

**Minutes of the
PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA
Board of Education
August 21, 2023
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: T. Anderson, J. Hafner, J. Pohl, L. Pung, T. Schafer, B. Weber, P. Weber

Board Members Absent: n/a

Approval of Agenda: *Motion made by L. Pung, seconded by T. Schafer, to approve the agenda, consent agenda items and the July 17, 2023, board meeting minutes and the July 26, 2023, board meeting minutes. Motion carried 7-0.*

Bond Subcommittee Report - Jennifer Goodman provided an update to the Board of Education. Ryan Portenga and Troy Forton attended the recent meeting to discuss the open space next to the cafeteria and the locker room materials. The next step will be to have the architects attend the subcommittee meeting.

Administrator's Reports:

Instructional Technology Specialist: Stacey Johnston stated she has received positive remarks from the parents regarding the new online enrollment process. and expressed her excitement to begin the new year. The staff will now be participating in the KnowB4 training throughout the school year. If a staff member receives a suspicious email, they are instructed to delete the email and not click on any suspicious links.

Elementary School Principal: Julie Farmer said it was a fun first day of school and they are off to a great start.

Middle-High School Principal: Ryan Portenga stated it was great to be back with staff and students. Last week, Design Education Group provided professional development for our educators. The cross country track is in the works; grass seed will be planted this fall.

Student Representatives - The middle and high school students met. On Wednesday some student voice students and all 7th grade students will travel to Camp Roger in Rockford, which has zip lining, rock climbing, and other team building activities. Amy Martin, P-W's Youth Advisory Council Leader, recommended this field trip to better blend the students together, as the Youth Advisory Council, has participated in Camp Roger activities in the past.

Superintendent:

Return to Learn and Continuity of Services Plan Six month Review

Budget Update - still waiting on specifics for the mental health and safety funds to be received. Funding for Back On Track Learning is based on students not proficient on state tests. We will apply for that funding. Thanked the administrators for everything they did to prepare to make today successful.

Acknowledged Scott Brown for his efforts for the bond; he does a lot behind the scenes to ensure the process moves smoothly. Community Cookout will take place before the first home football game on September 15. Hot dogs, chips, fruit, water and cookies will be served. Thanked Lori Pung for coming to the school to work with students to beautify our landscaping over the summer.

Progress Goal Sheet - discussed the goals that we made for the 2023-24 school year. This is no longer a requirement from the state of Michigan, but we will still do the NWEA testing. We use the data and will continue to share it.

Preston Weber asked what our thoughts are on streaming the board meetings. Jennifer Goodman will look into the logistics and will report back next month.

Communications: (3 minutes per person)

N/A

Personnel:

Approve the recommendation to hire, through Edustaff, James Lehman as the Strength and Athleticism Coach effective August 14, 2023. Approve the recommendation to move Kaci Jones, Bus Driver, to substitute bus driver status effective August 15, 2023.

Approve the recommendation to hire Todd Patrick, Bus Driver, effective August 8, 2023.

Approve the recommendation to hire Lisa Spitzley, Substitute Bus Driver, effective August 21, 2023.

Approve the recommendation to hire Larry Simpson, Paraprofessional Aide, effective August 16, 2023.

Approve the recommendation to hire Kenzi Mitzner, through Edustaff, as Seventh Grade Volleyball Coach, effective August 8, 2023.

Approve the recommendation to hire Chase Kramer as Custodial Substitute effective August 21, 2023.

Accept the resignation of Stacey Nurenberg, as Varsity Softball Coach effective August 21, 2023.

President's Comments: Jason Hafner welcomed our new student representatives and looks forward to their feedback.

Old Business:

N/A

New Business:

Approve the 6th grade trip to Chicago, IL April 10-11, 2024 - Motion made by J. Pohl, seconded by T. Anderson, to approve the 6th grade trip to Chicago, Illinois April 10-11, 2024. Motion carried 7-0.

Approve the 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. May 7-11, 2024 - Motion made by B. Weber, seconded by J. Pohl, to approve the 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. May 7-11, 2024. Motion carried 7-0.

Approve the Graduation Ceremony date of May 15, 2024 - Motion made by L. Pung, seconded by B. Weber, to approve the Graduation Ceremony date of May 15, 2024. Motion carried 7-0.

Approve the Ratifying Resolution prepared by Thrun Law - Motion made by P. Weber, seconded by L. Pung, to approve the ratifying resolution prepared by Thrun Law. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion of non-district students participating in strength and athleticism - Jennifer Goodman reported that we have, in the past, allowed students who do not attend P-W schools to participate in the strength and athleticism workouts. Jennifer suggests the Board of Education approve students with the caveat that non-P-W students are required to complete a liability waiver form in order to participate. Current P-W students must sign the form if participating in athletic teams. Motion made by T. Anderson, seconded by B. Weber, to approve that students from schools with an athletic cooperative agreement with P-W Schools, who have submitted a liability waiver, may participate in the strength and athleticism workouts. Motion carried 7-0.

Financial:

Financial Summary Report July 31, 2023, including Special Revenue Account Payable Listing, July 31, 2023

Future Meeting Dates/Events:

No School - August 25, 2023

No School - September 1 - September 4, 2023

First Week of PreSchool - September 5, 2023

Pewamo Elementary Fall Fest at Pewamo Block Party - September 9, 2023

Community Tailgate September 15, 2023

September Board Meeting - September 18, 2023

Adjourn: At 7:38 pm, the meeting adjourned.


Approved by Preston Weber, Board of Education Secretary