

**Minutes of the
PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA
Board of Education
August 15, 2022
7:00 P.M. Regular Board Meeting**

President's Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Hafner at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Board Members Present: J. Hafner, B. Henning, J. Pohl, T. Schafer, K. Thelen, P. Weber, K. Wood,

Board Members Absent: n/a

Approval of Agenda: *Motion made by K. Wood seconded by K. Thelen, to approve the agenda, consent agenda and June meeting minutes. Motion carried 7-0.*

Mr. Hafner stated we received a letter of resignation from Brie Henning. Jason Hafner stated we will need to amend the agenda to include Item #11; to accept the resignation of Brie Henning immediately following tonight's meeting. The Board will also determine a plan to fill the vacancy. *Motion made by K. Wood, seconded by K. Thelen, to approve the agenda, making Items II, III, IV, V, and VII consent agenda items, and add Item # XI, under 8B, to discuss Brie Henning's vacancy. Motion carried 7-0.*

Administrator's Reports:

Instructional Technology Specialist: Stacey Johnston stated it was wonderful to see the students today at schedule pick-up at the Middle-High School. We are currently waiting for a few adjustments with the new SchoolPay system.

Curriculum, Assessments and Athletic Director: Darren Thelen presented a brief slideshow on the results of the 11th grade SAT test results and the 8-10th grade PSAT results. Fall sports activities have begun. Four high school girls are hoping to play high school golf this fall. Spectrum Health has offered us an athletic contract for an athletic trainer, which reduced our cost by \$15,000 and increased our services by 100%. Fulton Schools has left the CMAC conference. The CMAC realizes that athletic costs are increasing and is considering raising attendance costs for the 2023-24 school year. P-W is the only school to not offer athletic passes for our senior citizens.

Elementary School Principal: Julie Farmer stated the painting at the Elementary School is complete. We are waiting on the gym floor painting to be completed and for the delivery of the new lockers/cubbies. Many thanks to Jeff Dygert and his crew. Our iPads and devices will be sent home with students on the first day of school. Electricity was in place today for the portable classroom and; water should be set up by Monday.

Middle/High School Principal: Ryan Portenga highlighted he has attended multiple practices and met with 75% of the staff over the last few weeks. Student Orientation went well last week and is looking forward to riding the bus routes. Ryan is working on developing improvements for discipline and consequences standards, adopting a new system of music playing the last thirty seconds before the tardy bell rings. Ryan reorganized the staff and student handbooks for Board approval without making any policy changes and is looking to improve upon what Todd Simmons and the staff have done previously. Thanked the Board for their support.

Student Representatives: Sarah Smith attended the Student Voice meeting today and will set up meetings at lunch on the dates of the Board meetings, so that she may report on current student issues each month. Students would like to see more out of school learning experiences, and would like to improve the lunch room layout. The students are excited for the fall athletic seasons and to return to school.

Superintendent: Jennifer Goodman stated a survey will be coming out soon to gather community members' feedback on an upcoming bond election. The School Board must approve the bond plan prior to the December 5th meeting with the Department of Treasury. Our school attorney recommends a third party sends out the survey, and gathers and analyzes the data.

Summer Facility Update: the flooring is now complete in both buildings and the administrators made a punch list for their buildings. Internet and electricity is now complete; water and sewer will be set this weekend. The elementary gym floor will be complete in one week; the Middle-High School will be ready one week later. Last week we announced that busing will be restored for all students. Thanked Mr. Dygert for his efforts to seek out bus drivers and for his and his staff members' efforts over the summer with the asbestos removal and new flooring installation.

Communications: (3 minutes per person)

Alanna George - expressed a huge thank you to Jeff Dygert for efforts to reinstate bussing district-wide. Thanked Randy Voisinet for his amazing job at band camp and special thanks to Cary Bashore for all he does to help at band camp as well.

Kristen Simon - serves on the Sex Education Board and was reviewing the handbook with regard to dressing modestly. Hoping we can instill modesty in our students.

Grace Fox, Student - requested the Board approve the establishment of the girls golf team as a MHSAA team, rather than a club sport, so the team could participate in Regional competition.

Grace stated that everyone on the golf team is an underclassmen, which could continue and hopes to spark the interest in other girls to join the team in the future.

Board Reports:

Building & Site:

Personnel:

Accept the recommendation to hire Eric Johnston as Pirate Pride Productions Supervisor.

Accept the resignation of Brie Becker, Paraprofessional, effective August 1, 2022.

Accept the recommendation to hire Jane Martin, Paraprofessional, effective August 17, 2022.

