

**Minutes of the  
PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA  
Board of Education  
December 13, 2021  
7:00 P.M. Regular Board Meeting**

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

**Pledge to the Flag**

**Roll Call:**

**Board Members Present** - Kathy Wood, Brie Henning, Jason Hafner, Jim Pohl, Tim Schafer, and Kim Thelen, Preston Weber

**Approval of Agenda:**

Consideration of consent agenda items and Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting Minutes held November 15, 2021. *Motion made by K. Thelen, seconded by B. Henning, to approve the November 15, 2021, meeting minutes, approve the consent agenda, and the agenda. Motion passed 7-0.*

**Presentation by LINKS** - Miss Tessa Thelen and Mr. Kobe Genereux provided a presentation on the LINKS program offered at the Middle/High School.

**Administrator's Reports:**

**Instructional Technology Specialist** – Some new security cameras are being installed this week. Will meet with a new company this week to fix the clocks and speaker system in the Middle/High School. In the process of implementing a new system, SchoolPay, to use to pay for school costs.

**Assessments, Curriculum and Athletic Director** – Early data from the fall testing is encouraging. Interim assessments are taking place this week. Congratulations to the fall athletic programs.

**Elementary School** – Students will enjoy their holiday lunch on Tuesday, and the Elementary School holiday program will be livestreamed on Wednesday, holiday parties will take place on Thursday, and on Friday the students will go caroling in the village of Pewamo. Asked the Board members for their support for the addition of a mental health specialist for the Elementary School.

**Middle/High School Principal** - Thanked the Board for allowing the LINKS students to present this evening.

**Superintendent:**

**COVID-19 Update** – PW will be participating in the MiBackpack home testing program. Forms will be sent out to families and staff to sign up for the tests. When they are delivered, they will be disbursed for those that signed up.

**Strategic Plan** – We are using MASA for the Strategic Planning process. The core group attended their first meeting and will begin holding one-on-one meetings. Surveys will be sent in February. The topics for the meetings and survey are: what are P-W Schools doing well to support students? (e.g. academic, safety, social, emotional, etc.), what obstacles (within our control) are impacting student needs?, and what new or additional supports are necessary to meet our students' needs? We then gather the information learned to develop our strategic plan.

**ESSER Survey** - We received 72 responses and sent a summary of the responses to our families. Mental health and student safety were the two most-concerned topics of parents.

**Appreciation of Jayne Wieber** - Kathy Wood read a letter of appreciation of Jayne Wieber for her over 20 years of service to P-W as our Business Manager, and presented her with a wood cutting board made by our Woodshop Program. Jayne Wieber read a letter of appreciation to the Board of Education.

**Communications:** (3 minutes per person)

Mrs. Margie Wirth requested a copy of the list provided by the Parent Group at last month's meeting. Mrs. Wirth thanked the Board for following CDC and Health Department guidelines and requests that hand sanitizer and masks be available to staff and students.

Alanna George - thanked Jennifer Goodman for November's TownHall Meeting, and thanked the Board and Mr. Martin for allowing parents to remove students for upcoming lessons, and for efforts put forth to hire a Theater Director.

**Board Reports:**

**Building & Site:** We received painting quotes for painting interior areas of both schools. On Monday, Dec. 20, an asbestos company will conduct a walk thru.

**Personnel:**

**1. Accept the recommendation to hire Wayne Summer, Theater Director, effective December 13, 2021.**

**President's Comments:** Mrs. Wood stated she is struggling being a Board member. Mrs. Farmer had mentioned student bullying takes place, but bullying affects adults too. People in the community have sent anonymous emails to Board Members and others have criticized the Board via social media and other means. Mrs. Wood asked that if anyone has questions or concerns to please come and speak with Mrs. Goodman. Mrs. Wood asked the community to show kindness to one another.

**Action Items**

**Old Business:** N/A

**New Business:**

Approve the proposed 8th grade trip to Chicago, Illinois. On May 6, 2022 - *Motion made by J. Pohl, seconded by K. Thelen, to approve the proposed 8th grade trip to Chicago, IL, 2022. Motion passed 7-0.*

Industrial Dishwasher for middle/high school kitchen. *Motion made by K. Thelen,, seconded by J. Pohl, to approve the purchase of a new dishwasher for the middle/high school. Motion carried 7-0.*

Approve the recommendation to establish a full time mental health support position for the Elementary School. *Motion made by J. Hafner, seconded by B. Henning, to approve the recommendation to establish a full time mental health support position at the Elementary School. Motion passed 7-0.*

Approve the recommendation to establish a Math Interventionist for the Middle/High School.  
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*Motion made by J. Pohl, seconded by J. Hafner, to approve the recommendation to establish a Math Interventionist for the Middle/High School and a Math Interventionist for the Elementary School. Motion carried 7-0.*

**Financial:**

**Financial Summary Report November 30, 2021, including Special Revenue Account Payable Listing, November 30, 2021**

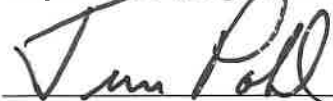
**Future Meeting Dates/Events:**

Holiday Break - December 20 - 31, 2021

No School - January 17, 2022

January Board Meeting - January 17, 2022

**Adjourn:** At 8:08 p.m., meeting adjourned.



Approved by Jim Pohl, Secretary to the Board of Education