

**Minutes of the
PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA
Board of Education
December 19, 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: T. Anderson (arrived a few minutes late), J. Hafner, J. Pohl, T. Schafer, K. Thelen, P. Weber, K. Wood,

Board Members Absent: N/A

Approval of Agenda: *Motion made by T. Schafer seconded by K. Thelen, to approve the agenda, consent agenda and the November 19, 2022, board meeting minutes. Motion carried 6-0.*

Administrator's Reports:

Instructional Technology Specialist: Stacey Johnston was not able to attend the meeting, but is currently obtaining bids for a new clock and public address system for the district.

Assistant Principal/Athletic Director: Troy Forton is meeting with each coach one-on-one to discuss financial needs of their sport.

Elementary School Principal: Julie Farmer reported they held their Holiday Meal today. Thanked Troy Forton and Ryan Portenga for attending the meal dressed as Santa and Buddy the Elf. The Christmas Concert last week was packed and very well done. In the spring, the upper elementary grades will perform "Stomp", under the direction of David Skeels. Thanked Kim Thelen and Kathy Wood for everything they've done for us. Thanked the high school band for playing holiday music before school last Friday. Today 51 students were absent due to illness, which equals 22% of the student body.

Middle/High School Principal: Ryan Portenga thanked Kathy and Kim for their service. Ryan stated he is passionate about field trips for students and is proposing all 6th graders take a two-day trip to Chicago and 8th graders travel to Washington D.C. Submitted a proposal to set standards for our seniors to walk at graduation and receive a diploma.

Student Representatives: Samantha Smith stated the student feedback from Challenge Day indicated students enjoyed it and felt that it was successful. Winterfest planning is underway. Students have begun taking exams.

McKenna Weber. A can drive and giving tree gift collections are ongoing. Heard great things about Challenge Day and believes we should continue hosting this annually.

Superintendent:

Challenge Day: Jennifer Goodman expressed appreciation for the adults who chaperoned Challenge Day. Surveys will be sent to students who attended and results will be evaluated to determine if we would like to host again.

Outgoing Board Member Recognition: Recognized Kathy Wood and Kim Thelen for their combined 46 years of service to the Board of Education and thanked them for their service to P-W Schools.

Kathy Wood asked the community to be patient and understanding with the upcoming bond proposal. Kim stated it has been an honor and privilege to serve on the Board of Education.

Communications: (3 minutes per person)

Randy Zenk - Attended the state volleyball championship and wanted to congratulate the team. Our bus driver, Karen Wright, was a champion driving through that winter storm. Expressed his appreciation of all of our bus drivers for their work ethic and asked the Board to purchase the bus drivers a warm jacket to show their pride in P-W Schools and keep them warm as they prepare the buses for their routes. Expressed his appreciation and thankfulness to Kathy Wood and Kim Thelen for everything they have done.

Troy Smith - On behalf of the P-W Football Board, expressed appreciation for using the facilities for the junior football program. Many schools have gone to middle school football teams, where they play on Wednesday nights and he anticipates the need to transition to the middle school program. The current football field they use does not have lights, so the team would need to play in the football stadium. Requests the board consider installing a turf field in the upcoming bond.

Randy Voisinet - Tomorrow night at 7 pm in the auditorium there will be a Cabaret for the Theatre Department.

President's Comments: Thanked Kathy Wood and Kim Thelen for their service to the Board and community. Attended the Challenge Day last week and found it very rewarding. It was a great opportunity for our students and felt it was very well received.

Personnel:

Approve the recommendation to hire Zachary Schmitz, through Edustaff, as the Middle School Cross Country Coach

Approve the recommendation to hire Samantha Riley as regular route Bus Driver.

Accept the resignation of Karen Wright as regular route Bus Driver effective December 31, 2022, and transition to substitute/special events bus driver.

Accept the resignation of Stan Bauer as Varsity Softball Coach.

Old Business:

N/A

New Business:

Approve the Application for Preliminary Qualification of Bonds - Jennifer Goodman provided an overview of the Preliminary Qualification of Bonds. If the bond passes in May, the Board will need to then approve the final qualification. This bond will be a three-year series, meaning we will receive three loan payments to save money on interest. Discussion was held on the new locker room/press box/restrooms by the field house, drainage of the football field, weight room equipment, lockers, elementary school storage building, softball parking, turf and bond-related issues **Motion made by J. Pohl, seconded by P. Weber, to approve the application for preliminary qualification of bonds. Motion carried 6-1.**

Approve the 6th Grade trip to Chicago, Illinois on April 12-13, 2023 - Ryan Portenga provided an overview and plan, followed by discussion. **Motion made by K. Thelen, seconded by J. Pohl, to approve the 6th Grade trip to Chicago, Illinois on April 12-13, 2023. Motion carried 7-0.**

Approve the 8th Grade trip to Washington D.C the second week of May 2023 - Discussion was held to follow the practice set forth on band trips to allow time for students to attend religious services over the weekend. **Motion made by P. Weber, seconded by T. Schafer, to approve the 8th Grade trip to Washington D.C the second week of May 2023. Motion carried 7-0.**

Approve the revised Middle High School handbook for the 2022-23 school year - **Motion made by K. Wood, seconded by T. Schafer, to approve the revised Middle High School handbook for the 2022-23 school year. Motion carried 7-0.**

Approve the New Board Member Roles and Responsibilities Training on Monday, January 23, 2023, at 6:00 pm - **Motion made by K. Wood, seconded by K. Thelen, to approve the New Board Member Roles and Responsibilities Training on Monday, January 23, 2023, at 6:00 pm. Motion carried 7-0.**

Financial:

Financial Summary Report November 30, 2022, including Special Revenue Account Payable Listing, November 30, 2022

Future Meeting Dates/Events:

Friday, December 23, 2022 - January 6, 2023 - Winter Break

January 16, 2023 - No School

January 23, 2023 - January Board Meeting

Adjourn: At 8:59 pm, meeting adjourned.



Approved by Preston Weber, Board of Education Secretary