

**Minutes of the
PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA
Board of Education
April 15, 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: N/A

Motion made by T. Anderson seconded by J. Pohl, to approve the minutes, agenda and consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

Presentation from Jen Branch, CCRESA, on the CTE Program - Provided an overview of the Career and Technical Education Program offered through RESA. Addison Schroeder, CTE student, shared her personal experience attending the business entrepreneurship program.

Bond Subcommittee Report - Mold was found in the high school boys' bathroom. Once it is mitigated, work will continue. Waiting on pricing for Phase III of the bond items. J. Hafner expressed his appreciation for the Board members serving on the bond subcommittee.

Administrator's Reports:

Instructional Technology Specialist: J. Goodman shared a report on behalf of S. Johnston: The phones were installed, and some issues were being worked on. SET SEG is dispersing new cyber security policies and will begin vulnerability scans.

Elementary School Principal: J. Farmer provided an overview of the educational needs of the elementary school based on increased enrollment and the effects of elementary school reductions from staff retirements and a vacancy.

Assistant Middle-High School Principal/Athletic Director: T. Forton reported spring sports are going well. Hosting three track meets this week; on May 28 and June 1, we will host districts for baseball. Varsity baseball will play at Comerica Park this Saturday.

Middle-High School Principal: R. Portenga expressed his appreciation for Jennifer Branch and for the services she provides. He noted that many students are pursuing trades for a career. Sixth grade Pirates on the Move traveled to Chicago last week, and it was a great experience for our students. He thanked the Board for their support. Upcoming events include Prom, 8th grade Pirates on the Move to Washington D.C., Commencements, and other end-of-year events.

Student Representatives - H. Hengesbach stated the new parking lot transition has worked well. The high school bathroom remodel is a little inconvenient.

Superintendent: Awarded over \$59,000 from the 35j grant to be used for reading curriculum. Currently P-W has received \$344,449 in grants this fiscal year. The Superintendent Advisory Committee met today; J. Goodman appreciates their feedback. If any Board members would like to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony, please let J. Goodman know.

Communications: (3 minutes per person) None

Personnel:

Approve the recommendation to hire Kobe Genereux, Custodian, effective April 15, 2024.

Approve the recommendation to transition Paul Smith from substitute bus driver to part-time bus driver effective July 1, 2024.

Approve the recommendation to hire Michael Kramer, Substitute Bus Driver, effective April 16, 2024, and transition to full-time bus driver July 1, 2024.

President's Comments:

N/A

Old Business:

Second Reading of Policies 1240, 2410, 2414, 2418, 3220, 6320, 6321, 6325, 6350, 6520, 8390, 8800 - Motion made by J. Pohl, second by T. Schafer, to approve the Second Reading of Policies 1240, 2410, 2414, 2418, 3220, 6320, 6321, 6325, 6350, 6520, 8390, 8800. Motion carried 7-0.

Adopt the resolution to authorize the issuance of the installment purchase agreement for the purchase of a portable modular classroom unit - J. Pohl expressed his frustration with the purchase of a portable classroom after last year's bond passed. which was to provide funding for an addition at the elementary school. *Motion made by B. Weber, seconded by J. Pohl, to adopt the resolution to authorize the issuance of the installment purchase agreement for the purchase of a portable modular classroom unit. Motion carried 7-0.*

New Business:

Approval of Policies 1240, 2410 (rescinded), 2414, 2418, 3220, 6320, 6321, 6325, 6350, 6520, 8390, 8800 - *Motion made by B. Weber, seconded by J. Pohl, to approve policies 1240, 2410(rescinded), 2414, 2418, 3220, 6320, 6321, 6325, 6350, 6520, 8390, 8800. Motion carried 7-0.*

Approve the recommendation to create a part-time shared services music teaching position beginning with the 2024-25 school year - This position would provide music education exclusively at St. Mary's School. *Motion made by T. Schafer, seconded by T. Anderson, to approve the recommendation to create a part-time shared services music teaching position beginning with the 2024-25 school year. Motion carried 7-0.*

Approve the recommendation to create a part-time specials teaching position at the elementary school beginning with the 2024-25 school year -L. Voisinet inquired what our music department prefers with regard to hiring new music teachers. J. Goodman indicated our music department prefers a certified teacher be hired. J. Hafner asked that when the Board is asked to create a position in the future, he requested the Board be given job descriptions so the Board fully understands exactly what they are approving. *Motion made by T. Anderson, seconded by J. Pohl, to approve the recommendation to create a part-time specials teaching position, focusing on STEAM, at the elementary school beginning with the 2024-25 school year. Motion carried 7-0.*

Approve the recommendation to create a Reading Interventionist at the elementary school beginning with the 2024-25 school year - *Motion made by L. Pung, seconded by T. Anderson, to approve the recommendation to create a Reading Interventionist at the elementary school beginning with the 2024-25 school year. Motion carried 7-0.*

Approval to award the following bid: Bid Package Electrical: H&R Electrical of Dewitt - ESM had removed themselves as a vendor for the bond work; new electric bids were accepted for bond work. *Motion made by B. Weber, seconded by J. Pohl, to approve to award the following bid: Bid Package Electrical: H&R Electrical of Dewitt. Motion carried 7-0.*

Adopt the resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed eight million one hundred ten thousand dollars for the 2024 School Building and Site Bonds, Series II - *Motion made by J. Pohl, seconded by L. Pung to adopt the resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed eight million one hundred ten thousand dollars for the 2024 School Building and Site Bonds, Series II. Motion carried 7-0.*

Financial:

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

Future Meeting Dates/Events:

April 23, 2024 - High School Awards Night in Auditorium
April 24-May 30, 2024 - Limited Schools of Choice Application Period
May 20, 2024 - May Board Meeting
May 21, 2024 - Commencement Ceremony in Pirate Stadium

Adjourn: At 8:18 pm meeting adjourned.



Approved by Trina Anderson, Acting Board of Education Secretary