

**Minutes of the
PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA
Board of Education
February 13, 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 T. Schafer, seconded by T. Anderson, to approve the agenda, consent agenda and the January 23, 2023, board meeting minutes. Motion carried 7-0.*

Pirate Pride Presentation - Jennifer Goodman acknowledged the extraordinary efforts of Brandt and Nathan Buckley with their contributions through the Pirate Pride Productions. Nathan and Brandt were involved in the establishment of Pirate Pride Productions and have served in this role for several years. Jennifer Goodman thanked them for their commitment and contributions to P-W Schools and presented them each with a P-W pin.

Sex Education Advisory Board Presentation - The Sex Education Advisory Board proposed a 13 day abstinence only curriculum for the 10th grade, based on the Michigan Model, which would be taught in the Health course. Each 10th grade student is required to take Health, a semester-long course. Elizabeth Weber and Kristen Simon provided an overview of the proposed curriculum. Parents can choose to opt their child out of any or all of the curriculum. Students who are removed for this curriculum will be given another health-related assignment in replacement. There are binders in the Superintendent's office containing the curriculum materials for anyone to review. Jennifer Goodman stated that at a previous district, one area of trouble was the teacher knowing exactly how much information to share when students ask questions. The advisory board will come up with guidelines for the teacher. If it is approved by the Board of Education this evening, the lessons would begin in April or early May. Parent letters will be sent to all parents prior to the start of the curriculum.

Administrator's Reports:

Instructional Technology Specialist: Stacey Johnston reported the new clocks are in the process of being installed. Through the Emergency Connectivity Grant, \$146,309 has been awarded to P-W.

Elementary School Principal: Julie Farmer reported the elementary school staff completed benchmark testing and are making plans for March is Reading Month. Begindergarten and Kindergarten registration begins Wednesday. Preschool has two openings for the three day per week class. It appears we will have two first grade and kindergarten classrooms for the 2023-2024 school year. Anticipate knowing later this week if we will need to have two begindergarten classes as well.

Assistant Principal/Athletic Director: Ryan Portenga reported for Troy Forton that we received great news that Scott Werner is in the running for the National Athletic Association's Coach of the Year. We are hosting boy's basketball district championships in a couple of weeks. Proud of how Troy Forton is performing as our Athletic Director.

Middle/High School Principal: Ryan Portenga reported that we are anticipating 80 7th grade students for the fall. We currently have a math teacher vacancy beginning in April and working to get an outstanding math teacher. For the Pirates on the Move upcoming field trips, there are 27 of 30 6th grade students planning to attend the Chicago trip and 75% of the 8th graders are signed up for the Washington DC trip.

Student Representatives: Students are submitting their courses for the 2-23-24 school year. There are new course options and more Advanced Placement (AP) offerings. First semester report cards are now available. We have had some recent student issues with vaping and vandalism; students and administration are trying to get a better handle on that. Students had a lot of fun at Winterfest, with over 50% participation for the dance. Thanked Mr. Bashore and Mr. Portenga for the music selection.

Superintendent:

Bond Referendum Update - Had our first informational bond meeting last week. We are working on videos and discussing a potential phone survey.

Sec. 98b Goal Progress Report - Provided an overview of our progress report. This data is available on our transparency page. Our goal is to always be ranked as proficient and advanced for all students.

Grant Update - Mrs. Johnston mentioned the ECF funding. We received our reward letters for grants totaling \$325,666. The cameras have been installed on the buses and are awaiting the software installation. We have had many issues with vehicles not stopping for the buses. These cameras will capture vehicles who do not stop, that information will be shared with law enforcement, and the drivers will receive traffic offenses. One of the recent grants received includes military mapping of our building, which will be shared with law enforcement. Another \$4,000 grant includes a threat assessment for each building.

Open Positions - We currently have them listed on our website. Intent letters have been sent to staff for their plans for next year.

Communications: (3 minutes per person)

N/A

President's Comments: N/A

Personnel:

Accept the resignation of Rachel Hess, High School Math Teacher, effective March 23, 2023.

Old Business:

N/A

New Business:

Approve the recommendation to hire Paul Anderson, through Edustaff, as the JV Baseball Coach effective February 13, 2023 - ***Motion made by L. Pung, seconded by J. Pohl, to approve the recommendation to hire Paul Anderson, through Edustaff, as the JV Baseball Coach effective February 13, 2023. Motion carried 6-0. Trina Anderson abstained from voting.***

Approve the resolution to authorize the issuance and delegating the sale of Pewamo-Westphalia Community Schools 2023 Refunding Bonds - Frederick Heideman from Thrun Law provided an overview of the resolution of the refunding bonds. This is taking higher interest term debt and replacing it with lower interest term debt. With this resolution, we would be refinancing \$3 million through competitive sale. When you refinance bonds, you must wait ten years before you can refinance again. ***Motion made by T. Anderson, seconded by B. Weber, to approve the resolution to authorize the issuance and delegating the sale of Pewamo-Westphalia Community Schools 2023 Refunding Bonds. Motion carried 7-0.***

Approve the 105/105c Limited School of Choice window April 26-May 31, 2023 - Jennifer Goodman provided the Board with the proposed dates and openings for the 105/105c Limited Schools of Choice. 10, 10, 10, 5, 3, 0, 0, 3, 5, 3, 5, 0, 0, 0. Discussion was held. ***Motion made by J. Pohl, seconded by B. Weber, to approve the 105/105c Limited School of Choice window April 26-May 24, 2023. Motion carried 7-0.***

Approve the Revised Course List for Second Semester for 2022-23 School Year - ***Motion made by T. Schafer, seconded by L. Pung, to approve the Revised Course List for Second Semester for 2022-23 School Year. Motion carried 7-0.***

Discussion and Vote on the Sex Education Advisory Board's Recommendation on the High School Sex Education Curriculum - ***Motion made by T. Anderson, seconded by P. Weber, to approve the Sex Education Advisory Board's recommendation on the high school sex education curriculum. Motion carried 7-0.***

Financial:

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

Future Meeting Dates/Events:

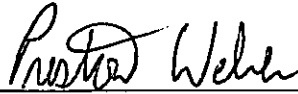
February 17, 2023 - Half Day of School

February 20, 2023 - No School

March 20, 2023 - Bond Proposal Informational Night at 5:30 pm

March 20, 2023 - March Board Meeting

Adjourn: At 8:24 pm, meeting adjourned.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Preston Weber". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Approved by Preston Weber, Board of Education Secretary