

**Minutes of the
PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA
Board of Education
February 26, 2024
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

***Motion made by L. Pung, seconded by T. Anderson, approved the agenda and consent agenda.
Motion carried 7-0.***

Supplemental Budget Presentation by Scott Brown - S. Brown provided an overview of the supplemental budget. When the Board approved the budget last June, the State of Michigan had not yet approved the final State of Michigan budget. Since then, schools received a \$450 per pupil increase in funding. Additionally, several grants were submitted and approved, which drastically reduced our anticipated deficit of \$500,000. Instead, we have an anticipated deficit of \$15,000 for the fiscal year. We anticipate holding a 24.61% fund balance on July 1, 2024. J. Goodman expressed her appreciation for Scott Brown, for his hard work, especially the work done on the many grants we have received.

T. Schafer asked if the monthly budget reports could identify which accounts are being charged for the purchases made. S. Brown will check into getting that information included in the monthly report.

Sex Education Advisory Board Presentation - Ryan Portenga and the Sex Education Advisory Board provided an overview of the curriculum for grades five and eight. Portenga thanked the committee, Mr. Martin, and our students for participating in this process.

Bond Subcommittee Report - The Bond Subcommittee reported earlier today was the kickoff meeting for Series I of the bond. So far, standing in a good place financially. The parking lot pick-up and drop-off maps were included in the Pirate Log and on our website. P. Weber requested a timeline of bond-related improvements to be made.

Administrator's Reports:

Instructional Technology Specialist: S. Johnston has been planning for bond work, ordering new food service computers, ordering new microphones for teachers, and prepping for testing. The new phone system will be installed over spring break.

Elementary School Principal: J. Farmer thanked Scott for all of the work on the budget and the sex ed advisory board for their work. Plans underway for "March is Reading Month" with a theme of "bugs." Thanked David Skeels for his 30 years of service to P-W Schools. Expressed the need for a reading interventionist to assist with the students who are struggling with reading.

Assistant Middle-High School Principal/Athletic Director: T. Forton reported the winter sports. The Cheer team will compete at CMU on Friday for the state championship. Luke Paxton will compete at Ford Field on Friday for the wrestling state championship. P-W indoor track is doing great things. Acknowledged Jeff Dygert as an outstanding coach of our bowling program.

Middle-High School Principal: R. Portenga reported preparation for the upcoming construction work. Acknowledged Lisa Bartlett's planning for the upcoming school year. Expressed appreciation for Doug Klein and the Robotics Team's success. Brooke Spitzley received the Scholar-Athlete award. 89% of the 8th grade students are planning to attend the 8th grade field trip to Chicago.

Student Representatives - A. Smith and H. Hengesbach - at a recent Student Voice meeting discussed keeping social media posts appropriate. Some seniors were concerned about their parking spots after spring break. A resolution has been made to save spots for seniors close to the new temporary entrance near the Field House. Students do not support the idea of all of the classrooms being painted the same color.

Superintendent:

Progress Goal Sheet - J. Goodman provided an overview of the 98b Goal Progress Report. The goal is for all students through grade 8 to show growth in math and reading each school year.

Annual Educational Report—The State of Michigan requires this annual report, which covers many aspects of education. These reports, one for each building, are now on our website for all to view.
Enrollment - Our enrollment continues to grow. We would like to add an additional second-grade classroom. We anticipate an increase of 20 students for next school year. Recommends planning ahead for the possibility of needing additional space at the elementary.

Communications: (3 minutes per person) N/A

Personnel:

Approve the recommendation to hire Ericka Piggott, overload paraprofessional/lunch room supervisor, effective January 25, 2024.

Accept the resignation for retirement from Joan Esch, High School Teacher, effective June 30, 2024.

Accept the resignation from Dana Noot, Paraprofessional Aide/Assistant Theater Director, effective February 19, 2024.

Accept the resignation for retirement from David Skeels, Elementary School Teacher, effective June 30, 2024.

