

**Minutes of the
PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA
Board of Education
October 17, 2022
7:00 P.M. Regular Board Meeting**

President's Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Vice President Wood at 7:00 p.m.
Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Board Members Present: T. Anderson, J. Pohl, T. Schafer, K. Thelen, P. Weber, K. Wood,

Board Members Absent: J. Hafner

Approval of Agenda: *Motion made by K. Thelen seconded by T. Schafer, to approve the agenda, consent agenda and the September 19, 2022, board meeting minutes. Motion carried 6-0.*

Personnel:

Approve the resignation of Samantha Kerr, MS/HS Library Aide, effective October 21, 2022

Approve the resignation of Trey Bauer, JV Baseball Coach, effective October 11, 2022

Student Presentation on School Store - Students Cody Fox and Caleb Bashore provided a presentation on the possibility of opening a school store through the Transitions Classroom. Students would sell P-W products to the staff, students and community while gaining valuable experience in communications, cleaning, inventory management, money management, design, task following and other skills. Two items needed to purchase include a screen printing machine and a cash register. Hoping to use donations to purchase the start-up items. Shirts, mugs, water bottles and hats are some of the items the students would like to sell. Funds gained could be used for ordering more supplies, funding classroom outings as well as outings with LINKs. Treasure Island is the suggested name for the store. Students visited school stores in DeWitt and Grand Ledge, where their finance class students assist with bookkeeping services.

Administrator's Reports:

Instructional Technology Specialist: Stacey Johnston reported the P-SAT test was given using technology last week. At a previous meeting, Mr. Hafner requested information on cyber security; S. Johnston is still seeking that information.

Assistant Principal/Athletic Director: Ryan Portenga recognized the high school band for their Division I ratings. The performance of the theater students last week was excellent. The football team, cross country and volleyball teams are peaking at the perfect time.

Middle/High School Principal: Ryan Portenga expressed his appreciation of Larry Farmer for his outstanding efforts for the standardized testing last week. The Middle/High School staff spent time during professional development last week to identify inefficiencies and use those to guide us in future planning. The need for vertical alignment with the parochial schools is apparent and we plan to have a joint meeting within the school year.

Elementary School Principal: Julie Farmer welcomed everyone to the portable classroom (where this meeting is being held) and thanked everyone for their efforts to ensure a smooth transition to this new building. Last week we held a book fair, held Parent Teacher Conferences, Grandparent Day celebration Wednesday morning, and held professional development on Wednesday afternoon. The book fair raised \$2,500 in books for the building.

Student Representatives: Samantha Smith reported that the students discussed exams, hall passes, dress code and fundraising for Italy, sex ed board. Makenna Weber indicated there will be a bullying and mental health assembly. Will bring in guest speakers and student speakers. PWSTC is thinking of hosting a color run in the spring.

Superintendent:

Jennifer Goodman - the surveys were mailed and families have begun receiving them. Parents were emailed the survey and residents received them in the mail. The survey will be open until Nov. 4th. Information night will be held October 24 . If the Board approves the Special BOE meeting on November 9th, then School Perceptions will present the results of the survey at that meeting. We are submitting applications for State of Michigan grants. Recognized Julie Farmer and Ryan Portenga for Principal Appreciation Month for all they do for P-W Schools.

Communications: (3 minutes per person)

Randy Voisinet - Thanked Mr. Portenga and Mrs. Goodman for their support of the band. Next Tuesday, October 25, is the Fall Band Concert in the auditorium.

Karol Sanborn -Raised an issue about a book in the MS/HS library and brought paperwork to have it removed from the library. Also wanted to bring attention to the National Education Association that are selling badges for school staff that have a QR code that takes you to a site with inappropriate sexual acts. Voiced concern that this should not be allowed in school.

President's Comments: Kathy Wood thanked our principals and Stacey Johnston and Larry Farmer for the good job this year.

New Business:

Approve the date of May 17, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Pirate Stadium for Commencements, weather permitting - ***Motion made by K. Thelen, seconded by J. Pohl, to approve the date of May 17, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Pirate Stadium for Commencements, weather permitting. Motion carried 6-0.***

Approve the Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 7 pm in the Middle/High School Library - ***Motion made by J. Pohl, seconded by T. Schafer, to approve the Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 7 pm in the Middle/High School Library. Motion carried 6-0.***

Approve the Transportation Procedures - Jennifer Goodman provided an overview of proposed procedures/expectations for students on district transportation ***Motion made by T. Schafer, seconded by K. Thelen, to approve the Transportation Procedures. Motion carried 6-0.***

Approve the Purchase of at Transport Van Utilizing Food Services Funds - Jennifer Goodman indicated our auditors cited us for the excess amount in our Food Services fund - ***Motion made by K. Thelen, seconded by J. Pohl, to approve the Purchase of a Transport Van Utilizing Food Services Funds. Motion carried 6-0.***

First reading of Neola policies 6108, 6460, 6700, 7440.03, 8805, 9150 - ***Motion made by K. Thelen, seconded by J Pohl, to approve the first reading of Neola policies 6108, 6460, 6700, 7440.03, 8805, 9150. Motion carried 6-0.***

98C Learning Loss Presentation - Jennifer Goodman provided an overview of the 98C Learning Loss grant, mitigating learning loss. The funds from this grant will support after school tutoring, transportation, materials, salaries of staff, summer school for targeted students, learning camps, and data systems. Teachers and building principals will review the data to determine growth.

Financial:

Financial Summary Report September 30, 2022, including Special Revenue Account Payable Listing, September 30, 2022

Future Meeting Dates/Events:

October 21, 2022 - Half Day of School

October 24, 2022- Informational Bond Meeting 7pm at the MS/HS Library

November 4, 2022 - Half Day of School

November 15, 2022 - No School

November 21, 2022 November Board Meeting at the Middle/High School
November 23-25, 2022 - No School

T. Schafer inquired if board members could attend the informational meeting on October 24, without causing an issue with a quorum. J. Goodman indicated she would confirm with the school attorney that all board members may attend the meeting, but may not vote on anything or speak on behalf of the Board of Education.

Adjourn: At 7:58 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

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