

**Minutes of the
PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA
Board of Education
October 16, 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 minus item IX-A-2, and consent agenda items, the September 18, 2023, board meeting minutes. Motion carrier 7-0.*

Audit 2022-23 Overview - Scott Brown, Business Manager presented on the audit results from Yeo and Yeo.

Bond Subcommittee Report - The Bond Subcommittee reported on meetings from the past month, that two bids are out with Sigma, and the board will hear recommendations to approve bids.

Administrator's Reports:

Instructional Technology Specialist: S. Johnston reported the second round of Know B4 training for staff has begun and parents are now able to utilize the online payment for Meal Magic, allowing for prepayment for additional meals and snacks.

Elementary School Principal: J. Farmer stated it has been a great month and thanked everyone for their support of the elementary school receiving the National Blue Ribbon award.

Middle-High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director: T. Forton thanked Cary Bashore for organizing the homecoming events. P-W is having a very successful fall athletic season and we are proud of our teams, coaches and athletes.

Middle-High School Principal: R. Portenga discussed that the changes to schedules with seventh grade are going well and that bringing the 7th grade students together during the first week of school for a field trip was very well worthwhile. A special thank you to Mrs. Klein and Mrs. Butcher for their willingness to teach middle school electives. Discussed that DEG professional development is supporting teachers. Special thank you to Mrs. Pung and Mrs. Klein for teaching careers.

Student Representatives - A. Smith and H. Hengesbach stated students enjoyed the dress up days and all of the festivities associated with homecoming.

Superintendent:

Blue Ribbon Award - We were extremely pleased to announce P-W Elementary School has been awarded the National Blue Ribbon Award as an exemplary school. We are very proud to receive this recognition. New Retirement Law - Governor Whitmer signed into law a new retirement law allowing districts to hire retired teachers and staff thirty days after retirement with limited annual income earned. Grants 31o, 23g, 31aa - We are seeking grants to offset costs and to assist with student learning loss, mental health and safety. Bus Drivers-Need Two - We are currently seeking two additional bus drivers for our regular routes.

Communications: (3 minutes per person)

N/A

Personnel:

Accept the resignation of Todd Patrick, Bus Driver, effective October 4, 2023.

President's Comments: J. Hafner thanked Bruce and Donna Devereux for their donation of the blue ribbon shirts made for all staff and students of the elementary school.

Old Business:

Approve the revised Graduation Date of May 21, 2024 - Motion made by T. Anderson, seconded by T. Schafer, to approve the revised Graduation Day of May 21, 2023. Motion carried 7-0.

New Business:

Approve the first reading of policies 1540, 2370.01, 7217, 7540.03, 8305, 8531- *Motion made by B. Weber, seconded by J. Pohl, to approve the first reading of policies 1540, 2370.01, 7217, 7540.03, 8305, 8531. Motion carried 7-0.*

Approve the 2022-23 financial audit from Yeo & Yeo as presented by Scott Brown - *Motion made by L. Pung, seconded by B. Weber, to approve the 2022-23 financial audit from Yeo & Yeo as presented by Scott Brown. Motion carried 7-0.*

Evaluation of Superintendent Jennifer Goodman - CLOSED SESSION per the OPEN MEETINGS ACT 267 of 1976 - *At 7:52 pm, motion made by J. Pohl, seconded by B. Weber, to move into closed session per the Open Meetings Act 267 of 1976. Motion carried 7-0.*

At 8:58 pm, motion was made by L. Pung, seconded by T. Schafer, to end the closed session. Motion carried 7-0.

Approve the merit payment percentage for Superintendent Jennifer Goodman per contract language - *Motion made by L. Pung, seconded by B. Weber, to approve the merit payment percentage of 3% for Superintendent Jennifer Goodman per contract language and a performance rating of Effective. Motion carried 7-0.*

Financial:

Financial Summary Report September 30, 2023, including Special Revenue Account Payable Listing, September 30, 2023

Future Meeting Dates/Events:

MHS Parent/ Teacher Conferences - November 2 and 3, 2023

No School November 15, 2023

MS Theatre Presentation of The Little Mermaid - November 17-19, 2023

November Board Meeting - November 20, 2023 (at Middle High School)

No School November 22-24, 2023

Adjourn: At 9:03 pm, the meeting adjourned.



Approved by Preston Weber, Board of Education Secretary