

**Minutes of the  
PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA  
Board of Education  
August 18, 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. Farmer, J. Hafner, J. Pohl, L. Pung, B. Weber, P. Weber

**Board Members Absent:** J. Smith

***Motion made by J. Farmer, supported by B. Weber, to modify the consent agenda, adding Interim Superintendent to New Business X3. Motion carried 6-0.***

***Motion made by B. Weber, supported by L. Pung, to add Financial Reports to New Business X4. Motion carried 6-0.***

***Motion made by J. Farmer, supported by J. Pohl, to approve the agenda, consent agenda and meeting minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on August 18, 2025. Motion carried 6-0.***

**Bond/Facilities Subcommittee Report -** Waiting on fire alarm inspection for cafeteria to be done, waiting on fire alarm inspection at the Elementary School. Fire alarm inspection is 8/19 for occupancy. Discussed traffic flow in the parking lot.

**Administrator's Reports:**

**Facilities and Safety Director:** J. Dygert - Major projects are completed, going through and completing little projects. Buses were not on site during inspection, therefore they got red tagged. Route packets for bus drivers were distributed.

**Technology and Student Specialist:** J. Miller - Elementary technology is done, waiting on projectors and screens for the cafeteria. Chromebook deployment went smoothly. Online forms were seamless, we consolidated and created pre-fill in fields.

**Elementary School Principal:** E. Fedewa - I am very proud of what our building looks like, just waiting on new door signs and the window film is finished. The south steps will be done before the first day of school. Pewamo Block Party got cancelled.

**Athletic Director/MHS Assistant Principal:** T. Forton - Weight room is ready to go, thanked Jim and Linda Pivarnick for their donation. Strength and Athleticism times are set. Discussed fall athletics and what teams still need to fill their game schedule. Thanked Mrs. Goodman for being a great leader and she will be missed.

**Middle-High School Principal:** R. Portenga - Welcome Tyler Spitzley and Eve Martin as our Student Representatives. We had a great Student Voice meeting, everyone had great energy and were truly engaged. MHS staff is prepared and ready for Monday. Thanked Mr. Dygert and his crew for being the backbone of the construction. Thanked Mr. Forton for his hard work on the weight room project. Thanked Mrs. Goodman for her hard work and being the glue that held our ship together.

**Superintendent:** Introduced Tyler Spitzley, as the Board's Student Representative. We are at the finish line for Phases 1 and 2, it has been a long road on top of our daily jobs. Thanked the Board for everything and the opportunity to serve Pewamo-Westphalia Community Schools.

**Communications:** (3 minutes per person) - N/A

**Personnel:**

**Accept the resignation of Rashelle Sillman, Special Education Paraprofessional, effective July 31, 2025.**

**Accept the resignation of Kenzie Smith, Girls Basketball 7, effective August 18, 2025.**

Accept the resignation of Jennifer Goodman, Superintendent, effective August 31, 2025.  
Accept the recommendation to hire Jacob Babb, Assistant Varsity Football Coach, effective August 18, 2025.  
Accept the recommendation to hire Jacob Babb, Co-Strength and Athleticism Coach, effective August 18, 2025.  
Accept the recommendation to hire James Lehman, Co-Strength and Athleticism Coach, effective August 18, 2025.  
Accept the recommendation to hire Jeff Eklund, Varsity Girls Assistant Basketball Coach, effective August 18, 2025.  
Accept the recommendation to hire Damon Pline, Varsity Boys Assistant Basketball Coach, effective August 18, 2025.  
Accept the recommendation to hire Stacy Smith as Middle School Volleyball Coach, effective August 18, 2025.  
Accept the recommendation to hire Victoria Luzier, Sex Education Advisor, effective August 18, 2025.  
Accept the recommendation to hire Sondra Cherpes, Elementary Paraprofessional, effective August 18, 2025.

**President's Comments:** Thanked Mrs. Goodman, as she was the Board's vision for a representative for Pewamo-Westphalia. Mental health was a huge concern, and you have helped us raise the bar for mental health for the staff and kids. Looking forward to a great school year, we are all glad the construction is coming to an end. Now we will have different challenges, but we have a great staff, students, and community.

**Old Business:** N/A

**New Business:**

Approve the Little Pirates Preschool Handbook for the 2025-26 School Year - *Motion made by L. Pung, supported by B. Weber, to approve the Little Pirates Preschool for the 2025-26 -school year. Motion carried 6-0.*

Approve the English Learners Handbook for the 2025-26 School Year - *Motion made by B. Weber, supported by J. Pohl, to approve the English Learners Handbook for the 2025-26 -school year. Motion carried 6-0.*

*Discussion for Interim Superintendent - Will work with MASB for potential interims. Discussion was held regarding Interim Superintendent and scheduling a Special Meeting. Motion made by J. Farmer, supported by B. Weber to schedule a Special Board Meeting, August 25, 2025 at 6:30pm. Motion carried 6-0.*

*Financial Reports - Discussion was held. Motion made by L. Pung, supported by B. Weber, to table the Financial Reports for July 31, 2025. Motion carried 6-0.*

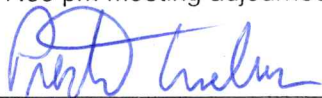
**Financial:**

Financial Summary Report, July 31, 2025, including Special Revenue  
Accounts Payable Listing, July 31, 2025

**Upcoming Dates:**

August 20, 2025 - Opening Day  
August 25, 2025 - First Day of School  
August 29, 2025 - No School  
September 1, 2025 - No School  
September 15, 2025 - Board Meeting

**Adjourn:** At 7:58 pm meeting adjourned.



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Approved by Preston Weber, Board of Education Secretary