PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA
Board of Education
February 27, 2017
7:00 p.m. Board Meeting

I. President's Call to Order: ***President K. Wood called the meeting to order at 7:59 p.m.***

II. Roll Call

Board Members Present:	Administration Present:
Kathy Wood	Dr. Garth Cooper, Superintendent
Kim Thelen	Mr. Todd Simmons, MS/HS Principal
Jim Hefron	Mr. George Heckman, Elementary Principal
Jim Pohl	Mrs. Stacey Johnston, Instr. Tech. Specialist
Jason Hafner	Mrs. Lisa Bartlett, School Counselor
Randy Zenk	Mrs. Jayne Wieber, Business Manager
LeAnne O'Brien	Guest Present:
	Ms. Meghan Parker, Parent

III. Approval of Agenda: ***Motion made by K. Thelen, seconded by J. Hefron to approve the agenda and consent agenda. Motion passed 7-0.***
   A. Consideration of consent agenda items
   B. Approval of Special Meeting January 21, 2017, minutes

IV. Communications – on any matter (10 minutes per person /30 minutes total)
   A. ***Ms. Meghan Parker, mother of Elizabeth Parker, conveyed the positive change that occurred this year with our new Bowling Coach, Mr. Brian Miller, as well as the use of our new bowling facility at Fowler Lanes in Fowler. Ms. Parker indicated that the change has been very positive. The Board thanked Ms. Parker for her positive feedback.***

V. Board Reports
   A. Building & Site
      Meijer donated new scoreboards/control panels for our baseball and softball fields. The Board expressed appreciation to Meijer and to Mr. Hobrla for his assistance with this matter.
   B. Policy/Annual Report
      The PW Athletics Annual Report was reviewed. This past year we had a 67% participation rate in athletics for our high school students. It was recommended we add data to include drama and band students. Dr. Cooper will obtain that information.
   C. Personnel
      Accept the resignation/retirement of Mr. Wayne Summers as 4th grade teacher.
   D. President's Comments

VI. Action Items
   A. Old Business
      1. Decision on Bus Leasing
      Dr. Cooper provided an overview of our current busses, their mileage and condition. J. Hefron made a motion to retain four busses and lease eight busses through Hoekstra for three years beginning July 1, 2017, including maintenance for all busses to be completed by Hoekstra; seconded by R. Zenk. Motion passed 7-0. Dr. Cooper will

contact Fowler Schools to inquire if they are interested in purchasing any of the busses we will no longer use. Hoekstra will purchase any remaining busses.

B. New Business

1. Adopt 2016/2017 budget revision

Mrs. Jayne Wieber provided the mid-year budget presentation. Motion made by J. Hefron, seconded by K. Thelen to adopt the 2016-2017 budget revision. Motion passed 7-0.

2. Consider elimination of Top 10 Class Rank.

Discussion was held on moving to a "laude" system which recognizes academic achievement. Summa cum Laude would be awarded to students graduating with the highest honors, a 3.8-4.0 GPA, Magna cum Laude would be awarded to students with a 3.65-3.79 GPA, and Cum laude would be awarded to students with a 3.5-3.64 GPA. The students would select their valedictorian from the Summa cum Laude students. We would no longer select a Salutatorian. Graduates would receive cords of different colors to recognize these laude students at commencements (cords to be paid by the school) and would be listed in the commencements program. R. Zenk made a motion for this new student recognition system beginning with the graduating class of 2019; J. Pohl seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0. To transition to this new process, beginning with the 2017 commencements, we will recognize students graduating with honors in the commencements program. The Top Ten will remain in place through the graduating Class of 2018.

VII. Financial

A. General Fund Summary Report January 31, 2017

B. General Fund Statement of Expenditures January 31, 2017

C. January Activities Report

VIII. Administrator's Report

A. Elementary School Principal - Mr. Heckman

1. Kindergarten Roundup went well, with an increase of students this year; students continue to register. Sixteen of the 18 students from BK will remain at PW.
2. Title 1 Curriculum Night was attended with great parent participation.
3. Talent Show to be held at 12:45 pm and 6:30 pm on March 16th. All are invited and encouraged to attend.
4. After the Superintendent of Schools attended PW, The Ionia Sentinnel wrote a front-page article about PW Elementary's weekly Pirate News videos.
5. Showed an example of one of our teacher's videos on youtube.com explaining how to perform a difficult lesson in math. Mr. Heckman is hopeful the parents find these helpful. We plan to create additional videos so that we have an accessible collection online for our most difficult lessons.

B. Middle/High School Principal - Mr. Simmons

1. Varsity Boys Basketball and Varsity Cheer teams traveled to CCRESA earlier this month. Students did a great job, despite losing to the Cougars. PW will host CCRESA on Friday, May 12th, with the student body in attendance. All are welcome to attend.
2. Two of our Cooperative Education students, Jacob Arens and Andy Martin, were named Regional Champs by the Future Farmers of America.
3. Two students are attending the National Guard's Youth Academy and are doing very well.

4. Our student led Coaches vs. Cancer event was held last Thursday and Friday at the boys and girls basketball games. They were very moving events.
5. The Winter Ball was held Thursday, Feb. 16th, with 250 of our 310 high school students attending.
6. The Cheer Team is competing for states this Saturday, March 4th. This is the fourth sport this school year to compete at the state level.
7. There is a band concert at 7 pm on Tuesday, February 28th.
8. The weekend of March 17th is the Drama Club's performance of "Into the Woods."
9. Encouraged Board Members to follow PW on Facebook.
10. Invited Board Members to spend a day with Mr. Simmon's at the middle/high school so they can see first-hand the many great things going on at PW each day.

C. Superintendent

1. Completed the RFP with Mrs. Wieber for Food Service with Fowler Schools. Bids will go out soon. Thanked Lauri Grace for the really nice job she has done with the dinners she provided at the Community Forum. Feels the food service company has listened to our concerns and has improved their services; we are pleased with their services.
2. The Governor's proposed budget includes a $100 per pupil increase, with an additional $50 for high school students. There is indication that there will be a shared services reduction, but have been told it will not affect PW, so we will be able to continue providing those services.
3. Attended the 11th Annual Legislative Breakfast with four or five Legislators present.
4. The Spring County-Wide School Board Program will be held in March at AgriLiquid. Dr. Cooper asked Board Members to let him know if they can attend.
5. The Community Forums have been very beneficial, with many parents in attendance. May include a Parent Forum next school year.

IX. Future Meeting Dates/Events

A. Service Industry Forum – March 6, 2017 6:00 p.m. (moved to March 27, 2017)
B. Half Day Students/Teacher P.D. in pm - March 17, 2017
C. Regular Board Meeting – March 20, 2017 7:00 p.m.
D. Spring Break March 31-April 9, 2017
E. Good Friday/No School - April 14, 2017
F. CCRESA Budget Meeting - April 10, 2017

X. Other

I. Dual Enrollment was discussed briefly. May host a parent meeting to discuss this topic, as well as A/P classes. Dr. Cooper will develop a way to showcase and educate community members regarding A/P and dual enrollment on Facebook.

XI. Adjourn: ***Motion made by L. O'Brien, seconded by J. Pohl to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.***