

**Minutes of the
PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA
Board of Education
June 16, 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. Pohl, L. Pung, J. Smith, B. Weber, P. Weber

Board Members Absent: J. Farmer

Motion made by J. Pohl, supported by B. Weber, to modify the consent agenda by removing XII A - Financial May Summary reports. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by B. Weber, supported by J. Smith, to revise the agenda to remove item IV Budget Hearing, and remove items XII New Business 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 13, 18, 19, and 20 from the agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by L. Pung, supported by J. Pohl, to add item 24 to XII New Business to schedule a special meeting before July 1, 2025. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by J. Pohl, supported by B. Weber, to approve the minutes and consent agenda items as revised. Motion carried 6-0.

J. Goodman reported experiencing issues with pulling financial reports from Skyward, the financial software program. She and P. Stump apologized for the inconvenience. J. Hafner requested an excel spreadsheet to show the financial summary reports for April and May.

Bond/Facilities Subcommittee Report - Cafeteria moving along; a/c working in MHS; elementary school improvements on schedule for new school year. The committee met and discussed options after reviewing the bids for Phase III. We could reduce and simplify the locker room and install a new grass football field, or not address the locker room at this time and install artificial turf, or look at all other options from the PQ for improvements to the facilities. The committee is working with Thrun Law to check with every vendor who placed a bid to see if the bids could be extended beyond thirty days. If we cannot extend, then we would need to re-bid. Discussion was held. J. Hafner requested providing the board with all costs associated with the options when presented, in addition to any potential sources of revenue.

Administrator's Reports:

Facilities and Safety Director: J Dygert reported the elementary school has an upcoming above-ceiling inspection and some flooring to complete and then we may take occupancy after all inspections are passed. Waiting on door frames for the cafeteria; a/c is working in the MHS. The elementary school a/c needed some tweaking and should be up and running later this week. Custodians have been cleaning classrooms. The original portable will be removed the first week in July.

Technology and Student Specialist: J. Miller stated we completed the Chromebook collection; had very limited damage to the items. Received the smart boards and brackets; will coordinate with the maintenance staff to get them installed. Will install the new projectors in the MHS over the summer. Our CRASH program was a huge success. Eight students were able to make up ten credits. Two seniors were able to gain those credits here at P-W to graduate.

Elementary School Principal: E. Fedewa introduced Emily Nurenberg, the new 3rd grade teacher, who is a graduate of P-W. Hoping to have a candidate for the Special Education Teacher on the July agenda. We have full classrooms for both preschool courses. Andy Hengesbach, a P-W resident, who works at Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility, is providing book shelves for three new classrooms for the cost of the wood. BenQ Board training will take place on August 19th. August 20th is the elementary school open house.

Athletic Director/MHS Assistant Principal: T. Forton stated on June 9 met with fifteen parents to discuss athletics. Forton proposed a system including five practice days a week during the school year; a maximum of three practice days during the week in the summer, and two months of no practices after the season ends. Parents were surveyed and 81% did not support that proposal, so it will not be instituted. Held a coach's meeting and discussed weight lifting for the upcoming year that is now labeled an

"opportunity." Fifty four students in grades 4-6 are participating in a new athletic program this summer entitled "We Got Next". Strength and Athleticism takes place during the summer on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8-9. Some of the former weight room items have been sold. Have proposed athletic handbook revisions noted in red. One suggested change includes transitioning to one free absence per season, instead of semester. Painting is finished in the weight room; flooring to be installed the week before the dead week; equipment arriving during dead week. Hoping to work on school records over the summer. Congratulations to the track teams. Hope to purchase new signage in school colors with proceeds from the Queen of Hearts raffle sales and a donation from the Boosters.

Middle-High School Principal: R. Portenga thanked Jeff's crew for their work in prepping the building. Middle School test scores. Introduced Addison Bauer, new middle school teacher and graduate of P-W. Currently contacting PE teacher candidates.

Superintendent: Our Schools of Choice application period has closed. The following new students have been approved by Schools of Choice/are transferring to P-W this fall: BK (11/0), K (3/0), 1 (1/0), 2 (2/1), 3 (2/0), 4 (0/2), 5 (0/1), 6 (5/4), 7 (2/6), 8 (1/2), 9 (0/2), 10 (0/0), 11 (0/0), 12 (0/0). P-W is fortunate to have gained or maintained our student enrollment numbers the last several years. J. Hafner requested anticipated enrollment numbers for 2025-26, compared to the enrollment of 2024-25 enrollment.

