

**Minutes of the
PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA
Board of Education
May 16, 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, Tim Schafer, Brie Henning, Kim Thelen, and Kathy Wood

Board Members Absent: Jim Pohl and Preston Weber

With the absence of Secretary Preston Weber, Jason Hafner asked Kim Thelen to serve as Secretary for this meeting, and sign the minutes and budget resolution.

Approval of Agenda: *Motion made by T. Schafer, seconded by K. Thelen, to approve the agenda, consent agenda and April Board Meeting minutes. Motion carried 5-0.*

Pirate Pride Recognition: Mrs. Goodman recognized Mr. Mark Konarska for his commitment to P-W Schools. Mr. Konarska volunteers at the Elementary School on a weekly basis to serve as a lunchroom supervisor and attends recess to play with the students on the playground. We appreciate Mr. Konarska's service to P-W Schools and thank him for his service.

Administrator's Reports:

Instructional Technology Specialist: Mrs. Johnston and her staff conducted senior Chromebook collections and are working on other end-of-year responsibilities.

Curriculum, Assessments and Athletic Director: Mr. Thelen stated M-Step Testing is finished, as well as the Seniors finished assessments today. Looking forward to working with Stacey Johnston for the transition to SchoolPay for the upcoming school year.

Elementary School Principal: Mrs. Farmer stated we do not have any third grade students that need to be retained in regard to the Third Grade Reading Law. Pirate Pete's Adventure Challenge will take place on June 3rd. Preschool graduation is Monday, June 6th at the MS/HS Auditorium and Tuesday, June 7th is the 5th Grade graduation in the auditorium. Received seven applicants for the kindergarten teaching position.

Middle/High School Principal: Expressed gratitude for the collaboration, leadership and communication of our administrative staff. Asked the Board member to meet at 6:40 on Wednesday for commencements.

Student Representative: Miss Fedewa was unable to attend the meeting but provided the following report: the Seniors went on their Senior trip to Cedar Point yesterday, commencements are Wednesday, May 18th. The Theater program will present "Clue" in the Fall. Thanked the Board for allowing a student representative to report to the Board on a monthly basis.

Superintendent: Mrs. Goodman stated the upcoming Strategic Planning meeting is scheduled for May 24. We will make some site visits to other schools and send additional surveys out. The Asbestos removal is on schedule to begin at the Elementary School building on June 10 or 13. Scheduled to finish by June 24th at the Elementary School. Will begin asbestos removal at the Middle/High School on July 5 and hope to end by July 22. We will plan an extra week for unanticipated delays. Hope to have the MS/HS fully open by August 1. The June Board meeting will be held here in the MS/HS Library. The July 18 meeting will take place at the Elementary School due to the asbestos removal/new flooring installation. The July Board meeting will include a tour of the changes to the Elementary School.

We have several positions open, including four bus drivers for the 2022-23 school year.

Received applicants for the Kindergarten position and the part-time paraprofessional position.

Communications: (3 minutes per person)

Public comments from Randy Voisin, Spring Concert will be Monday, May 23 at the MS/HS Auditorium and the Elementary Spring Concert is Tuesday, May 24 at 6 pm.

Margie Wirth requested clarification of Schools Board rules with regard to asking questions and sign-in sheets.

Board Reports:

Building & Site:

Personnel:

Approve the recommendation to hire Mr. Gary Studebaker as Custodial Supervisor effective April 26, 2022.

Accept the resignation for retirement of Mrs. Sue Platte, RTI Paraprofessional Aide effective June 30, 2022.

Approve the recommendation to appoint Mr. Jeff Dygert as Director of Operations effective June 1, 2022.

President's Comments: Mr. Hafner thanked the team members and students for the successful school year. It is exciting to see the seniors moving on to their future endeavors and seeing the new students join our school.

Action Items:

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

Review the Video and Approve the Clinton County RESA General Fund Operating Budget Resolution - The RESA General Fund Budget video was reviewed. *Motion made by K. Wood, seconded by B. Henning, to approve the Clinton County RESA General Fund Operating Budget for the 2022-23 school year be approved as presented by Clinton County RESA. Motion carried 5-0.*

First Reading of Neola policies po1616, po6110, po6114, and po6325 - The first reading of the Neola policies po1616, po6110, po 6114 and po6325 took place. *Motion made by K. Thelen, second by T. Schafer, to approve the first reading of Neola policies po1616, po6110, po6114, and po6325. Motion carried 5-0.*

Approve the recommendation to immediately transition to a second bus run for the parochial schools if at any time during any school year if our filled bus driver positions falls below eight bus drivers - Mrs. Goodman discussed the lack of bus drivers for the 2022-23 school year. We currently have eight bus routes and have only four drivers for the upcoming school year. P-W is legally obligated to transport parochial students. Mrs. Goodman met with the parochial school principals to discuss our current plan to transition to a double bus run. Our plan is to bus the P-W Elementary and Middle/High School students first, then run a second route for the parochial school students immediately following. This change will impact the parochial schools, as well as P-W Schools, as we will be unable to utilize our regular route bus drivers for athletic events and most field trips. *Motion made by K. Wood seconded by B. Henning, to approve the recommendation to immediately transition to a second bus run for the parochial schools if at any time during any school year if our filled bus driver positions falls below eight bus drivers. Motion carried 5-0.*

Approve the recommendation to create a Kindergarten Teacher at the Elementary School beginning August 15, 2022: *Motion made by K. Wood, seconded by T. Schafer, to approve the recommendation to create a Kindergarten Teaching position at the Elementary School beginning August 15, 2022. Motion carried 5-0.*

Approve the recommendation to hire a Summer Paraprofessional Aide/Certified Teacher beginning June 14, 2022: *Motion made by K. Thelen, seconded by B. Henning, to approve the recommendation to hire a Summer Paraprofessional Aide/Certified Teacher beginning June 14, 2022.*

Financial:

Financial Summary Report April 30, 2022, including Special Revenue
Account Payable Listing, April 32, 2022

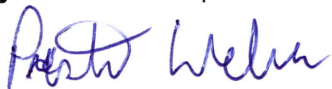
Mrs. Goodman recommended the Board meet in closed session under section MCL 15.268(c) of the Open Meetings Act, to discuss collective bargaining. **At 7:44 p.m., motion made by K. Wood, seconded by K. Thelen, to move into closed session to discuss collective bargaining. Motion carried 5-0.**

Motion made by K. Wood, seconded by K. Thelen at 8:05 pm, to return to the open session. Motion carried 5-0.

Future Meeting Dates/Events:

May 18, 2022 Commencements
May 30, 2022 No School
June 8, 2022 Last Day of School
June 15, 2022 Asbestos Abatement Process Begins at Elementary School
June 20, 2022 June Board of Education Meeting

Adjourn: At 8:05 p.m. the meeting adjourned.



Approved by Preston Weber, Board of Education Secretary