

**Minutes of the
PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA
Board of Education
September 16, 2024
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 and Roll Call:

Board Members Present: T. Anderson, J. Hafner, J. Pohl, L. Pung, T. Schafer, B. Weber, P. Weber

Board Members Absent:

Motion made by L. Pung, seconded by T. Anderson, to approve the minutes with the recommended changes, agenda, and consent agenda items. Motion carried 7-0.

Bond/Facilities Subcommittee Report - The middle school wing and the high school bathrooms will be ready within the next few weeks. The cafeteria wall adjustments are being made to resolve the grading issue. The elementary school is waiting on clearance from the State of Michigan to use the portable classroom.

Administrator's Reports:

Technology and Student Specialist: Chromebook disbursements went well. There are ten student spots to fill in the recovery courses called CRASH, which will be held on Thursdays after school.

Elementary School Principal: Spirit Week was a success. Holding data meetings and looking at data to adjust schedules to serve kids better.

Athletic Director/MHS Assistant Principal - Attended an attendance conference; P-W is fortunate to have lower tardies and absences than in previous years. Expressed appreciation for Jake Babb, MS P.E. teacher. Girls golf and football athletes are giving back to the community with their volunteer efforts. Updating athletic scores on our website as much as possible.

Middle-High School Principal: Provided CRASH program highlights. R. Portegna will be the chair of the E-sports club. October is suicide prevention month; we will host Terry Hessbrook of Ithaca to speak to the high school student body. The middle school students will attend a bullying presentation by Clay Dyer.

Student Reps: 7th graders enjoyed a day at Camp Roger in late August. Homecoming was a success. Students are excited about the changes to the school.

Superintendent: We have more students with less staff at the elementary school; we are short on support staff and paraprofessional aides. President Hafner recommended that we add more staff, if possible, to assist since there are 40 new students in the elementary school. Discussed how enrollment affects budgeting for the 2025/26 school year. Discussed hiring a full-time paraprofessional aide for the elementary school and high school. Discussed test scores and the impressive ranking of P-W.

Communications: (3 minutes per person) N/A

Personnel:

Approve the recommendation to transition Timothy Thelen from full-time bus driver to part-time bus driver effective August 27, 2024.

President's Comments: President Hafner welcomed the Student Representatives and thanked them for their contributions to the Board of Education.

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

Approve the Emergency Operations Plan - Motion made by J. Pohl, seconded by B. Weber, to approve the Emergency Operations Plan as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Approve the MHS Course List for 2024-25 - Motion made by L. Pung, seconded by T. Anderson, to approve the MHS Course List for 2024-25. Motion carried 7-0.

Approve using Michigan Virtual Academy for online learning for the 2024-25 school year - Motion made by T. Anderson, seconded by J. Pohl, to approve using Michigan Virtual Academy for online learning for the 2024-25 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

Approve the First Reading of Revised Policy 6320 - Motion made by B. Weber, seconded by T. Anderson, to approve the first reading of revised policy 6320. Motion carried 7-0.

Approve the Thrun Resolution - Motion made by B. Weber, seconded by T. Anderson, to approve the Thrun resolution concerning the emergency repairs to the pressbox. Motion carried 7-0.
Approve the non-district/non MHSSA-sponsored athletic program for middle school boys' golf - President Hafner requested the Business Manager create an activity account for middle school golf.
Motion made by J. Pohl, seconded by T. Schafer, to approve the non-district/non MHSSA-sponsored athletic program for middle school boys' golf. Motion carried 7-0.
Review Board Policies Discussion -On board meeting nights with no policies on the agenda, the superintendent will add a continuing agenda item for space to review current policies for understanding.
Approve the Edgenuity credit recovery handbook - Motion made by J. Pohl, seconded by T. Anderson, to approve the Edgenuity credit recovery handbook. Motion carried 7-0.
Motion made by T. Schafer, seconded by L. Pung, to add to the agenda a new business item number IX B 9 "Approve the Posting of two full time paraprofessional aides." Motion carried 7-0.
Approve the Posting of Two Full Time Paraprofessional Aides - Motion made by T. Anderson, seconded by L. Pung, to approve the posting of two full time paraprofessional aides. Motion carried 7-0.

Financial:

Financial Summary Report August 31, 2024, including Special Revenue Account Payable Listing, August 31, 2024

Future Meeting Dates/Events:

Adjourn: At 8:20pm meeting adjourned.



Approved by Preston Weber, Board of Education Secretary