Communications: (3 minutes per person) -

Ellie Pohl, Middle School Cheer Coach - requested to amend the athletic policy so when a snow day is called, middle school cheer would be allowed to have practice. The other CMAC teams do not have middle school cheer teams or they do not participate in the same league as P-W's middle school cheer team.

Mark Spitzley - voted no on the bond due to the turf. Believes there are better ways to spend the funds than on astro turf.

Michelle Klein - came to see what plans are for Phase III and the turf field. Has heard that the turf has several negative effects and is opposed to the turf field.

Nick Wallace - played on a few different turf fields in St. Johns. Believes the baseballs bounce differently on turf; get burned being tackled; chemical concerns. Serves as a wrestling coach; encourages more students to get involved in wrestling as it benefits the students' athletic abilities in other sports..

Barb Thelen - feels the community was misled with the photo taken of the water drainage of the football field.

Nathan Thelen - as a bond committee member, feels we have done our due diligence to research many options. We are very limited with practice football field space. The turf benefits students in many programs.

Alanna George - in December we stated turf would only be done if we have the funds and there are many items that haven't been fulfilled.

Karen Hanses - if the football field is in as bad of shape as it has been, doesn't believe our BOE, Superintendent and coaches would have allowed that to happen.

Personnel:

Accept the Resignation of Jennifer Cross, Elementary Student Council, effective June 6, 2025.

Accept the Resignation of Jennifer Sedlacek, Elementary Student Council, effective June 6, 2025.

Approve the recommendation to hire Addison Bauer, 6th Grade Teacher, effective August 11, 2025

Approve the recommendation to hire Emily Nurenberg, 3rd Grade Teacher, effective August 11, 2025.

Approve the recommendation to hire Katy Gilliland, Executive Assistant, effective July 7, 2025.

Accept the resignation of Nicholas Martin, MHS Teacher, effective June 30, 2025.

Accept the resignation of Kristy Kochensparger, Elementary Teacher, effective June 30, 2025.

Approve the recommendation to hire Nickolas Pennington, Custodian, effective June 9, 2025

Approve the resignation of Andy Hengesbach, Boy's Golf Coach - shared with Ryan Koenigs knecht, through Edustaff, effective June 1, 2025.

Approve the recommendation to make Ryan Koenigs knecht the sole Boy's Golf Coach, through Edustaff, effective June 1, 2025.

President's Comments: J. Hafner thanked everyone for attending. The Board isn't approving anything regarding the bond this evening, but appreciates everyone's input.

Old Business:

Second Reading to Rescind Policy 2264 and Amend Policy Number 2266 Regarding Title IX - Motion made by L. Pung, supported by J. Pohl, to approve the second reading to rescind Policy 2264 and amend Policy Number 2266 regarding Title IX. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve the Financial Summary Report ending April 30, 2025, including Special Revenue - *motion made by J. Pohl, supported by L. Pung, to table the Approvals of the financial summary report ending April 30, 2025, including special revenue. Motion carried 6-0.*

Approve the Accounts Payable Listing, ending April 30, 2025 - *Motion made by B. Weber, supported by J. Pohl, to approve the accounts payable listing ending April 30, 2025. Motion carried 6-0.*

Move to a Closed Session for Collective Bargaining - *At 8:12 pm, motion made by B. Weber, supported by J. Pohl, to move to closed session for collective bargaining. Motion carried 6-0.*

At 8:59 pm, motion made by B. Weber, supported by J. Smith, to end the closed session. Motion carried 6-0.

XII. New Business

Approve the Recommendation to Rescind Policy 2264 and Amend Policy Number 2266 Regarding Title IX - *Motion made by L. Pung, supported by B. Weber, to approve the recommendation to rescind Policy 2264 and amend policy number 2266 regarding Title IX. Motion carried 6-0.*

Approve the MHSAA Membership Resolution for the 2025-26 School Year - *Motion made by L. Pung, supported by J. Smith, to approve the MHSAA Membership Resolution for the 2025-26 school year. Motion carried 6-0.*

Approve the Pre-Labor Day Start of August 25, 2025, for the 2025-26 School Year - *Motion made by J. Pohl, supported by B. Weber, to approve the pre-Labor Day start of August 25, 2025, for the 2025-26 school year. Motion carried 6-0.*

