

**Minutes of the  
PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA  
Board of Education  
November 20, 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. Anderson, seconded by L. Pung, to approve the agenda, consent agenda items, the October 16, 2023, board meeting minutes. Motion carried 7-0.*

**Bond Subcommittee Report** - The Bond Subcommittee reported one bond bid was due November 16, 2023, and many bids were received, including local businesses. The subcontractor bids are due November 29, 2023; Performance Services has received interest from many different vendors. The next Bond Subcommittee is meeting December 11, 2023, and will present their recommendations at the December 18, 2023, board meeting. Discussion was held on relocating the athletic building closer to the press box. There is a meeting on December 14 to meet with turf vendors for the third bond cycle.

**Administrator's Reports:**

**Instructional Technology Specialist:** S. Johnston reported she has met with individuals who may be able to receive reimbursement for technology purchases for the new additions.

**Elementary School Principal:** J Goodman read a report from J. Farmer and reported the annual turkey trot was held earlier today. Thanked the School Board for supporting the travel to Washington DC.

**Middle-High School Principal:** R. Portenga reported it was a fun fall for athletics with Collin Farmer winning the Cross Country State Championship and Taylor Smith receiving the title of Miss Volleyball. Attended the middle school performance this weekend and commended Taylor McPhail for her leadership of the theater department. Doug Klein has approximately 20 students participating on the robotix team.

Two large purchases in the coming year will be new curriculum for Technology and English. Thanks to the Central Office team for quickly and efficiently hiring Dawn Cook as the district's long-term substitute.

**Student Representatives** - A. Smith and H. Hengesbach stated students have been discussing class norms and improvements that could be made. Expressed appreciation for the middle school theater performance and excitement for the winter sports.

**Superintendent:**

**Blue Ribbon Ceremony** - J. Goodman expressed appreciation for attending the Blue Ribbon Ceremony and conference to meet with other school staff members across the country.

**Survey 31aa Results** - P-W received approximately \$160,000 for mental health and safety. A community survey was shared with families; J. Goodman highlighted the survey results. Invited board members to share their views after reviewing the survey results. Grant must be completed by the middle of December. Recommends informing/communicating that here are some things we have already done: buses on cameras, window tinting, etc.

**Count Day Submission** - J Goodman expressed appreciation for Deb Prince for her work on the count day submission. We had budgeted for an enrollment of 750 students and we had 763 students. Additional monies were provided from grant funds that should lower our overall budget deficit. The budget amendments will occur by February.

**Communications:** (3 minutes per person)

Dean Schafer expressed appreciation for the communication held tonight among the board members. Expressed support for sharing the information with the community so they are updated.

**Personnel:**

Accept the resignation of Vicki Williamson. Sign Interpreter. effective January 12, 2024.

Accept the recommendation to hire Emily Chambers. Overload Aide, effective November 1, 2023.

**President's Comments:** N/A

**Old Business:**

Second Reading of Policies 1540, 2370.01, 7217, 7540.03, 8305, 8531 - *Motion made by J. Pohl, seconded by B. Weber, to approve the second reading of Policies 1540, 2370.01, 7217, 7540.03, 8305, 8531. Motion carried 7-0.*

**New Business:**

Approve a High School Nine-Day International Trip to Greece in June of 2025 - J. Goodman provided an overview of the proposed international trip. Board members expressed interest in P-W participating in an exchange program with a foreign country. *Motion made by T. Schafer, seconded by J. Pohl, to approve the high school nine-day international trip to Greece in June of 2025. Motion carried 7-0.*

Approve the Chaperone Expectations - J. Goodman reviewed the proposed chaperone expectations document. Board members recommended adding "or pre-approved personal transportation" for item number five. *Motion made by L. Pung, seconded by T. Schafer, to approve the chaperone expectations with the addition of adding "or pre-approved personal transportation" for item number five. Motion carried 7-0.*

Discuss the Quotes on Phone System - J. Goodman informed the Board of the need for a new and improved telephone system. We have \$189,000 in our public improvement funds, which could be used to purchase these items and later reimbursed with bond funds. J. Goodman asked S. Johnston to get clarification from Moss the gateway in the event the RESA server is attacked. If approved today, installation is estimated by mid-January. *Motion made by T. Schafer, seconded by P. Weber, to approve the purchase of a new telephone system by Moss, pending server related questions, which are deferred to Jason Hafner for approval. Motion carried 7-0.*

Approve Recommended Policies 1540, 2370.01, 7217, 7540.03, 8305, 8531 - *Motion made by P. Weber, seconded by T. Anderson, to approve the recommended policies 1540, 2370.01, 7217, 7540.03, 8305, 8531. Motion carried 7-0.*

P. Weber expressed interest in recording the Board meetings. J. Pohl expressed his concern that attendees may then not feel comfortable sharing their feelings at the meetings. No action was taken.

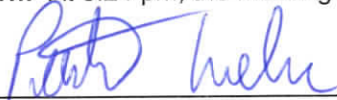
**Financial:**

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

**Future Meeting Dates/Events:**

High School Holiday Band Concert - December 12, 2023 @ 7 pm (MHS Junior High Gym)  
Preschool/Begindergarten Holiday Concert - December 13, 2023 @ 6 pm (Elementary School)  
Kindergarten/First Grade Holiday Concert - December 14, 2023 @ 6 pm (Elementary School)  
December Board Meeting - December 18, 2023  
2nd through 5th Grade Holiday Concert - December 19, 2023 @ 6pm (Elementary School)

**Adjourn:** At 8:24 pm, the meeting adjourned.



Approved by Preston Weber, Board of Education Secretary