

**Minutes of the
PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA
Board of Education
December 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: n/a

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

Bond/Facilities Subcommittee Report - Still waiting on locker room plans from Wightman. L. Pung expressed concern that we will not be able to push Phase III through in 2025. Recommended a policy for the space usage/storage. The Drainage Commissioner came out earlier this year; drainage is an issue on the field, as many other fields that we installed around the turn of the century. Will need to build up where the track field events occur. Hoping for the elementary school to be complete by Spring Break.

Administrator's Reports:

Facilities and Safety Director: J. Dygert stated the plow truck has been purchased; plow to be installed; should receive the truck by next week. Thanked Ford Motor for allowing us to keep the cost under budget. Approximately two and half weeks until the library is complete.

Technology and Student Specialist: J. Miller hopes to have two quotes for the cameras in the new addition and door for the January meeting; the second quote received was missing some items. The website is a work in progress. Teachers will get their pictures taken on Thursday, which will allow us to have staff photos and emails readily available for easy reference on the website. Looking forward to reopening the library and opening the school store.

Elementary School Principal: E. Fedewa welcomed our new school counselor Cassidy Tirmenstein, a 2005 P-W graduate. Had the holiday lunch today and it was a huge success. On Friday, students will sing holiday carols around the village. Thanked Jennifer Goodman and Debbie Prince for their efforts in the December to Remember events, which elevates staff morale throughout the month.

Athletic Director/MHS Assistant Principal: T. Forton reported the heat in the Field House has been corrected. Met with Wightmans and is pleased to have taken the time to gather information from the coaches to make the new facility most efficient. The goal is to use a Google Calendar to reserve the space in the locker room space. Forton explained that grass drainage is different than turf drainage and he is not concerned about installing it in 2025 as there are no backorders for turf.

Middle-High School Principal: R. Portenga highlighted our band performance for the holiday concert and the efforts of Mr. Voisinet. At the beginning of the school year, moved away from the Atlas program as a cost savings. MHS educators have been working on a three phase project including syllabus, website/communication and standards. Met with C. Bashore and J. Goodman last week. Will have a mock-up of what can be done in the auditorium.

Student Reps: Student Trey Nurenberg stated Student Voice has a meeting tomorrow. Makayla Mcrae had the opportunity to hang signs in the middle school with Mr. Portenga.

Superintendent: J. Goodman thanked Trina Anderson and Tim Schafer for their time and service on the Board of Education. The whole admin team and staff and students have been involved in helping the families in need during this holiday time

Communications: (3 minutes per person)

Alanna thanked Trina Anderson and Tim Schafer for all of their time.

Ellie Pohl, MS Cheer Coach, proposed an update to the snow day schedule for middle school athletics. Currently there is a policy that middle school practices cannot be held on snow days. Varsity athletics (in and out of season) can occur, based on approval of the superintendent. The MS cheer team can work alongside the varsity cheer team at the elementary school. Asking the Board to discuss further and get this policy updated.

Cassidy Tirmenstein expressed how pleased she is to be back home at P-W.

Personnel:

Accept the resignation of Zachary Schmitz, MS Cross Country Coach, effective December 2, 2024.
Accept the recommendation to hire Pamela Stump as Business Manager effective January 6, 2025.
Accept the recommendation to hire Cassidy Tirmenstein as Elementary School Counselor effective January 6, 2025.

President's Comments: President Hafner thanked Tim Schafer and Trina Anderson for their service to the Board of Education; their insight has been invaluable. Hafner wished them both the very best.

Old Business:

Approve the First Reading of Revised Wellness Policy 8510 - we removed portion of the policy that D3/D4 chose a healthy beverage and discourage energy drinks; discouraged sharing food with other students. **Motion made by T. Schafer, seconded by B. Weber, to approve the first reading of Revised Wellness Policy 8510. Motion carried 7-0.**

New Business:

N/A

Financial:

Financial Summary Report November 30, 2024, including Special Revenue Account Payable Listing, November 3, 2024

Future Meeting Dates/Events:

December 18-20, 2024 - Half Days of School
December 23, 2024 - January 4, 2025 - Holiday Break
January 13, 2025 - January Board Meeting

Adjourn: At 7:35 pm meeting adjourned.



Approved by Preston Weber, Board of Education Secretary