

**Minutes of the
PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA
Board of Education
April 14, 2025
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: J. Hafner, J. Farmer, J. Pohl, L. Pung, J. Smith, B. Weber, P. Weber

Board Members Absent: n/a

Motion made by B. Weber, supported by L. Pung, to approve the minutes, agenda and moving item 7C from the consent agenda items, and moving it to New Business. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by J. Pohl, supported by J. Farmer, to approve the revised consent agenda items. Motion carried 7-0.

Bond/Facilities Subcommittee Report - There have been some delays in posting the bids for Phase III on SIGMA. Discussion was held on the storage in the locker room, football field drainage and restrooms in the locker room. Discussion was held as to why the bids were sent out with only one option for the football field and locker room. J. Hafner requested a meeting with J. Goodman and PSI to review the bond expenses and anticipated expenses. Discussion was held on the anticipated maintenance costs for the next five to ten years and how that will affect the budget.

Administrator's Reports:

Facilities and Safety Director: J Dygert reported walls are almost complete in the MHS cafeteria; pouring the floor next week, followed by the trusses. At the elementary school, ceiling tiles to be installed soon. Gearing up for graduation preparation. J. Hafner requested a new timeline for the cafeteria or a project plan, with the July 31 completion date.

Technology and Student Specialist: J. Miller stated new projectors will be ordered and installed over the summer. Mr. Portenga requested additional cameras in the new school store. The elementary school teachers are demoing two smart boards to determine which one they would like.

Elementary School Principal: E. Fedewa stated Grandparents Day was a huge success, thanks to Izzy Platte. Expressed appreciation for Shelley Martin; she goes above and beyond and took initiative to assist with Grandparents Day. M-Step testing has begun; kindergarten readiness testing to be held April 23. Testing every single new student in BK/K. Held interviews last week for music teacher; recommended one candidate to Mrs. Goodman. Hope to have a recommendation on next month's board agenda.

Athletic Director/MHS Assistant Principal: T. Forton expressed appreciation for Coach Scott Werner on his 25th anniversary. We have four track athletes who qualify for states through the early qualifier and hope to have more soon. The CMAC Scholar Athlete banquet was held last evening. Hosting the Collegiate Day at P-W on May 8th to honor seniors who plan to participate in marching band or college athletics.

Middle-High School Principal: R. Portenga stated testing season has arrived. The 6th grade trip to Chicago went really well; looking forward to the 8th grade Pirates on the Move trip to Washington DC. There were 47 students involved in the outstanding Shrek performance; Taylor McPhail is an amazing leader.

Student Reps: Students Trey Nurenberg and Makayla McRae - N/A

Superintendent:

Open Positions: MS Cross Country Coach, Track Coach Assistant, 6th Grade ELA teacher, holding on BK; Kindergarten Roundup is April 23 and will make final recommendation on teaching position needs after the testing.

Schools of Choice: Notice is on our website. The application period opens on April 23 and ends on May 30. J. Goodman welcomes Ericka Piggott as the Administrative Assistant at the MHS.

Communications: (3 minutes per person) -

The following community members spoke in support of Alton Schneider retaining his coaching position: Alton Schneider, Adam Schneider, Dominic Schneider, Jeremy Piggott, Gina Huhn, John Thelen, Kerry Trierweiler, Elizabeth Weber, Aaron Schneider, Steve Eklund, Luke Pohl, Brian Flynn, Phil Smith, Beth Thelen, Damon Huhn, and Alden Pung

John Pung - expressed his frustration with the delays with the cafeteria and that bids were sent out for Phase III when we haven't finished Phase I and II.
Deb Prince - requested the board and community members, regardless of the decision made on the coach, to support the administration for their service and commitment to our students, school and community.

Personnel:

Approve the recommendation to hire Ericka Piggott, Middle High School Administrative Assistant, effective April 21, 2025.

Approve the recommendation to hire Andy Hengesbach, through Edustaff, as the Girls Golf Coach, effective April 14, 2025.

President's Comments: J. Hafner stated he appreciated the passion of the community and thanked everyone for their input.

Old Business:

Second Reading of policies 0131.1, 2340, 5320, 5330, 5330.01, 5350, 5460, 8320, 8500, 8510, 8640, 7450 - ***Motion made by J. Farmer, seconded by B. Weber, to approve the second Reading of policies 0131.1, 2340, 5320, 5330, 5330.01, 5350, 5460, 8320, 8500, 8510, 8640, 7450. Motion carried 7-0.***

New Business:

Approve policies 0131.1, 2340, 5320, 5330, 5330.01, 5350, 5460, 8320, 8500, 8510, 8640, 7450
Discussion of CCRESA's June 2, 2025 Election - *Motion made by J. Pohl, seconded by P. Weber, to approve policies 0131.1, 2340, 5320, 5330, 5330.01, 5350, 5460, 8320, 8500, 8510, 8640, 7450. Motion carried 7-0.*

Discussion of CCRESA's June 2, 2025 Election - J. Goodman stated that at next month's meeting, one board member will need to be voted to attend the June 2, 2025, meeting.

Approve the request to renew the food services management contract with Chartwell for the 2025-2026 school year - *Motion made by B. Weber, seconded by J. Pohl, to approve the request to renew the food services management contract with Chartwell for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried 7-0.*

Special Education Director Discussion - Bath does not have a special education director and would like to share a position with P-W beginning with the 2025-26 school year. This position would work for Bath two days a week; P-W two days a week and RESA one day a week. If the board would like to pursue this part-time position, J. Goodman would let RESA know to get the position posted. The board supported this decision.

Approve the recommendation to terminate Alton Schneider, through Edustaff, as the JV Boys Basketball coach, effective April 14, 2025 - Discussion was held. ***Motion made by Preston Weber, seconded by Julie Farmer, to place an official letter of reprimand in Alton Schneider's file documenting what he did wrong, including a corrective action plan for what he did. Motion carried 7-0.***

Financial:

Financial Summary Report March 31, 2025, including Special Revenue Account Payable Listing, March 31, 2025

Future Meeting Dates/Events:

April 18, 2025 - No School
May 19, 2025 - May Board Meeting
May 20, 2025 - Commencement Ceremony

Adjourn: At 9:12 pm meeting adjourned.



Approved by Preston Weber, Board of Education Secretary