

**Minutes of the  
PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA  
Board of Education  
May 19, 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. Farmer, J. Pohl, L. Pung, J. Smith, B. Weber

**Board Members Absent:** P. Weber

**Motion made by J. Pohl, supported by L. Pung, to approve removing consent agenda item 11A and adding it to the New Business IX 9. Motion carried 6-0.**

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

**Bond/Facilities Subcommittee Report** - The cafeteria is making progress and there is a subcommittee meeting Tuesday to review Phase III bids. Bids were approximately one million dollars over budget. Locker room was \$2.2M, \$1.6M and \$1.2M; the field bids were \$1.2M, \$1.3M. We have a \$2 million dollar budget for Phase III. The subcommittee will meet and present options to the board.

**Administrator's Reports:**

**Facilities and Safety Director:** J Dygert reported air conditioners were scheduled to be turned on today, but with the cooler temperatures in the forecast, this has been pushed back one week. Elementary School is moving along well. Graduation to be held inside due to cooler temperatures. New furniture for the Elementary School classrooms has arrived.

**Technology and Student Specialist:** J. Miller stated there is a recommendation on the board agenda to approve five 86" boards to be placed in the new elementary classrooms and two 65" boards for smaller classrooms. Colton Hengesbach, 5th grade teacher, shared his excitement about the new boards and requested that all classrooms be equipped with these boards. We have 285 brand new chromebooks received from a grant purchase and we will not need to purchase new chromebooks for three years. Miller is confident we could purchase the remaining ten boards for the school with the technology budget savings. Training is provided in the cost of the product. J Miller hopes to have a recommendation to purchase the boards at next month's meeting.

**Elementary School Principal:** E. Fedewa stated M-Step testing is complete. The new addition is coming along nicely. Currently working on securing bookshelves, teacher desks, and document cams. Preschool graduation takes place next week. Working with the preschool inspector so we are ready for the 2025-26 school year. We posted for a second third grade teaching position; will interview five candidates next Wednesday and hope to have a candidate on the June agenda. May 30th is the Pirate Pete's Adventure Challenge; invited BOE members to attend and see the elementary addition.

**Athletic Director/MHS Assistant Principal:** T. Forton congratulated the girls' track team on their regional championship. Golf CMAC tournaments to be held this week. Expressed excitement for the weight room project. Paint, flooring, equipment, branding to be included in the project. Hoping to finalize the space in July. Will move the weight equipment under the press box to empty the space for improvements.

**Middle-High School Principal:** R. Portenga thanked the board for the support of the 8th grade trip to Washington D.C., and thanked Haley Weber for organizing the trip, and thanked Fletcher for his efforts to make this trip so successful. Interviews to be held on Wednesday for the 6th grade teaching position. Students have been requesting additional elective courses and should be able to now provide that. PE has been a required course for the 7th and 8th grades. Plan to merge 6/7 PE. Will be able to have three new electives; looking at other schools for course ideas. J. Pohl suggested holding future banquets at 7pm on the last Tuesday of April so as to not conflict with the golf team schedule. Mrs. Farmer suggested we be forgiving and caring with attendance requirements for attending special events as students deal with many issues.

**Superintendent:**

Acknowledged Lori Pung as a Certified BOE member from the State of Michigan.

Thanked Deb Prince for her service at P-W Schools as she will be retiring this summer.

Eighteen people signed up to participate in the athletic round table.

**Communications:** (3 minutes per person) -

Brian Rehmann - As a parent and part of the parent advisory committee, asking the board to consider using PD days as student days to give students more summer time. As a teacher, I encouraged the board to keep up with inflation when determining the salaries for the teacher contract.

Stephanie Pohl - P-W Touchtown Club President - The club is proud to have supported the safety of our athletes for many years. After thorough consideration, we recognize the advantage of a turf field and benefits it would provide the students involved in a variety of programs.

Seth Wright - President of the Jr. Football Board - the Jr. Pirates Football team lost our practice field with the addition of the cross country course. The teams now practice near Clintonia Road, where there are many holes in the ground causing potential injury.. The quality of that area, as well as the practice field, and the football field are all in terrible shape. If turf is installed, it will give us more places to practice and spread out a little bit. We are seeing a record number of players and may need to have two 6th grade teams, which will make finding practice locations even more difficult.

