advisory Board ,she discussed last month, the Superintendents and the Joint Operating Committee are in support of exploring the construction of a new facility to expand Auto Tech and Collision Repair and to add Diesel Tech.

WACTC is working with Representative Tim Solobay to find funds to update our fire hydrants.

The Joint Operating Committee also took a first read of a policy about the use of generative artificial intelligence in education.

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:**

June 2023-2024-01

June 2023-2024-02

June 2023-2024-03

2. Accept the following **resignation:**

Name: Emily Bergman
Position: Health and Physical Education Teacher
Assignment: High School and Middle School
Effective: June 10, 2024

3. Approve the following **long term substitutes:** (attachments)

Name: Erin Ridge
Position: Social Studies Teacher
Assignment: Middle School
Salary: Masters, Step 1 (pro-rated)
Effective: 1st Semester of the 2024-2025 School Year
Replaces: Kathleen DeMarco

Name: Dante Mamone
Position: Business, Computer-Information, Technology Teacher
Assignment: Middle School
Salary: Bachelors, Step 1
Effective: 2024-2025 School Year
Replaces: Stephanie Van Balen

Name: Samantha Edwards
Position: Reading Specialist
Assignment: Bower Hill Elementary
Salary: Masters, Step 1 (pro-rated)
Effective: September 16, 2024 through end of the 2024-2025 School Year
Replaces: Morgan Schoedel

4. Approve the following **new hire:** (attachment)

Name: Emma Lindsay
Position: Special Education Teacher
Assignment: Middle School/District-wide
Salary: Masters, Step 1
Effective: 2024-2025 School Year
Replaces: Lisa Clark

5. The following personnel have completed three (3) years in Peters Township School District as Temporary Professional Employees and have been rated in accordance with the provision of Section 1123 of the Public School Code of 1949 as amended. Having earned a final rating of “satisfactory” they are so certified and entitled to **Professional Employee Status** in accordance with the provision of Section 1108(b):

<u>Professional Employee</u>	<u>Building</u>
Sarah Palermo	High School
Shelby Pellegrini	High School and McMurray Elementary
David Lewandowski	McMurray Elementary
Amanda Slagle	Pleasant Valley Elementary

6. Approve the following **substitute teachers** for the **2024 Extended School Year (ESY) Program** at the contractual rate, from June 24, 2024 through July 25, 2024, 2 in-service half days and 19 instructional days, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday:

Andrea Lamatrice
Emma Lindsay

7. Approve the following **teacher** to instruct **2024 Summer Physical Education Courses**, at the teacher contractual rate, not to exceed 34 hours per session:

Jessica Ferragonio

MOTION:

Mr. Taylor moved for approval of Certificated Personnel recommendation items 1 through 7, seconded by Mr. Camilletti.

MOTION CARRIED

(8-0)

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 **leave of absence:**

June 2023-2024-04

2. Accept the following **retirement:**

Name: Lisa Harrison
Position: Paraprofessional
Assignment: Middle School
Effective: July 25, 2024

3. Accept the following **resignation:**

Name: Rebecca Myers
Position: Cafeteria Food Service General Helper
Assignment: Pleasant Valley Elementary
Effective: June 10, 2024

4. Approve the following **transfer:**

Name: Christine Thomas
From: Cafeteria Food Service General Helper, High School
To: Cafeteria Food Service General Helper, Pleasant Valley Elementary
Effective: 2024-2025 School Year
Replacing: Rebecca Myers

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

Name: Jack Minnick
Position: Custodian
Assignment: Middle School
Salary: \$19.48/hr.
Effective: August 12, 2024
Replacing: Janet Cimino

Name: Heather Mountain
Position: Driver
Assignment: Bus Garage
Salary: \$24.82/hr.
Effective: June 25, 2024
Replacing: Eck Buratti

6. Approve the following **paraprofessional** for the **2024 Extended School Year (ESY) Program** at the contractual rate, from June 24, 2024 through July 25, 2024, one (1) in-service half day and 19 instructional days, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday:

Kamryn Kostelnik

7. Approve the following **substitute paraprofessionals** for the **2024 Extended School Year (ESY) Program** at the contractual rate, from June 24, 2024 through July 25, 2024, 1 in-service half day and 19 instructional days, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday:

Sarah Holton
Donna McBride
Lucy Micaletti

MOTION:

Mr. Taylor moved for approval of Non-Certificated Personnel recommendation items 1 through 7, seconded by Mr. Camilletti.

