

**Minutes of the
PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA
Board of Education
June 12, 2023
7:00 P.M. Regular Board Meeting**

President's Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Vice President Schafer at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call:

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

Board Members Absent: J. Hafner

Approval of Agenda: *Motion made by L. Pung, seconded by J. Pohl, to approve the agenda, consent agenda and the May 15, 2023, board meeting minutes. Motion carried 6-0.*

Budget Hearing Presentation - Scott Brown provided the budget presentation on the 2022-23 budget and the proposed 2023-24 budget. Revenues increased by approximately \$800,000 since the February budget update. In February, we anticipated a budget shortfall of \$542,000; after multiple new funds received, we have a shortfall of \$312,000. After the \$312,000 budget shortfall, we anticipate standing at a 26% fund balance.

Bond Subcommittee Report - The subcommittee currently consists of Jennifer Goodman, Tim Schafer, Lori Pung and Brad Weber. Brad Weber presented on behalf of the committee. The committee discussed other community members who may be added to the committee; Jennifer Goodman will contact them. Discussed the moving of the memorial tree and available options.

Administrator's Reports:

Instructional Technology Specialist: Stacey Johnston and the IT staff completed the Chromebook collection. For the 2023-24 school year, we are transitioning to online enrollment through PowerSchool, requiring parents to create a portal account. As of last week, there are more than 100 families who have not yet created a parent portal account.

Elementary School Principal: Julie Farmer thanked Randy Zenk for attending Pirate Pete's Adventure Challenge last week.

Athletic Director/Assistant High School Principal: Troy Forton stated we currently have a 7th grade volleyball coaching position open and are working to fill the Strength and Athleticism Coordinator vacancy. On the agenda this evening is the proposal to co-op with Potterville for wrestling, which, if approved, would be the Potterville Pirates. There are currently 22 of our 6th-11th graders interested in wrestling for the winter season. This would be a two-year commitment. Potterville would provide the coaching costs and host the events, but keep the gate funds received. Pleased with the development of a new cross country track on school grounds.

Middle-High School Principal: Ryan Portenga stated we are expecting 20 students to attend summer school this summer. Construction is underway on permanent walls in the middle school. New parking signs have been ordered and received.

Superintendent:

School of Choice Application Update: Jennifer Goodman provided an overview of the schools of choice process. We received 34 schools of choice applications during the limited schools of choice application period.

Progress Goal Report: Shared the results of the Progress Goal Report, which is required by the State of Michigan and shared on the Transparency Page of our website.

Sex Advisory Two Year Report: This report is on our website and indicated they are currently working on the middle school and elementary school plans.

Preston Weber requested an update on the security officer position that was discussed at an earlier BOE meeting. Jennifer stated that we did not include the position in the budget. Jennifer stated she is waiting until July, when the confirmed per pupil funding is announced and determination on exactly how much funding we will receive.

Communications: (3 minutes per person)

Karen Hanses - Expressed concern of the impact on P-W with the upcoming changes at the Eagle site and the effect it could have on our culture.

Personnel:

Accept the resignation of Ed Barrett, Strength and Athleticism Coach, effective June 8, 2023.

Accept the resignation of Amelia Martin, 7th Grade Volleyball, effective May 15, 2023.

Accept the resignation of Hannah Koenigsknecht, 8th Grade Girls Basketball, effective April 18, 2023.

Accept the recommendation to approve tenure to Phil Smith, Jennifer Mowatt and Chad Podolak.

Accept the recommendation to hire Mark Pohl, through Edustaff, as the 8th grade girls basketball coach

Accept the resignation of Brian Rehmann as the PWSTC Advisor effective June 30, 2023.

Accept the recommendation to appoint Cole Feldpausch as the sole PWSTC Advisor effective July 1, 2023.

Accept the resignation of Eric Johnston as 3P Supervisor effective June 7, 2023

Accept the recommendation to hire Nathan Buckley, through Edustaff, as 3P Supervisor effective June 13, 2023.