**Personnel:**

**Approve the Recommendation to Hire Anthony Wirth, through Edustaff, as Varsity Assistant Track Coach, effective April 1, 2025.**

**Accept the Deferred Retirement of Deborah Prince, Executive Administrator, effective July 31, 2025.**

**Approve the Recommendation to hire Louis Kramer, Elementary Music Teacher, effective August 11, 2025.**

**Accept the Resignation of Lisa Bartlett, National High Society Advisor, effective June 30, 2025.**

**Accept the Resignation of Kobe Genereux, Custodian, effective May 26, 2025.**

**President's Comments:** J. Hafner thanked Deb Prince for her tenure here at P-W. Thanked the administration, staff, and community for their patience with the bond improvements.

**Old Business:**

*N/A*

**New Business:**

**Appoint a Board Representative and Alternate to Adopt the Resolution and Designate the Board Representative for the RESA June 2, 2025, Election - *Motion made by J. Farmer, supported by J. Pohl, to appoint Lori Pung to serve as a board representative, and Jared Smith as an alternative to adopt the resolution. Motion carried 6-0.***

**Approve the anonymous donation and purchase of weight room equipment for the MHS Weight Room - J. Goodman stated we received a generous donation to purchase weight room equipment. B. Weber suggested we revise our policy to update how large monetary donations are handled. *Motion made by B. Weber, supported by J. Smith, to accept the donation and approve the purchase of weight room equipment for the MHS Weight Room. Motion carried 6-0.***

**Approve the Sex Education Second Year Report - State of Michigan requires the report is posted on our website and reviewed each year. *Motion made by J. Pohl, supported by B. Weber, to approve the Sex Education Second Year Report. Motion carried 6-0.***

**Approve the Proposed 2025-26 School Year Student Calendar - J. Goodman thanked the teacher union for working on the calendar for the 2025-26 school year. Discussion was held on if we should begin counting PD days as student days. The calendar could be revised with a different end of school year date if a change is made. *Motion made by B. Weber, seconded by L. Pung, to approve the proposed 2025-26 school year student calendar. Motion carried 6-0.***

**Approve the Proposed 2025-26 School Year Staff Calendar - *Motion made by J. Farmer, supported by L. Pung, to approve the proposed 2025-26 school year staff calendar. Motion carried 6-0.***

**Approve the Clinton County RESA General Fund Operating Budget for the 2025/26 School Year as Presented by Clinton County RESA Video - *Motion made by J. Pohl, supported by J. Smith, to approve the Clinton County RESA General Fund Operating Budget for the 2025-26 school year as presented by Clinton County RESA video. Ayes: J. Hafner, L. Pung, J. Pohl, J. Farmer, J. Smith, and B. Weber; Nays: 0. Motion carried 6-0.***

**First Reading to Rescind Policy 2264 and Amend Policy Number 2266 Regarding Title IX - J. Goodman** reported this policy includes what the current federal administration's definitions of Title IX. ***Motion made by J. Smith, supported by J. Pohl, to approve the first reading to rescind Policy 2264 and Amend Policy 2266 regarding Policy IX. Motion carried 6-0.***

**Approve the purchase of BenQ boards for the new elementary classrooms purchased with bond funds** - Staff experimented with two different board products. Discussion was held on whether to use general funds or bond funds. ***Motion made by J. Farmer, supported by L. Pung, to approve the purchase of 18 BenQ boards for the elementary school, to be purchased with bond funds, not to exceed \$65,000. Motion carried 6-0.***

**Financial Summary Report, April 30, 2025, including Special Revenue and Accounts Payable Listing, April 30, 2025** - J. Pohl stated the financial board reports are in a different format than previous months. He questioned the financial reporting of the Public Improvement Fund, inquired what Occupant Care costs include. J. Goodman explained Occupant Care is a contractor for the electrical grant received, whose costs will be covered with grant funds. J. Pohl recommended tabling the approval of the financial reports until next month and requested financial reports be placed in the same format as previously done. Pamela Stump will reformat the April financial and use the format from previous month reports for future reporting. ***Motion made by J. Pohl, supported by B. Weber, to table the approval of the financial reports ending April 30, 2025, including special revenue accounts. Motion carried 6-0.***

***Motion made by B. Weber, supported by J. Farmer, at 8:26 pm to move to closed session for collective bargaining. Motion carried 6-0.***

***Motion made by L. Pung, supported by B. Weber, at 9:30 pm to move to end the closed session. Motion carried 6-0.***

**Future Meeting Dates/Events:**

May 20, 2025 - Commencement Ceremony  
May 26, 2025 - No School - Memorial Day  
June 4, 2025 - Half Day of School  
June 5, 2025 - Half Day of School  
June 6, 2025 - Last Day/Half Day of School

**Adjourn:** At 9:31 pm meeting adjourned.



Approved by Preston Weber, Board of Education Secretary