MOTION CARRIED
(8-0)

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 **renewal of extra-duty Activities personnel** for the 2024–25 school year:

Marching Band Camp Nurse
Thespian Club Advisor

Elyse Tedeschi
Jean Cygrymus

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Literary Magazine, Co-Sponsor
Literary Magazine, Co-Sponsor

Jessica Neidermeyer
Carla McCue

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

HIGH SCHOOL

Fall/Winter

Cheerleading, Assistant Coach
Cheerleading, Assistant Coach
Cheerleading, Assistant Coach

Jalynn Sanders
Heather Yohn
Kathy Nguyen (Split 50% w/Open)

HIGH SCHOOL

Spring

Baseball, Head Coach
Lacrosse, Boys Head Coach
Softball, Head Coach
Tennis, Boys Head Coach
Track and Field, Head Coach

Michael Plassio
Jacob Bow
David Young
Brandt Bowman
Justin Pinto

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

HIGH SCHOOL

Fall

Soccer, Boys Volunteer Coach
Volleyball, Girls Assistant Coach

Timothy Kane
Nicolena Yanosick

Spring

Lacrosse, Girls Head Coach

Gina Vilsack

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Fall

Football, Volunteer Coach

Lee Tornabene

Winter

Basketball, Girls Assistant Coach

Amy Casciola

5. Approve the following Personnel as **Support Personnel for Athletics** for the 2024–25 school year. (e.g., ticket takers, ticket sellers, crowd control, announcers, scorekeepers, judges, etc.)

Brendan Albright
Nicholas Altland
William Amend
Sean Appel
Virginia Barnicoat
Bruce Bergman
Kristofer Bergman
Kathryn Billings
Lisa Bobrzynski

Judy Bourg
Jacob Bow
Brandt Bowman
Adam Brado
Barbara Brown
Renee Brown
Fred Burns
Harry Bushmire
Gillian Callender

Dale Carmassi
Jami Christopher
Mary Collins
Keith Compeggie
Dr. Jackie Conkle
Courtney Courie
Kristen Dawson
Petrina DeNillo
Mary Pat DeRienzo

Phyllis DeRienzo
Joshua Elders
Timothy Emph
Steven Evans
T. Brian Farrell
Mary Fecher
Jessica Ferragonio
Michael Fischer
Melissa Giaquinto
John Good
Sharon Greb
William Greb
Brian Griffin
Bruce Hands
Charles Helbig
Amber Helphenstine
Tanya Hileman
Nicole Hillard
Ryan Hillen
Melinda Hindman

Roberta Kalkowski
Ryan Kelly
Terrance Kelly
John Kerekes
Kevin Lawrence
John Luck
Evelyn Lusk
Harold Lusk
Joseph Maize
Dante Mamone
Stephanie McLaughlin
Dr. Nicole Mitchell
Renee Muscatello
Gary Nagy
Pamela Newnam
Kathleen Paul
Justin Pinto
Thomas Plack
Michael Plassio
Justin Pyles

Carrie Rabe
Edward Rafferty
Rebecca Ritter
Joseph Scaglione
Laura Shehab
Taryn Sherry
Alyssa Simmons
Kristin Sortino
Crystal Stiegel
Scott Sussman
Adam Swinchock
Sharon Valley
Stephanie Villa
Erin Weber
Audrey Wilcox
John Wilcox
Aaron Wilkinson
Beth Wilmus
David Young
Jayson Zeminski

6. Approve the following Personnel as **Weight Room Supervisors** for the 2024–25 school year:

Brendan Albright
Kristofer Bergman
Jacob Bow
Adam Brado
Christian Breisinger
Cameron Brydon
Fred Burns
Jacob Caputo
Robert Dyer
Derrick Evanovich
T. Brian Farrell

Michael Fischer
Troy Grunseth
Charles Helbig
Ryan Kelly
Terrance Kelly
David Kuhn
Kevin Lawrence
Steven Limberiou
Joseph Maize
Dante Mamone
Leroy McMillan

Kelly Meenan
Thomas Plack
Michael Plassio
Edward Rafferty
Morris Richardson
Joseph Scaglione
Kristin Sortino
Joseph Urmann
David Young

7. Approve the Peters Township Middle School Baseball Team as a Club Sport, contingent upon receipt of all compliance documents.

