

**Minutes of the
PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA
Board of Education
September 18, 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. Schafer, seconded by L. Pung, to approve the agenda, , and consent agenda items with the removal of Personnel Item A to make it an action item, and the August 21, 2023, board meeting minutes. Motion carried 7-0.*

Bond Subcommittee Report - The Bond Subcommittee met with Performance Services, discussed the cafeteria plans, bathrooms, federal guidelines, drainage, lighting and windows and traffic flow.

Administrator's Reports:

Instructional Technology Specialist: Stacey Johnston was not in attendance.

Elementary School Principal: J. Farmer stated the first month of school has been great. Fall Fest was a success; thanked those that participated in the dunk tank. NWEA testing is complete. Within the next month the elementary school will host grandparents day, a book fair, parent-teacher conferences, and other exciting events.

Middle-High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director: T. Forton reported the Community Cookout last Friday was excellent, leading into an outstanding atmosphere at the football game. Began monthly meetings with representatives from each athletic program for the season, called the Captain's Circle.

Middle-High School Principal: R. Portenga expressed appreciation for those who attended the Community Cookout. He stated they are expanding tutoring opportunities for students. Last year there were no consequences for students who did not attend the recommended after school tutoring. This year, parents of students who are in need of tutoring received a personal letter laying out the plan for tutoring and the expectation, along with consequences for those who do not fully participate. This will be added to the 2024-25 handbook.

Student Representatives - S. Smith informed the Board the Camp Roger field trip for 7th graders was a success. H. Hengesbach expressed appreciation for the Community Cookout and said students were very enthusiastic at the football game.

Superintendent:

Community Cookout: J. Goodman reported the Community Cookout was a lot of work, but also a lot of fun. Received great feedback from coaches and staff and hope to make this an annual event.

Streaming Board Meetings: J. Goodman spoke with several county schools who livestream board meetings; not all schools handle it in the same manner. It would cost approximately \$2,500 to purchase microphones to be able to do so, and would need Board approval to transition to livestreaming the meetings.

M-Step Data Presentation: J. Goodman reviewed the M-Step test results from the May 2023 testing. J. Hafner asked J. Goodman to plot out the results from the last five years.

Sharing Video with 911 Dispatch: J. Goodman discussed the contract, created by both agency's attorneys, between county superintendents and 911 dispatch to watch live feeds during a crisis situation. Discussion was held on the county law enforcement personnel having access to our school cameras and questioned if the Board would need to approve such a change. J. Goodman stated it would need approval from the county superintendents and that the law enforcement agencies could not record the film, but would assist with their involvement in the event of an emergency situation.

Communications: (3 minutes per person)

N/A

Personnel:

Accept the resignation of Chad Podolak, MHS Math Teacher, effective September 15, 2023.

Approve the recommendation to hire Dana Noot, Assistant Theatre Director, effective September 18, 2023.

Accept the recommendation to hire Kristin Klein, MHS Math Teacher, effective September 19, 2023

T. Schafer stated he wanted to ensure all guidelines were followed with the hiring of our coaches. J. Goodman confirmed that all guidelines were followed and we received just one application for this position. ***Motion made by T. Schafer, seconded by J. Pohl, to approve the recommendation to hire, thru Edustaff, Stan Bauer, as the Varsity Softball Coach effective September 18, 2023. Motion carried 7-0.***

President's Comments: J. Hafner expressed his appreciation for those who assisted with the Community Cookout. He felt the attendance was excellent and enjoyed seeing the young children in attendance.

Old Business:

Approve the revised Graduation Date of May 22, 2024 - The AP exams are scheduled later in 2024, which will require us to move our previously scheduled graduation date. Discussion was held to ensure the new date does not conflict with other events. ***Motion made by L. Pung, seconded by B. Weber, to table this issue until the October meeting. Motion carried 7-0.***

New Business:

Approve the resolution for Special School Election on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 - The operating millage is for the non-homestead millage, which provides P-W with \$469,000 annually. All registered voters may vote in this special school election. Many schools are moving to a ten-year renewal, which is what is being recommended. ***Motion made by B. Weber, seconded by J. Pohl, to approve the Special School Election on Tuesday, February 27, 2024. Motion carried 7-0.***

Approve the MHS Course List for the 2023-24 school year - ***Motion made by J. Pohl, seconded by L. Pung, to approve the course list for 2023-24. Motion carried 7-0.***

Approve using Michigan Virtual Academy for online learning for the 2023-24 school year - ***Motion made by P. Weber, seconded by T. Anderson, to approve utilizing Michigan Virtual Academy for online learning for the 2-23-24 school year. Motion carried 7-0.***

Approve administrative travel for the 2023-24 school year to: Washington D.C., Pennsylvania and Illinois for conferences, award recognition and field trips - ***Motion made by B. Weber, seconded by T. Schafer, to approve administrative travel for the 2023-24 school year. Motion carried 7-0.***

Financial:

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

Future Meeting Dates/Events:

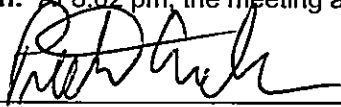
Elementary School Parent/Teacher Conferences - October 10 and 12, 2023

Elementary School Grandparents Day - October 11, 2023

Homecoming - October 13, 2023 (Parade in Westphalia)

October Board Meeting - October 16, 2023 (at Middle High School)

Adjourn: At 8:02 pm, the meeting adjourned.


Approved by Preston Weber, Board of Education Secretary