

**Minutes of the
PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA
Board of Education
March 17, 2025
7:00 P.M. Regular Board Meeting**

President's Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Vice President Pung at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge to the Flag and Roll Call:

Board Members Present: J. Farmer, J. Pohl, L. Pung, J. Smith, B. Weber, P. Weber

Board Members Absent: J. Hafner

Motion made by B. Weber, supported by J. Pohl, to approve the minutes, agenda and consent agenda items. Motion carried 6-0.

Bond/Facilities Subcommittee Report - The committee reported we received the bond budget overview; we currently have nearly \$2.1 million in reserve for Phase III. J. Goodman provided President Hafner with a detailed report of bond-related expenses. J. Goodman will send out the floor plans to the board members after the committee has seen them.

CCRESA Strategic Plan - Scott Koenigsnecht provided an overview of the Clinton County RESA's Strategic Plan.

Career Education Update - Jennifer Branch provided an overview of the Career and Tech Ed program. Two students, Emma Thelen, junior, who participates in the computer tech course and Neil Platte, junior, who participates in the auto tech class, shared their experiences and the many advantages of the CTE programs.

Administrator's Reports:

Facilities and Safety Director: J Dygert invited the board members to contact him or E. Fedewa to schedule a time to view the elementary school and the latest construction improvements.

Technology and Student Specialist: J. Miller and E Fedewa visited ABI in Wixom last week for a presentation of the latest smart boards we are considering for the new edition of the elementary school. These smart boards would replace the projectors we currently use. These boards provide an opportunity for enhanced interaction for advanced learning. Will have more information for the board at a future meeting.

Elementary School Principal: E. Fedewa reiterated the benefits of the smartboards. Expressed his appreciation for the March is Reading Month Committee for all of their efforts to make it extra-special. The Bags for Bucks fundraiser is ongoing; will report sales next month. Denise Palmer, CCRESA, helps run a program called Compassion in Action, providing families with weekend food kits. This discreet service is available to all families. Grandparents Day will take place April 9.

Athletic Director/MHS Assistant Principal: T. Forton reported the basketball teams had outstanding seasons. Competitions begin this week for Spring sports. We have two JV baseball teams this spring. Several schools are not able to have enough students to maintain their JV teams, which is leading to schedule changes. On March 27 we will have our Captain's Circle event where we will be organizing baskets for families. Next month our CMAC Scholar Dinner, which recognizes students who possess both a 3.4 GPA and two varsity letter sports (one from their senior year); 14 students will represent P-W.

Middle-High School Principal: R. Portenga thanked T. Forton, J. Dygert, and E. Fedewa for their efforts with winter sports. Many individuals have helped during K. Feldpausch's maternity leave; Haley Weber, has done an outstanding job to coordinate coverage and oversee the MHS front office. Will soon have a video highlighting the 6th grade March is Reading Month reading incentives. We are looking for donations for our new school store, the Treasure Chest, such as a mannequin for Pirate Pete costume. We will soon provide a list of items in need. This weekend is the production of Shrek the Musical; students are very appreciative of the improvements made to the auditorium.

Student Reps: Students Trey Nurenberg and Makayla McRae reported many students are very excited for Shrek. Students feel the high school bathrooms feel dirty, as trash bins are overflowing. The heating and cooling has been more consistent throughout the school. Student Voice has been focusing on the student section; feels like it helped with our boy's quarter final game. Sad to see how few students attended the girls' basketball Regional Final game.

Superintendent:

Open Positions: E. Fedewa is leading the hiring for our music teacher, and R Portenga is leading the hire for our administrative support position; will begin interviews soon. Based on feedback from our community survey, we are confident there will be two sixth-grade classrooms; posting will go live later this week. Has been enjoying meeting with the seniors over the last few weeks to know what they want to keep the same at P-W and how they want to improve our schools.

Communications: (3 minutes per person)

Shannon Wirth - the board of education emails are very difficult to find on the website.

Personnel:

N/A

President's Comments: L Pung shared that if her Irish ancestors could talk to us, she believes they would tell us to be happy; we often don't appreciate the many good things in our lives.

Old Business:

N/A

New Business:

Approve the recommendation to hire Yeo and Yeo for the 2024-25 school year audit - We had intended to put out an RFP for audit services for the 2024-25 school year, but with a new Business Manager, MSBO recommends maintaining the auditor for at least one year. P. Stump will prepare an RFP in late 2025 for the 2025-26 school year. ***Motion made by J. Pohl, seconded B. Weber, to approve the recommendation to hire Yeo and Yeo for the 2024-25 school year audit. Motion carried 6-0.***

Approval of the Limited 105/105c Schools of Choice application period of April 23, 2025 - May 30, 2025 - J. Goodman provided an overview of the proposed Schools of Choice application period.

Recommended the following openings: BK/K: 5, 1:5, 2:5, 3:4, 4:1, 5:0, 6:6, 7:4, 8:4, 9:1, 10:1, 11:1, 12:1. We are able to take more students than the openings listed if we are able to do so, as long as we advertise at least one opening. We are not able to add spots to grades where there are no openings.

Motion made by B. Weber, seconded by P. Weber, to approve the Limited 105/105c Schools of Choice application period of April 23, 2025 - May 30, 2025. Motion carried 6-0.

First Reading of policies 0131.1, 2340, 5320, 5330, 5330.01, 5350, 5460, 8320, 8500, 8510, 8640, 7450 - ***Motion made by J. Smith, seconded by J. Pohl, to approve the first reading of policies first reading of policies 0131.1, 2340, 5320, 5330, 5330.01, 5350, 5460, 8320, 8500, 8510, 8640, 7450. Motion carried 6-0.***

Negotiations - ***At 8:21 pm, motion made by J. Farmer, seconded by B. Weber, to move into closed session for collective bargaining. Motion carried 6-0.***

At 8:53 pm, motion made by J. Pohl seconded by J. Farmer, to end the closed session. Motion carried 6-0.

Financial:

Financial Summary Report February 28, 2025, including Special Revenue Account Payable Listing, February 28, 2025

Future Meeting Dates/Events:

March 20-23, 2025 - MHS Theatrical Performance of Shrek the Musical

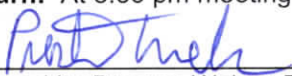
March 28, 2025 - April 4, 2025 - Spring Break

April 9, 2025 - Elementary School Grandparents Day

April 9, 2025 - Half Day of School

April 14, 2025 - April Board Meeting

Adjourn: At 8:55 pm meeting adjourned.


Approved by Preston Weber, Board of Education Secretary