MOTION:

Mr. Taylor moved for approval of Extra-Duty Personnel/Programs recommendation items 1 through 7, seconded by Mr. Camilletti.

MOTION CARRIED
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VI. PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES, TRAININGS AND TRIPS

1. Approve the following **professional conference(s), training(s) and trip(s)**: (attachment)
(Employees/Representatives will not be reimbursed for meals included in the conference.)

Name: Kristen Vollmer, Eighth Grade Math Teacher – Middle School
Activity: PSSA Item Data Review for Mathematics Grades 6-8
Dates: July 31 and August 1, 2024
Location: Harrisburg, PA
Estimated Cost: \$0.00

MOTION:

Mr. Taylor moved for approval of Professional Conferences, Trainings and Trips recommendation item 1, seconded by Mr. Camilletti.

MOTION CARRIED

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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: Cheerleading Boosters – High School
Purpose: Team Expenses
Dates: July 1– 31, 2024
Location: Community
Activity: Sponsorships

Organization: Girls Basketball Boosters – High School
Purpose: Team Expenses
Dates: July 8 – 11, 2024
Location: Community
Activity: Youth Basketball Camp

Organization: Dance Team Boosters – High School
Purpose: Team Expenses
Dates: July 15 – 30, 2024
Location: Community
Activity: Sponsorships

Organization: Girls Volleyball Boosters – High School
Purpose: Team Expenses
Dates: August 30, 2024 – September 13, 2024
Location: Community
Activity: Purse Raffle

Organization: Music Boosters – High School
Purpose: Club Expenses
Dates: September 28, 2024
Location: Stadium
Activity: Marching Band Festival

Organization: Music Boosters – High School
Purpose: Club Expenses
Dates: November 2, 2024
Location: High School
Activity: PMEA A Cappella Music Festival

Organization: Music Boosters – High School
Purpose: Club Expenses
Dates: January 24 – 25, 2025
Location: High School
Activity: Meatballs and Music

Organization: Boys Tennis Boosters – High School
Purpose: Team Expenses
Dates: April 11 – 19, 2025
Location: Community
Activity: Easter Egg Hunt

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

Organization: Girls Golf Team – High School
Advisor: Michael Lacey
Purpose: Happy Valley Invitational
Dates: August 7 – 8, 2024
Location: State College, PA
Cost to Dist.: \$0.00

Organization: Girls Golf Team – High School
Advisor: Michael Lacey
Purpose: Erie Invitational
Dates: September 14 – 15, 2024
Location: Erie, PA
Cost to Dist.: \$0.00

Organization: Music Department – High School
Choir and Marching Band
Advisors: Ryan Perrotte and David Young
Purpose: Performance/Parade Adjudication at Dollywood
Dates: April 23 – 27, 2025
Location: Pigeon Forge, TN
Cost to Dist.: \$600.00

3. Approve the following **student trip solicitation:** (attachment)

Sponsor: Michelle Chenevert and Shannon Nardello
French Teachers – Middle School
Event: Trip to Quebec, Canada
Date of Departure: Summer 2025

MOTION:

Mr. Taylor moved for approval of Educational Programs and Student Activities recommendation items 1 through 3, seconded by Mr. Camilletti.

MOTION CARRIED

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VIII. OTHER

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

1. Accept a donation of \$500.00 from the Peters Township Girls Lacrosse Boosters to Peters Township School District for the new Sound System at the Stadium.
2. Accept a donation of an ornamental statue of children playing from the Stech Family to Peters Township School District for the entrance of the District's Administration Offices at an approximate value of \$500.00.
3. Accept a \$4,000.00 grant from the University of Pittsburgh to Peters Township School District for the Greenhouse at the High School.
4. Accept a \$16,117.00 grant from the Grable Foundation to Peters Township School District to participate in the Learning 2025 and Western PA Learning 2025 Alliance.
5. Authorize the Administration to make applications and receive approval for Federal, State and Local Grants for the 2024–25 school year.
6. Approve Washington Financial Bank as the Peters Township School District depository for the 2024–25 school year.

