PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA

Board of Education
December 15, 2014
7:00 p.m.

I. President's Call to Order ***President Kathy Wood called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.***

II. Roll Call; ***Board members present included Kathy Wood, Kim Thelen, Jim Hefron, Russ Snitgen, Randy Zenk, Jason Hafner and Leanne O'Brien. All present were Administration members Jason Mellema, Todd Simmons, George Heckman and Stacey Johnston. Guests present were Jim Pohl, Board member-elect and guest Jon Pohl.***

III. Approval of Agenda; ***Kim Thelen made a motion to approve the agenda with consideration to consent agenda items. Randy Zenk seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.***

A. Consideration of consent agenda items
B. Approval of minutes
1. November 17, 2014

IV. Communications – on any matter (10 minutes per person / 30 minutes total) ***Jon Pohl is attending this meeting to gather information for part of his Master's program.***

V. Board Reports

A. Building & Site; ***No report at this time.***
B. Policy/Annual Report; ***No report at this time; still waiting for information.***
C. Personnel; ***No report at this time.***
D. President's Comments; ***President Kathy Wood discussed an article in the LSJ about alternative seating in classrooms. Kathy suggested this be tried. George Heckman mentioned they do some alternative seating right now. Kathy also mentioned another article in the LSJ about Governor Snyder and his plan to get the roads fixed so he can focus on new goals such as developing skilled trades workers. Kathy suggested we contact our senators and representatives asking for funding to do this. Finally, Kathy thanked Russ for his time and contributions as part of the Board. Russ often asked questions others didn't think about asking and this was a great asset during Russ's tenure. Good Luck and Thanks to Russ for all his hard work!***

VI. Action Items

A. Old Business

1. 2005 Bond Refunding Authorizing Resolution; ***Motion made by Kim Thelen, seconded by Jim Hefron to authorize bond refunding. Bids to be taken on January 20.***

B. New Business

1. Accept the recommendation to hire Patty Simon, parapro in elementary library .25 FTE

VII. Financial

A. General Fund Balance Sheet November 30, 2014
B. General Fund Stmt. of Revenues November 30, 2014
C. General Fund Stmt. of Expenditures November 30, 2014
D. November Activities Report
E. Accounts Payable Check Registers November 1, 2014 – November 30, 2014

VIII. Administrator's Report

A. Superintendent

1. SAIL Mid-Year Update; ***Discussion of current status of goals. We are doing well on our short term goals.***
2. Update on supplies from GSA; ***We used this service to purchase some merchandise and it worked well.***
   a. ***Discussion of the millage proposal through RESA supporting voc ed classes. Jason discussed the need to make sure the money is best spend for students. Some concern as to how community members will react since PW just passed a recent bond.***
3. Recognition of Russ Snitgen, out-going Board Member; ***Superintendent Jason Mellema presented a gift acknowledging Russ Snitgen for his years of service. Jason also thanked Russ for his practical comments through the years.***

B. High/Middle Principal

1. Recognition of James Simon family for their donation; ***The Simon family made this donation to go toward Band Boosters and the Cheer Program.***
2. ***Discussion of the After Hours CAFÉ. It has been very positive for all involved. Mrs. Bengel and Mr. Bashore have done a tremendous job in organizing and managing this program. Many students are involved. Mr. Simmons***

suggested checking out Twitter and Facebook for further information.

3. ***Mr. Pohl is testing the use of phiso-balls in his classroom.***
4. ***Discussions are being held with LCC regarding our industrial education program and the possibility of getting college credits for some of the work.***
5. ***Discussion of the students in the accounting program getting college credits through LCC. Mr. Jasper is now at the school full time.***

C. Elementary Principal

1. ***The Student Council at the elementary raised nearly $1,000 for Toys for Tots. Mrs. Cross and Mrs. Sedlacheck did a lot of work for this.***
2. ***Discussion of electronic announcements.***
3. ***The students at the Elementary school adopted six families for Christmas. There were many donations for this. Note: 13 families were adopted by High School Students.***
4. ***There will be a Music Program Wednesday at 6:30 at the Elementary School.***
5. ***PTO sponsored a "Tape the teacher to the Wall" event. They raised $165.***
6. ***RTI Staff is running a book fair and doing well. In charge of this are Ann Lehman, Sue Platte and Deb Prince.***
7. ***Discussion of the Big Pirate/Little Pirate program. They've been doing reading buddies and mentoring.***

IX. Future Meeting Dates/Events

A. Winter Break – December 22, 2014 – January 2, 2014
B. Regular meeting – *** Tuesday, January 20, 2015 ***

X. Closed Session for the Purposes of Negotiations; ***Motion made by Jim Hefron, Seconded by Russ Snitgen at 8:03 to go into Closed Session.***

XI. Re-Open Public Session; ***Motion made by Jim Hefron, Seconded by Jim Hefron to end the Closed Session and go back into Public Session.***

XII. Vote on Support Staff Contract Proposal; ***Motion made by Russ Snitgen, supported by Jim Hefron to approve Staff Contract as proposed.***

XIII. Other

XIV. Adjourn; ***Motion made by Russ Snitgen, supported by Jim Hefron to adjourn meeting at 8:46 p.m.***