

**Minutes of the
PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA
Board of Education
February 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, and Preston Weber

Board Members Absent - Kim Thelen and Kathy Wood

Approval of Agenda:

Consideration of consent agenda items and Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting Minutes held January 17, 2022. *Motion made by B. Henning, seconded by J. Pohl, to approve the January 17, 2022, meeting minutes, approve the consent agenda, and the agenda. Motion passed 5-0.*

Presentation by Band Students - Sarah Jandernoa, Chase Kramer, Carli Huhn, Leslie Bernal-Ponce provided an overview of the High School Band Program, including marching band techniques.

Budget Revision Resolution Presentation - Mr. Blaine Sich provided an overview of the budget resolution. With a \$600 increase per pupil in pupil funding and various COVID grants from the State of Michigan and federal government, P-W has an increase in funding after the budget was passed in June, 2021. The district has invested in our students, staff and facilities with new positions, pay incentives and pay increases. We have reduced our fund balance by \$300,000. We began 2021-22 with a 36% fund balance and anticipate a fund balance less than 30% by June 30, 2022.

Special Revenue Funds: Mrs. Farmer secured a \$19,000 grant for the Preschool Fund.

School Activity Fund: Remains the same.

Food Service Fund: Large increase in state and federal grants, as the free meal program was extended one year. We are investing in a new washer and dryer, dish washing machine, new cafeteria tables, and new serving items.

Public Improvement Fund: Incoming funds are interest only. Anticipate using \$200,000 for painting, security cameras, and a new PA system. *Motion made by J. Pohl, seconded by B. Henning, to approve the budget revision resolution Motion carried 5-0.*

Mrs. Goodman introduced Miss Emma Fedewa as the new Student member on the Board of Education.

Administrator's Reports:

Instructional Technology Specialist – Mrs. Goodman provided Stacey Johnston's report. In the 2022-23 school year, P-W will begin using SchoolPay for accepting payments for any purchase other than cash or check. SchoolPay is an electronic receiving system that focuses on schools (field trips, year books, athletics, clubs, etc.) This will provide one platform for payments received via credit card and echecks and generate receipts. The Library furniture has arrived. Library Aides, Mrs. Erikka Hafner and Mrs. Samantha Kerr are both doing a great job supporting students and their other responsibilities.

Curriculum, Assessments and Athletic Director – Mr. Thelen provided an academic mid-year report. Our goals are that all students grow in math and reading and we have met that goal. Data from grades 7/8 and K-6 indicate math students are where we want them to be. In reading, a few are a little lower than anticipated. The big picture of athletic budget is higher than usage. Mr. Nuremberg is working on the Field House's varied temperature issues. The Cheer Team won Districts this weekend. Bowling will compete for Regionals on Saturday. There is a plan for one district in the CMAC to leave the CMAC.

Elementary School Principal – Mrs. Farmer introduced two new staff members: Mrs. Kelly Fedewa the new Elementary School Math Interventionist and Mrs. Brittney Mottsamuto, new School Social Worker.

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

Student Representative - Miss Fedewa stated the Robotics Club just completed their season. The HS Theater Department will be performing the Elvis Presley "All Shook Up" beginning March 17 through March 20, 2022.

Superintendent:

COVID-19 Update – We have zero COVID cases across the board.

Strategic Plan – The thought exchange is available online. Some comments that were targeting or rude have been removed. Mrs. Goodman would like to keep the transparency open without targeting a specific group. One on one interviews are taking place with some community members. Mrs. Prince and Mrs. Goodman have been meeting with groups of seniors. Strategic Planning Committee will meet on March 14. Will get feedback from all of the different groups throughout the process.

Data Review - This document is now posted on our website.

Parent Survey Results (Two Dead Periods Each Summer, July 2-8 and August 1-7 for 2022)- The survey results indicated that 80% of the respondents are in support of keeping two dead periods and having the Band program follow the same schedule.

State Police Safety Grant - Will be submitting a State Police grant seeking funds to purchase new clocks and a PA system.

Snow Days - Sent out a survey to our families to inquire about internet accessibility in the event of remote learning. We have an agreement with our teachers union that after nine closed school days, any additional school day when in-person learning is not feasible, would become a virtual learning day. The student expectations for virtual learning is on our website.

Communications: (3 minutes per person)

Mrs. Margie Wirth thanked the BOE and Mrs. Goodman for following Health Department and CDC guidelines as the COVID cases are decreasing. Asked Mr. Simmons to invite both Republican and Democratic Legislators to visit P-W Schools.

Mr. Brent Smith suggested conducting a cash flow analysis. Mr. Smith also suggested for future surveys, P-W uses tax ID numbers to obtain feedback from community members.

Mr. Dave Paxton stated that he thinks the Board does a nice job and has a lot of parent support. Mr. Paxton stated the community should be careful who you elect in the upcoming election.