Accept the recommendation to hire Stacy Stedman, Lunch Room Supervisor and Overload Aide effective August 17, 2022.

Accept the recommendation to hire Randy Woodbury, Bus Driver, effective August 17, 2022.

Accept the recommendation to hire Kaci Jones, Bus Driver, effective August 17, 2022.

Accept the recommendation to hire Dianne Cook, Bus Driver, effective August 17, 2022.

President's Comments: Mr. Hafner asked everyone to thank Jeff Dygert as his dedication to this district is second to none. Please express your thankfulness to him in person or send him an email to thank him for his efforts.

Action Items:

Old Business:

n/a

New Business:

Girls Golf Team Discussion - The idea of a girls golf team was mentioned at the July meeting. Mrs. Goodman stated that we have a golf team, as the girls played with the boys in the spring season. The MHSAA girls golf season is in the fall. We have seven girls interested in joining a girls golf team in the fall. Mrs. Goodman feels this is not a new sport, since girls have played golf in the past. Mr. Hafner asked that in the future, we discuss the possibility of any new sports at Board meetings prior to the establishment of a team. The overall cost, including coaching, is approximately \$5,000. Mr. Thelen understands the athletic budget would not increase by \$5,000 and suggested paying the fees with the Athletic Activity Account. Mr. Hafner stated that the golf team costs would be absorbed in the \$10,400 increase in the athletic budget for the 2022-23 school year. Mr. Hafner stated he is not opposed to the Girl's Golf Team. Mr. Hafner asked Mrs. Goodman to develop a policy for establishing new athletic programs in the future.

Motion made by T. Schafer, seconded by J. Pohl, to approve the posting of a new position as a Girl's Varsity Golf Coach position absorbed by the current athletic budget, Motion carried 7-0.

Approve the MS/HS Staff Handbook for the 2022-23 School Year.
Approve the Elementary Staff Handbook for the 2022-23 School Year.
Approve the Preschool Staff Handbook for the 2022-23 School Year.
Approve the Elementary School Student Handbook for the 2022-23 School Year
Approve the Preschool Parent Handbook, for the 2022-23 School Year

Motion made by K. Wood seconded by J. Pohl, to approve the Middle-High School Student Handbook for the 2022-23 School Year. Motion carried 7-0.

Approve the MS/HS Student Handbook for the 2022-23 School Year - *Motion made by K. Wood, seconded by J. Pohl, to approve the Middle-High School Student Handbook for the 2022-23 School Year. Motion carried 7-0.*

Approve the Athletic Policy Handbook for the 2022-23 School Year - *Motion made by K. Wood, seconded by K. Thelen, to approve the Athletic Policy Handbook for the 2022-23 School Year. Motion carried 7-0.*

Approve the Course List for the 2022-23 School Year - Discussion was held on the course changes for the 2022-23 school year. *Motion made by K. Wood seconded by B. Henning, to approve the Course List for the 2022-23 School Year. Motion carried 7-0.*

Approve the High School Band Trip to New York City on 3/17/2023 - 3/21/2023 - *Motion made by K. Wood, seconded by J. Pohl, to approve the High School Band Trip to New York City on 3/17/23-3/21/2023. Motion carried 7-0.*

Brie Henning has resigned effective after tonight's Board meeting. Mr. Hafner stated we will accept letters of interest addressed to Mr. Hafner. Discussed setting the application deadline of September 1st at 4 pm, followed by a Special Meeting on September 7th. *Motion made by K. Thelen, seconded by P. Weber, to approve the resignation of Brie Henning, effective after this Board Meeting on August 15, 2022. Motion carried 7-0.*

Motion made by K. Thelen,, seconded by P. Weber,, to schedule a Special Board Meeting for the purpose of interviewing the Board member candidates for Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at 7 pm. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by K. Thelen, seconded by B. Henning, to appoint Kathy Woods as Vice President for the remainder of 2022. Motion carried 7-0.

Financial:

Financial Summary Report July 31, 2022, including Special Revenue Account Payable Listing, July 31, 2022

Future Meeting Dates/Events:

First Day of School - August 22, 2022
First Week of PreSchool - September 6, 2022
Pewamo Block Party - September 10, 2022
September Board Meeting - September 19, 2022

Mrs. Goodman thanked Brie Henning for her service to the Board and for her support. Mrs. Henning accepted a teaching position at St. Joseph's Elementary School as the first grade teacher.

Adjourn: At 8:17 p.m. the meeting adjourned.



Approved by Preston Weber, Board of Education Secretary