

**Minutes of the  
PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA  
Board of Education  
August 19, 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 B. Weber, seconded by T. Schafer, to approve the minutes, agenda, and consent agenda items. Motion carried 7-0.**

**Bond Subcommittee Report** - There were elevation issues with the cafeteria, which is why the flooring hasn't yet been poured. Working with PSI on this issue. Discussed the lockers, which have arrived unassembled; getting them assembled. Epoxy floors are being installed tomorrow in the bathrooms and cafeteria. Inspections are taking place. PSI to give us numbers on Phase III. At this point, plan is to go out to bid in November or December. Plan to seal coat the entrance parking lot, which will be done at the end of this process. The new locker room will not be where we had originally intended it to be; uncertain if there will be bathrooms in the building due to a new state law requiring a minimum number of restrooms. J. Hafner suggested more detailed updates to the board on a weekly basis with the status of bond tasks.

**Administrator's Reports:**

Custodians are doing great work, even though we have one employee out for an extended period of time. Thanked R. Portenga, E. Fedewa, J. Miller and T. Forton for their efforts who made it possible with our current standing. Full staffed in transportation; very pleased.

**Technology and Student Specialist:** Chromebook Deployment in the Field House. Last week had Centegix training; the system is activated. Staff will be trained as they return to school. Credit recovery program will begin a couple of weeks after school begins. Looking at three days a week after school. The new speaker system has been installed and is working well.

**Elementary School Principal:** E. Fedewa thanked J. Dygert and his crew for their outstanding efforts. Teachers were allowed back in yesterday, and most were present yesterday and today. Everything looks great; we're working on the light sensors. The Open House is Monday, August 26, at 5:30. We will host the Fall Fest in conjunction with the Pewamo Block Party from 5 to 7 on September 7.

**Athletic Director/MHS Assistant Principal** - Fall sports are beginning now. Will be rolling out a Queen of Hearts raffle. OE raised over \$100,000 last year. We are partnering with Pirates Pub and will be rolled out on September 26. It would be great to put all the money toward athletic projects, which would be prioritized. Very excited to get it going. Discussion was held on board policy. Can we see Troy contacted six different vendors; five vendors denied the project; the one bid received was a fair price. We had a NFHS is coming later this week. If they cut floor joists, a building inspection is needed. T. Schafer recommended contacting the Clinton County inspector and/or Fire Marshal to ensure the press box is approved. J. Goodman will contact Clinton County for the inspection.

**Middle-High School Principal:** R. Portenga expressed his appreciation for the PSI leadership team; feel very fortunate to have accomplished this project. Working hard to make sure the job is done correctly. Today, we had almost 30 students, some parents, and one grandmother come in to volunteer today; very much appreciated. Thanked Jeremy Miller for all of his work with Centegix. Thanked Lori Pung for her assistance with the grounds. Thanked the Board for the approval of the improved sound system. Thanked Coach Werner for spearheading the cross country track.

We currently have 35 students who have an IEP, 504, or receive Tier 3 assistance. We have four paraprofessionals in this building. We have worked hard to ensure the success of those 35 students. We had the highest AP scores ever. Every single class improved from the previous year. The English AP students' average score increased from 3.24 to 3.83. The AP Calc average score jumped from 3.27 to 4.19.

**Superintendent:** J. Goodman thanked the admin team for assistance with the bond for stepping out of their comfort zone. Acknowledge how much the admin team has done. Teachers are being so flexible. So thankful for the families who shared empathy and compassion. We were not able to acquire a music teacher; the employee hired last month did not accept the position. The position is still posted on our website. The impact for our parochial school is substantial as they will not have a music class provided by P-W. Student Representatives will be present at the September meeting.

**Communications:** (3 minutes per person) Steve George - many rumors and questions - no one knows exactly what is going on, the construction status, and highlights some problems. People are getting irritated. It is good to discuss how the press box. Discuss the bathrooms in the new locker because community members voted to support the bond, believing bathrooms would be included. He wants more transparency. The district went over the SOM threshold and must have board approval and bids. He doesn't appreciate it, and is not the only one in the community who feels that way.