Mrs. Jane Thelen thanked the Board for their time and energy put into our school system.

Mrs. Julie Snitgen thanked the Board for listening to feedback. Please consider not allowing gossip or the well-being of community members to be discussed during public comment.

Board Reports:

Building & Site: Part of our ESSER funds allocation, we will be removing asbestos and then replacing flooring at both the Elementary and Middle/High Schools. The plan for the abatement will begin on June 15th.

Personnel:

Approve the recommendation to hire Mr. Chad Podolak as Math Interventionist at the Middle/High School effective January 24, 2022

Approve the recommendation to hire Ms. Brittany Matsumoto as Elementary School Mental Health Specialist

Approve the recommendation to hire Mrs. Kelly Fedewa as Math Interventionist at the Elementary School

Accept the resignation from Mr. Tim Nurenberg as Maintenance Supervisor, and transition to Maintenance Worker

President's Comments:

Mr. Hafner shared his reflections of P-W, and how we have always found a way to work together. He stated he often wonders if being more respectful is more important than being passionate. Mr. Hafner

stated we will face challenges as a board and community and is confident we can work together to love and respect each other.

Action Items

Old Business:

Approve the Revised COVID Matrix - The matrix adopted at the beginning of the year included a plan that if 10 positive cases occurred within 10 days, there was a 10 day mask mandate. Twenty five percent of the students provided a religious exemption, which caused more work for our staff. Mrs. Goodman doesn't suggest renewing the current matrix. She stated we could transition to remote learning if there is an outbreak. Mrs. Goodman will send the COVID protocols as a reminder for families. Her recommendation is to continue to follow the Health Department's guidelines for positive COVID results and quarantining for family members with COVID and dissolve the matrix. *Motion made by T. Schafer, seconded by J. Pohl, to dissolve the COVID matrix. Motion carried 5-0.*

New Business:

First Reading of Neola Policies po100, po0167.3, po3120, po6114, po8310, po8320, po8330 *Motion made by J. Pohl, seconded by B. Henning, to approve the first reading of the policies. Motion carried 5-0.*

Approve the Proposed Budget Amendment for the 2021-22 school year - *Motion made by P. Weber, seconded by T. Schafer, to approve the proposed budget amendment as presented. Motion carried 5-0.*

Approve the Ballot Selection for the MASB Board of Directors Election - *Motion made by J. Pohl, seconded by P. Weber, to elect John Tramontana from DeWitt Public Schools, as the MASB Board of Directors. Motion carried 5-0.*

Approve the recommendation to hire Quality Environmental Services Inc. for asbestos removal in both school buildings - *Motion made by T. Schafer, seconded by J. Pohl, to approve the recommendation to hire Quality Environmental Services, Inc. for asbestos removal in both school buildings. Motion carried 5-0.*

Approve the recommendation to hire Superior Flooring Company for new flooring in both school buildings in specified locations - Mrs. Goodman provided an overview of the proposed new floors in both buildings. *Motion made by J. Pohl, seconded by B. Henning, to approve the recommendation to hire Superior Flooring Company for new flooring in both school buildings in specific locations. Motion carried 5-0.*

Approve the resolution to replace the compliance officer of Ms. Nichole Thoma with Mr. Blaine Sich, 5101 South Clintonia Rd, Westphalia, MI 48894, (989) 587-5100, blaine.sich@pwschools.org on the following policies: po1422, po1623, po1662, po2260, po2260.01, po2266, po3122, po3123, po3362, po4122, po4123, po4362 - *Motion made by J. Pohl, seconded by P. Weber, to approve the resolution to replace the compliance officer of Ms. Nichole Thoma with Mr. Blaine Sich, 5101 South Clintonia Rd, Westphalia, MI 48894, (989) 587-5100, blaine.sich@pwschools.org on the following policies: po1422, po1623, po1662, po2260, po2260.01, po2266, po3122, po3123, po3362, po4122, po4123, po4362. Motion carried 5-0.*

Approve the recommendation to extend the contract with MMNET for the leased fiber agreement through June 30, 2025 - P-W currently has a three-year contract that expires June 30, 2022. *Motion made by T. Schafer, seconded by J. Pohl, to approve the recommendation to extend the contract with MMNET - for the leased fiber agreement through June 30, 2025. Motion carried 5-0.*

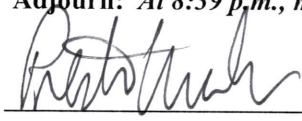
Financial:

Financial Summary Report January 31, 2022, including Special Revenue Account Payable Listing, January 31, 2022

Future Meeting Dates/Events:

March Board Meeting - March 21, 2022

Adjourn: *At 8:39 p.m., meeting adjourned.*

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Preston Weber', written over a horizontal line.

Approved by Preston Weber, Secretary to the Board of Education