

**Minutes of the
PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA
Board of Education
January 23, 2023
7:00 P.M. Regular Board Meeting**

President's Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Hafner at 7:05 p.m.

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Board Members Present: J. Hafner, J. Pohl, L Pung, T. Schafer, B. Weber, P. Weber,

Board Members Absent: T. Anderson

Election of Officers for 2023:

President - Motion made by T. Schafer, seconded by J. Pohl, to appoint Jason Hafner as President. Motion carried 6-0.

Vice President - Motion made by J. Pohl, seconded by B. Weber, to appoint Tim Schafer as Vice President. Motion carried 6-0.

Secretary - Motion made by T. Schafer, seconded by J. Pohl, to appoint Preston Weber as Secretary. Motion carried 6-0.

Treasurer - Motion made by B. Weber, seconded by T. Schafer, to appoint J. Pohl as Treasurer. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by L. Pung seconded by J. Pohl, to approve the agenda, consent agenda and the December 19, 2022, board meeting minutes. Motion carried 6-0.

Budget Presentation - Scott Brown provided an overview of the Resolution for the General Fund Budget Amendment for 2022-23. Anticipating a 26% fund balance by June 30, 2023. Board members are welcome to contact him at any time to answer questions.

Administrator's Reports:

Instructional Technology Specialist: Stacey Johnston stated technology is going well. Installed new access points in the Field House, which will help support our coaches' technological needs.

Elementary School Principal: Julie Farmer stated student testing is taking place. The Michigan Council for Exceptional Students just awarded a former P-W student, Benjamin Prince, the Yes I Can! Award for Art. Many educators here, along with RESA staff, wrote letters in support of Benjamin. He will receive his award at the Michigan Council for Exceptional Students conference in Grand Rapids.

Assistant Principal/Athletic Director: Ryan Portenga reported for Troy Forton-Softball's JV and Varsity coaching positions have been offered. Interviews for Baseball's JV position are being held this week. We are working on the Cross Country Co-Op paperwork.

Middle/High School Principal: Ryan Portenga reported they are working on scheduling for 2023-24 and opportunities for students. Moving forward with parent meetings for the Pirates on the Move upcoming field trips

Student Representatives: N/A

Superintendent:

Continuity of Learning Plan Review - The plan must be reviewed every six months. This plan was prepared county-wide and we are not proposing any changes.

Strategic Plan Update - Met as a group and reviewed the strategic goals. A staff survey just went out to gather information on retaining staff. Jason Hafner recommended involving community members in future strategic planning.

CTE Woods Class Audit - The CTE audit of Mike Kurka's woods class program went extremely well.

Busing Update - We are anticipating a shortage of four bus drivers for the 2023-24 school year.

CCRESA Dinner and Presentation - Dinner and presentation on February 23 for Board of Education members and administrators. .

P-W Sex Education Public Forum - Brad Weber offered to attend the February 2 Sex Education Public Forum.

LCC Dual Enrollment - For some dual enrollment courses not on high school course list, P-W pays \$725 and the remaining balance is paid by the student's family. Students were told the course would be less expensive than the actual cost. Six students' families were charged over \$300 more than anticipated. Discussion followed. ***Motion made by T Schafer, seconded by B. Weber, P-W Schools will pay \$561 to Lansing Community College for six students who took Biology 120 in the 2022-23 school year. Motion carried 6-0.***

Board Member Appreciation Month Recognition - Jennifer Goodman expressed appreciation of the P-W School Board members for their time and their support of our students and staff, then played an appreciation video prepared by the elementary school.

Communications: (3 minutes per person)

Alanna George expressed interest in learning how dual enrollment works and requested a list showing the graduation requirements and access to children's service hours in Helper Helper. Requested information on the senior's last day of school. Inquired if the school could pay the Advanced Placement test fees. Requested research be done on the locker rooms included in the bond since volleyball, track and cross country don't use locker rooms. Expressed thanks to the board members.

President's Comments: J. Hafner welcomed Brad Weber and Lori Pung to the Board of Education, He expressed appreciation for running for the Board and look forward to the year ahead.

Personnel:

Approve the recommendation to hire Stacy Nurenberg, thru Edustaff, as the Varsity Softball Coach effective 1/23/2023.

Accept the resignation of Samantha Riley, Bus Driver, effective January 23, 2023

Old Business:

N/A

New Business:

Approve the Resolution Calling for the Election - Jennifer Goodman stated the Department of Treasury approved the PQ. The third page is the exact ballot that would be in front of the voters on May 2nd. The drainage expert looked at the plans and walked the fields. The drainage currently under the field is damaged and must be replaced. The field would be dug up and place the extra dirt on the field events used for track. We would then install a containment system that would reroute precipitation to different areas surrounding the field. The consultant stated that if we were to dig up the field and replace the drainage, he recommends installing turf. P-W will host three informational nights to provide an overview of the bond, will have a tax estimator sheet, provide tours and answer questions. By early March, we will send out a Pirate Log focusing on bond matters. The board members requested the creation of a priority list of bond items. ***Motion made by J. Pohl, seconded by P. Weber to approve the resolution calling for the election. Motion carried 5-1.***

Approve the Continuation of Services from Thrun Law Firm - *Motion made by B. Weber, seconded by T. Schafer, to approve the continuation of services from Thrun Law Firm. Motion carried 6-0.*

Approve the 2022-2023 Budget Amendment as presented - *Motion made by P. Weber, seconded by J. Pohl, to approve the 2022-23 Budget Amendment as presented. Motion carried 6-0.*

Approve the recommendation to purchase through DATACOM Group the Public Address System and Clocks for the MS/HS - *Motion made by P. Weber, seconded by J. Pohl to approve the recommendation to purchase through DATACOM Group, using Capital Improvement Funds, the Public Address System and Clocks for the Middle High School. Motion carried 6-0.*

Financial:

Financial Summary Report December 31, 2022, including Special Revenue

Account Payable Listing, December 31, 2022

Future Meeting Dates/Events:

February 13, 2023 - February Board Meeting

February 17, 2023- Half Day

February 20, 2023 No School (unless we have five or more snow days)

Adjourn: At 9:14 pm, meeting adjourned.



Approved by Preston Weber, Board of Education Secretary