**Personnel:**

**Approve the recommendation to hire Todd Droste, Bus Driver, effective August 19, 2024.**

**Accept the resignation of Nathen Martin, 8th Grade boys basketball coach, effective June 14, 2024.**

**Approve the recommendation to hire James Lehman, 8th boys basketball coach., effective August 19, 2024.**

**Accept the resignation of Jeff Eklund, JV Girls Basketball Coach, effective August 13, 2024.**

**Approve the status of Tenure for Jodi Thelen, effective June 30, 2024.**

**Approve the recommendation of Paul Smith from part time bus driver to sub status bus driver**

**President's Comments:** J. Hafner stated that there have been some bumps in the process over the summer, but it never ceases to amaze me how supportive the community is.

**Old Business:**

**Approve the revised Staff Calendar for the 2024-25 school year -** We added five days of school, due to beginning the year five days later. We have added January 20th and April 21st as full days, a half day on Wednesday, November 27, and added two days at the end of the school year. **Motion made by J. Pohl, seconded by L. Pung, to approve the revised staff calendar for the 2024-25 school year. Motion carried 7-0.**

**Approve the revised Student Calendar for the 2024-25 school year -** Give the parents a cliff note of what changed. Recommended sharing with the community the same information shared with the BOE- **Motion made by J. Pohl, seconded by L Pung, to approve the revised student calendar for the 2024-25 school year. Motion carried 7-0.**

**Second reading of policies 2264 and 2266 -**J. Goodman reminded the Board that the law supersedes the policies, so even if the Board does not adopt the policy, we must still follow them to a T. If we have a Title IX issue, we would contact the attorneys right away for their guidance. If at any time there are changes that take place, the Board may change the policy again. **Motion made by L. Pung, seconded by T. Schafer, to approve the second reading of policies 2264 and 2266. Motion carried 6-0; T. Anderson abstained.**

**New Business:**

**Approve the Shared Services Agreement with St. Mary's School for the 2024-25 school year -** **Motion made by B. Weber, seconded by L. Pung, to approve the shared services agreement with St. Mary's School for the 2024-25 school year, with the change of "it's" to "using the school's" under 1A. Motion carried 7-0.**

**Approve the Shared Services Agreement with St. Joseph's School for the 2024-25 school year -** **Motion made by B. Weber, seconded by T. Schafer, to approve the shared services agreement with St. Joseph's School for the 2024-25 school year, with the change of "it's" to "using the school's" under 1A. Motion carried 7-0.**

**Approve the Little Pirates Preschool Handbook for the 2024-25 school year -** **Motion made by T. Schafer, seconded by T. Anderson, to approve the Little Pirate's Preschool Handbook for the 2024-25 school year. Motion carried 7-0.**

**Discussion of new evaluation process for Superintendent -** They changed the superintendent training where there will be three parts, instead of four parts. The Board members attended training for the new evaluation process for the superintendent. We aren't required to do a progress report; using the new form because we are required to have three parts/labels. Will have the evaluation in November, using the new tool and will follow the timeline. J. Hafner requested J. Goodman's permission to reach out to staff members; J. Goodman approved board members to do so.

**Approve the recommendation to adopt Policies 2264 and 2266 -** **Motion made by J. Pohl, seconded by L. Pung, to approve the recommendation to adopt policies 2264 and 2266. Motion carried 6-0; T. Anderson abstained from voting.**

**Financial:**

**Financial Summary Report July 31, 2024, including Special Revenue**


Account Payable Listing, July 3, 2024

**Future Meeting Dates/Events:**

Community Cookout: August 29, 2024

September Board Meeting: September 16, 2024

**Adjourn:** At 8:01 pm meeting adjourned.



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Approved by Preston Weber, Board of Education Secretary