President's Comments:

N/A

Old Business:

Supplemental Curriculum - J. Goodman gathered information from other schools and how they handle it. One suggestion is to indicate that the video must be approved by the principal. L. Pung expressed concern over parents receiving the approval form the night before the movie was shown. J. Hafner requested J. Goodman incorporate this feedback into the student handbook for next school year.

New Business:

Approve the Sex Education Advisory Board recommendation for Sex Education Curriculum for Grades 5 and 8 - *Motion made by J. Pohl, seconded by P. Weber, to approve the Sex Education Advisory Board recommendation for Sex Education Curriculum for Grades 5 and 8. Motion carried 7-0.*

Approve the Bond Authorizing Resolution, as prepared by Thrun Law for the 2024 School Building and Site Bonds, Series II - *Motion made by B. Weber, seconded by T. Schafer, to approve the bond authorizing resolution, as prepared by Thrun Law for the 2024 School Building and Site Bond, Series II. Motion carried 7-0.*

Approve the Supplemental Budget Amendments for 2023-24, as presented by Scott Brown - *Motion made by T. Schafer, seconded by J. Pohl, to approve the Supplemental Budget Amendments for 2023-24 as presented by Scott Brown. Motion carried 7-0.*

Approve the recommendation to create a 2nd grade teacher position for the 2024-25 school year - *Motion made by T. Anderson, seconded by L. Pung, to create a 2nd grade teacher position for the 2024-25 school year. Motion carried 7-0.*

Approve the recommendation to transfer Callie Simmon to the second-grade teacher position - *Motion made by J. Pohl, seconded by B. Weber to approve the recommendation to transfer Callie Simmon to the second-grade teacher position. Motion carried 7-0.*

Approve the recommendation to create a full-time elementary P.E. teacher position for the 2024-25 school year - *Motion made by B. Weber, seconded by T. Anderson, to approve the recommendation to create a full-time elementary P.E. teacher position for the 2024-25 school year. Motion carried 7-0.*

Approve the recommendation to transfer Phil Smith to the full-time elementary P.E. teacher position for the 2024-25 school year - *Motion made by J. Pohl, seconded by T. Schafer, to approve the recommendation to transfer Phil Smith to the full-time elementary P.E. teacher position for the 2024-25 school year. Motion carried 7-0.*

Approve the recommendation to create a full-time MHS P.E. teacher position for the 2024-25 school year - *Motion made by L. Pung, seconded by B. Weber, to approve the recommendation to create a full-time MHS P.E. teacher position for the 2024-25 school year. Motion carried 7-0.*

Approve the recommendation to create a part-time ASL teacher position for the 2024-25 school year - ***Motion made by J. Pohl, seconded by T. Schafer, to approve the recommendation to create a part-time ASL teacher position for the 2024-25 school year. Motion carried 7-0.***

Athletics and early dismissal discussion - J. Goodman reported we do not have a protocol for when to have an early release of school for all students and staff to attend the semi-final and/or a state championship game when P-W participates in these events. J. Goodman recommends we discuss and approve a practice for future competitions. A lengthy discussion was held on dismissing early if a school team participates in a semi-final or state-final competition. J. Hafner recommends we begin planning for 2024-25 school year and beyond. How many students of our student body are participating in this event? More analysis needs to be done for dismissing early and participation of the students and staff at the events. We will stay as the status quo for the 2023-24 school year. Distance from the district building and time of the event should be included in the policy.

Financial:

Financial Summary Report January 31, 2024, including Special Revenue Account Payable Listing, January 31, 2024

Future Meeting Dates/Events:

March 7 - 6:00 pm Clinton County School Districts 2nd Annual Community Conversation Mental Health and School Safety Location CCRESA

March 14, 16 and 17 - High School Theater Production of The Great Gatsby

March 18 - March Board Meeting

March 22-April 1 Spring Break

Adjourn: At 9:07 pm, the meeting adjourned.



Approved by Preston Weber, Board of Education Secretary