Approve the Board-sponsored goal stipend to Mrs. Jennifer Goodman for the 2024-25 School Year - Discussion was held on the document compiled by J. Goodman, per her goal set forth by the board. *Motion made by J. Smith, supported by B. Weber, to approve the board-sponsored goal stipend to Mrs. Jennifer Goodman for the 2024-25 school year. Motion carried 6-0.*

Approve the Elementary Student-Parent Handbook for the 2025-26 school year - *Motion made by B. Weber, supported by J. Pohl to approve the Elementary Student-Parent Handbook for the 2025-26 school year. Motion carried 6-0.*

Approve the Elementary School Staff Handbook for the 2025-26 school year - *Motion made by J. Pohl, supported by B. Weber, to approve the elementary school staff handbook for the 2025-26 school year. Motion carried 6-0.*

Approve the MHS Student-Parent Handbook for the 2025-26 school year - Discussion was held on student attendance requirements. Discussion was held on the proposal to return to recognizing the top ten graduates in place of the laude system. *Motion made by L. Pung, supported by P. Weber, to table the MHS Student-Parent Handbook for the 2025-26 school year to make necessary changes as discussed. Motion carried 6-0.*

Approve the CRASH Student-Parent Handbook - *Motion made by B. Weber, supported by J. Smith, to approve the CRASH Student-Parent Handbook. Motion carried 6-0.*

Approve the Athletic Handbook for the 2025-26 school year - Discussion was held on restricting practices on Sundays. *Motion made by B. Weber, supported by J. Smith, to table the Athletic Handbook for the 2025-26 school year. Motion carried 6-0.*

Approve the Student Technology Acceptable Use Policy, Staff Technology Acceptable Use Policy, Staff Device Responsibility Policy, and Parent, Student, and District Device Responsibility Policy for the 2025-26 School Year - Discussion was held on the ChromeBook insurance cost. Recommendation for future years to provide to parents the basic repair costs if insurance is not purchased. *Motion made by L. Pung, supported by B. Weber, to approve the Student Technology Acceptable Use Policy, Staff Technology Acceptable Use Policy, Staff Device Responsibility policy, and Parent, Student, and District Device Responsibility Policy for the 2025-26 school year. Motion carried 6-0.*

Approve the 2025-26 Board of Education meeting schedule - Recommendation to host one board meeting in the elementary school in October. *Motion made by J. Pohl, supported by B. Weber, to approve the 2025-26 Board of Education meeting schedule with the modification that the October meeting will be held in the elementary school. Motion carried 6-0.*

Approve the proposed updated Facility Usage Policy - Discussion was held. With this new policy, we will no longer host alumni weight lifting. *Motion made by B. Weber, supported by L. Pung, to approve the Facilities Usage Policy. Motion carried 6-0.*

Approve the following Teachers for Tenure: Cami Huhn, Elizabeth Jandernoa, Clarissa Josselyn, Elizabeth Platte, Alaina Pung, Phillip Smith - *Motion made by J. Pohl, supported by B. Weber, to approve teachers Cami Huhn, Elizabeth Jandernoa, Carissa Josselyn, Elizabeth Platte, Alaina Pung and Phillip Smith for tenure. Motion carried 6-0.*

Approve the formation of the district-wide professional development advisory committee to discuss qualifying professional development as student count days - *Motion made by L. Pung, supported by P. Weber, to approve the formation of the district-wide professional development advisory committee consisting of members of the Superintendent Advisory Committee for the term of one year to discuss qualifying professional development as student count days . Motion carried 6-0.*

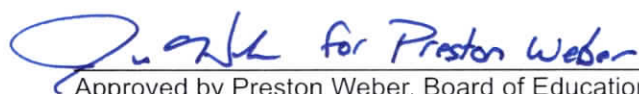
Select a date for a special board meeting prior to June 30, 2025 - Discussion was held. *Motion made by B. Weber, supported by J. Pohl, to schedule a special budget board meeting on Monday, June 23, 2025, at 7pm. Motion carried 6-0.*

Motion made by J. Pohl, supported by B. Weber, to table the financial summary report ending May 31, 2025. Motion carried 6-0.

Upcoming Dates:

June 23, 2025 - Special Board Meeting
June 30 - July 6, 2025 - First Summer Shutdown Week
July 7-24, 2025 - Middle School Summer School
July 21, 2025 - July Board Meeting

Adjourn: At 10:15 pm meeting adjourned.



Approved by Preston Weber, Board of Education Secretary