President's Comments: N/A

Old Business:

N/A

New Business:

Adopt the authorizing resolution of the 2023 School Building and Site and Refunding Bonds - Motion made by L. Pung, seconded by P. Weber, to adopt the authorizing resolution of the 2023 School Building and Site and Refunding Bonds. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve the recommendation to hire Yeo & Yeo to conduct the 2022-23 fiscal audit - Motion made by T Anderson, seconded by P. Weber, to approve the recommendation to hire Yeo & Yeo to conduct the 2022-23 fiscal audit. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve the 2022-23 General Fund Appropriation Budget -

Approve the 2022-23 Special Services Fund Appropriation Budget -

Approve the 2023-24 General Fund Appropriation Budget -

Approve the 2023-24 Special Services Fund Appropriation Budget -

Motion made by P. Weber, seconded by B. Weber, to approve the 2022-23 General Fund Appropriation Budget, the 2022-23 Special Services Fund Appropriation Budget, the 2023-24 General Fund Appropriation Budget and the 2023-24 Special Services Fund Appropriation Budget. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve the L-4029 Form (2023 Tax Rate Request) - Motion made by B. Weber, seconded by J. Pohl, to approve the L-4029 Form (2023 Tax Rate Request). Motion carried 6-0.

Approve the Pre-Labor Day Start of August 21, 2023, for the 2023-24 School Year - Motion made by L. Pung, seconded by J. Pohl, to approve the Pre-Labor Day Start for the 2023-24 School Year. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve the one year renewal of the Cost Reimbursable Food Service Management Company contract with Chartwells for School Year 2023-2024 - Motion made by J. Pohl, seconded by T. Anderson to approve the one year renewal of the Cost Reimbursable Food Service Management Company contract with Chartwells for School Year 2023-24. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve the Board Sponsored stipend to Mrs. Jennifer Goodman for the 2022-23 goal - Motion made by P. Weber, seconded by T. Anderson, to approve the Board Sponsored stipend to Mrs. Jennifer Goodman for the 2022-23 goal. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve the MHSAA Membership Resolution for the 2023-24 school year - Motion made by P. Weber, seconded by J. Pohl, to approve the MHSAA Membership Resolution for the 2023-24 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve the administrator contracts for 2023-24: Jennifer Goodman, Julie Farmer, Ryan Portenga, Scott Brown, Troy Forton, Stacey Johnston, Jeff Dygert, Deborah Prince - Motion made by J. Pohl, seconded by B. Weber, to approve the administrator contracts for the 2023-24 school year for Jennifer Goodman, Julie Farmer, Ryan Portenga, Scott Brown, Troy Forton, Stacey Johnston, Jeff Dygert, and Deborah Prince. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve the Recommendation to Begin a Wrestling Co-op Program with Potterville High School - Motion made by B. Weber, seconded by J. Pohl, to approve the recommendation to begin a Wrestling Co-Op Program with Potterville High School. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve the Recommendation to appoint Joey Arens, current 10th grader, to Co-chair the Sex Advisory Committee - *Motion made by J. Pohl, seconded by T. Anderson, to approve the recommendation to appoint Joey Arens, current 10th grader, to Co-Chair the Sex Advisory Committee. Motion carried 6-0.*

Approve the recommendation to contract with Premier Rehabilitation to provide an athletic trainer beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026 -*Motion made by T. Anderson, seconded by B. Weber, to approve the recommendation to contract with Premier Rehabilitation to provide an athletic trainer beginning July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026. Motion carried 6-0.*

Recommendation to approve Merchandise Equipment & Supply for a walk-in freezer using food service funds - *Motion made by J. Pohl, seconded to L. Pung, to approve Merchandise Equipment and Supply for a walk-in freezer using food service funds. Motion carried 6-0.*

Financial:

Financial Summary Report May 31, 2023, including Special Revenue

Account Payable Listing, May 31, 2023

Future Meeting Dates/Events:

International Trip to Italy - June 19 - June 27, 2023

1st Summer Shut Down - July 2 - 8, 2023

July Board Meeting - July, 17, 2023

2nd Summer Shut Down - July 30 - August 5, 2023

Adjourn: At 8:16 pm, the meeting adjourned.



Approved by Preston Weber, Board of Education Secretary