

**Minutes of the
PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA
Board of Education
March 21, 2022
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
Roll Call**

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

Board Members Absent - None

Approval of Agenda:

Would like to add discussion of the HVAC, parking lots and campus fence, under new business, item number VB4. Consideration of consent agenda items and Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting Minutes held February 21, 2022. Motion made by T. Schafer, seconded by K. Wood to approve the February 21, 2022, meeting minutes, approve the consent agenda, and the agenda. Motion passed 7-0.

Presentation by Quiz Bowl Students -Cohen Schroeder, Mason Young, Emma Fedewa and Leslie Bernal-Ponce provided an overview of the Quiz Bowl program.

Administrator's Reports:

Instructional Technology Specialist – Mrs. Johnston stated her team is researching replacements for classroom technology items including projectors, microphones, and new document cameras. Working on the summer reading program.

Curriculum, Assessments and Athletic Director – Mr. Thelen stated the PSAT and SAT is scheduled for April 13. Mrs. Bartlett has begun scheduling for the 2022-23 school year. We expect to enroll over 30 seniors in the CCRESA's CTE program. Just completed the third quarter assessments. Boys basketball team plays in quarter-final. Girls basketball team were district champions. Cheer team made it to the State meet. Bowling had a fine season. Spring sports began a week ago today. Track has 75 boys and girls in their program; golf has 24 players. Baseball and softball have between 22-25 players. Fulton Middleton plans to leave the CMAC after the spring sports season.

Elementary School Principal – Mrs. Farmer stated Mrs. Jandernoa has led the school for the March is Reading Month activities and did a great job. Preparing for M-step after Spring Break.

Middle/High School Principal - Mr. Simmons thanked the Board for allowing him to invite students to present at the Board meeting.

Student Representative - Miss Fedewa stated the Theater program performed All Shook Up six times. Quiz Bowl has a state tournament April 9. Spring Break next week. Prom is May 7th. The Senior trip is May 15th. April 8th is a NHS blood drive. May 17th is senior send off and bbq. Spring Awards night is April 26. Mrs. Wood stated the play was fantastic and thanked Mr. Summers and Mr. and Mrs. Bashore for their efforts.

Superintendent:

A part time maintenance position was posted and garnished one applicant. A part time head custodian position was posted; will advise the Board members of applications received. We held two meetings with MASA to work on our Strategic Plan. Based on feedback from the community, three goals were developed.

Goal #1:

Pewamo-Westphalia Schools will investigate and explore ways to improve facilities and infrastructure to support student learning.

Goal #2

Pewamo-Westphalia Schools will improve and expand student opportunities for success.

Goal #3

Pewamo-Westphalia Schools will improve support and increase empowerment efforts to retain staff.

Our next meeting will be to work on action steps.

One of the themes that was from both of the interviews and the survey was to update our facilities.

We discussed the cost of these and are working with Baker and Tilly and construction management companies to discuss the needs assessments on our buildings and cost.

Right now based on our budget that Blaine Sich discussed, our fund balance at the end of the year will be close to 30% which is approximately \$2.2 million. If we used all of that, which I am not recommending, we would have a fund balance of zero. We do not have enough money in our general budget to fix the much needed repairs. Once we have the cost and what needs to be done, we will have to discuss the process of if we are going out for a bond. I will have more information for you after the needs assessment.

During Spring Break, we are starting on the asbestos abatement with the pipes in the middle school gym. We also will have painting in the elementary gym, band room and they will finish the painting of the bleachers in the field house. The summer asbestos removal will begin June 15, 2022.

We received paperwork on our school board elections. The deadline to file for office is Tuesday, July 26, 2022. The election will be on November 8th. We have three seats that will be open. Interested parties can pick up the applications at the Central Office or at the Clinton County Clerk's office.

The Michigan Department of Health and Safety recently rescinded their order mandating the need for schools to have a COVID dashboard and communicating positive cases to our families. We will remove the COVID dashboard from our website and stop having the COVID updates on the weekly email.

Our 2022-23 calendar is an item that we negotiate with our teacher's union. We start negotiating after Spring Break. The first day of school is determined by the district and Winter Break and Spring Break are determined by Clinton County Resa. We hope to have the rest of the calendar for you soon.

2022-23 Dates:

First Day of School: August 22, 2022

Winter Break: December 26, 2022 - January 6, 2023

Spring Break: March 27, 2023 - March 31, 2023

Communications: (3 minutes per person)

Public comments from Stephanie Smith and Margie Wirth

Board Reports:

Building & Site:

Personnel: N/A

President's Comments: Mr. Hafner thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and thanked the Quiz Bowl team for their presentation.

Action Items

Old Business:

Second Reading of Neola Policies po100, po0167.3, po3120, po6114, po8310, po8320, po8330
Motion made by K. Wood, seconded by B. Henning, to approve the first reading of the policies.
Motion carried 7-0.

New Business:

Approve the Limited Schools of Choice Application Period of April 27 - June 1, 2022, for Enrollment for the 22-23 School Year 105/105c - Motion made by P. Weber, seconded by J. Pohl, to approve the Limited Schools of Choice Application Period of April 27 - June 1, 2022 for the 2022-2023 School Year (105/105c). Motion passed 7-0.

Approve the Senior Class Trip to Cedar Point on Sunday, May 15, 2022. Motion made by K. Wood, seconded by K. Thelen, to approve the senior class trip to Cedar Point on Sunday, May 15, 2022. Motion passed 7-0.

Approve the Band Senior Trip to Mackinac Island on Friday, April 29th - Saturday, April 30th. Motion made by K. Thelen, seconded by K. Wood, to approve the Band senior trip to Mackinac Island on Friday April 29th - Saturday, April 30th. Motion passed 7-0.

Discussion on HVAC/Parking Lots/New Fencing - The fence quote was \$70,000 this past fall. We currently have steam boilers, which are no longer efficiently used for new school boilers. The cost is \$780,000 for replacing classroom units. Can we get at least three bids to ensure pricing? Question was raised about using public improvement fund dollars; Mr. Sich stated there is approximately \$400,000 in the public improvement fund. Millage would be in May of 2023 and work would begin the summer of 2023. Mr. Hafner asked Mrs. Goodman to present some options at next month's meeting.

Financial:

Financial Summary Report February 28, 2022, including Special Revenue
Account Payable Listing, February 28, 2022

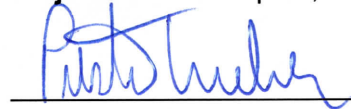
Mrs. Goodman recommended the Board meet in closed session under section MCL 15.268(c) of the Open Meetings Act, to discuss collective bargaining. At 7:58 p.m., motion made by K. Wood, seconded by T. Schafer, to move into closed session to discuss collective bargaining. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion made by K. Wood, seconded by J. Pohl, to return to open session. Motion passed 7-0.

Future Meeting Dates/Events:

March 25th - April 1st - Spring Break
April Board Meeting - April 18, 2022

Adjourn: At 9:20 p.m., meeting adjourned.



Approved by Preston Weber, Board of Education Secretary