7. Place the School Leaders Legal Liability Insurance Policy (E&O) effective July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 with Wright Specialty Insurance for \$32,736.00. This policy has a \$1,000,000 per claim limit with a \$50,000 deductible. The 2023–24 premium was \$30,628.00.
8. Place the School Leaders Excess Liability Insurance Policy (Umbrella) effective July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 with Wright Specialty Insurance for \$13,098.00. This policy has a \$10,000,000 claim limit in effect following coverage from other policies. The 2023–24 premium was \$12,552.00.
9. Place the Property/Liability Insurance Policy effective July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 with Wright Specialty Insurance for \$214,445.00. The 2023–24 premium was \$180,308.00.
10. Place the Worker Compensation Insurance Policy effective July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 with Eastern Alliance for \$147,690.00. The 2023–24 premium was \$150,627.00.
11. Place the Automobile Insurance Policy effective July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 with Wright Specialty Insurance for \$32,136.00. The 2023–24 premium was \$29,738.00.
12. Place the Cyber Insurance Policy effective July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 with ACE American Insurance Company - Chubb for \$22,849.00. The 2023–24 premium was \$24,066.00.
13. Approve the Athletic/Activity Fees for the 2024–25 school year, which have not changed from 2023–24 school year. (attachment)
14. Approve the Officials' Event rates for the 2024–25 school year, which have increased from 2023–24 school year. (attachment)
15. Approve the Game Worker rates for the 2024–25 school year, which have increased from 2023–24 school year. (attachment)
16. Approve the Event Security rates for the 2024–25 school year, which have not changed from 2023–24 school year. (attachment)
17. Approve the Shared Transportation Agreement between Chartiers Houston School District and Peters Township School District from July 1, 2024 through July 26, 2024. (attachment)
18. Approve a one (1) year subscription renewal of the Instructure Canvas Cloud Learning Management System at a cost of \$35,525.15. (attachment)
19. Approve a one (1) year subscription renewal of the Kami Online Assessment tool at a cost of \$13,000.00. (attachment)
20. Approve a one (1) year subscription renewal of the Securly Classroom Management and Device Filtering system at a cost of \$41,615.00. (attachment)

21. Approve a one (1) year subscription renewal of the Respondus Lockdown Browser Assessment Security system at a cost of \$4,045.00. (attachment)
22. Approve a five (5) year renewal agreement with Microsoft Enrollment for Education (EES) subscription from August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2029 at an annual cost of \$25,447.50, on terms and conditions approved by the Solicitor. This agreement is serviced through the Intermediate Unit 13 State Consortium Agreement. (attachment)

MOTION:

Mr. Taylor moved for approval of Other recommendation items 1 through 22, seconded by Mr. Camilletti.

COMMENT: Mr. Taylor thanked everyone for their donations. Mrs. Binsse stated she had questions on items 18 through 22 and asked if the District was able to reduce the costs or if the costs were scalable based on the number of students. Mr. Swinchock answered that the costs are scalable based on the number of students and faculty members. Mr. Swinchock also stated that the cost of licenses increase every year. Mrs. Binsse asked if there are alternatives to Canvas. Mrs. Swinchock discussed the benefits of Canvas and that each platform has its own shortcomings.

MOTION CARRIED

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BOARD INFORMATION

COMMENT: Mrs. Binsse asked about the playground equipment replacement process. Dr. French responded that the playgrounds are inspected every year and that the District is responsible for repairs and maintenance. Dr. French also stated there was a misunderstanding with the community on a repair and that the District will do a better job communicating those repairs. Mrs. Binsse asked if the EDS program can use the District's playground equipment. Dr. French responded that is a question for the EDS program.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS OF INFORMATION

July Board Meeting:

No meetings have been scheduled at this time.

August Board Meeting:

Monday, August 19, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting

September Board Meeting:

Monday, September 9, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Taylor moved for adjournment at 8:46 p.m., seconded by Mr. Camilletti.

MOTION CARRIED

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Board Secretary

Board President