

**Board of Education
Pawnee Community Unit School District #11
Thursday, July 21, 2011
6:00 p.m. – Closed Session, Unit Office
7:00 p.m. – Open Session, Cafeteria
Agenda
“Regular Meeting”**

Action 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Bentley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Bentley, Bowen, Kindernay, Smargiassi, Ward, Shepherd

Member absent: Whitlow

Administrators Present: Burton, Cline, and Hamilton

Info 2. Request Closed Session to consider information regarding personnel, the appointment, employment, or dismissal of an employee or officer.

Motion: Adjourn to Executive Session to consider information regarding personnel, the appointment, employment, or dismissal of an employee or officer.

Motion: Kindernay

Second: Bowen

Ayes: Bentley, Bowen, Ward, Smargiassi, Kindernay, Shepherd

Return to Open Session

President Bentley declared the meeting open at 7:27p.m.

Motion: Seal the minutes of Executive Session.

Motion: Kindernay

Second: Bowen

Ayes: 6-0

President Bentley appointed Shepherd acting secretary

Motion: Amend the agenda to include 6.1 Interfund Loan; and 9.3 Building permit for summer work.

Motion: Bowen

Second: Kindernay

Ayes; 6-0

Info 3. Good News Reports

Superintendent Burton welcomed H.S. Principal Tim Kratochvil to his first official board meeting. Dawn Kearney, the proposed new 1st Grade teacher was also welcomed to the district. The district has received a Certificate of Financial Recognition and Comptroller Hamilton was thanked. The District's Pre-K grant has been approved for 11/12. Title I instructor presented a power point pertaining to RTI.

Principal Kratochvil has met with several of his staff and feels things are off to a great start with excellent cooperation.

Info 4. PTO and Student Council Updates

None.

Action 5. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Approve the minutes of the June board meeting and the Negotiations meeting.

Motion: Shepherd

Second: Bowen

Ayes: 6-0

Action 6. Approval of Financial Reports and Expenditures

Motion: Approve bills totaling \$454,903.57 and the addendum bill of \$259,739.66.

Motion: Shepherd

Second: Ward

Ayes: Shepherd, Ward, Bentley, Bowen, Kindernay, Smargiassi

Motion: Approve an Interfund Loan of \$286,000.00 from the Working Cash fund to the Health/Life/Safety fund.

Motion: Kindernay

Second: Smargiassi

Ayes: Ward, Bentley, Bowen, Kindernay, Smargiassi, Shepherd

Info 7. Recognition of Visitors

Info 8. Administrative Reports

Principal Cline reported on the excellent the custodial staff is doing cleaning the classrooms; rugs and curtains are being removed due to safety concerns noted during the annual inspection; attendance at a Teacher Evaluation meeting; and presently working with the ROE concerning college credit for the Charlotte Danielson evaluation work.

Principal Kratochvil reported on interviews for the Math and Counselor positions; the upgrade of the HS office; and he thanked Candy Thompson and Linda Johnson for their assistance in the transition.

Superintendent Burton reported on the TRS retirement law change, which only allows him to work 100 day (prior it was 120 days.) He is looking forward to a great year.

Comptroller Hamilton reported 47% of the property taxes have been received; the July distribution of Corp Tax is 6.625% higher than last July; and the 2011/12 mileage reimbursement rate will be 55 ½ cents per mile (the Federal rate.) The 10/11 budget ended on a positive note due to reduced special education expense; reduced Tort expenditures; increased Corp. Tax distribution; increased receipt of early taxes; and the state making extra payments that were due but not anticipated until 11/12, which caused an increase in the single year projection of \$643,000. This effectively eliminated the 09/10 single year deficit.

9. Old Business

Action 9.1 Consideration and approval of additional changes in the grade school/junior high and high school student handbooks

Motion: Adopt the Handbook recommendations/clarification as presented by the principals.

Motion: Ward

Second: Smargiassi

Ayes; 6-0

Action 9.2 Review and consideration of proceeding in consolidation talks with Morrisonville and Panhandle schools

Motion: At this time, discontinue consolidation talks with Morrisonville and Panhandle School District.

Motion: Bowen

Second: Smargiassi

Ayes; Bentley, Bowen, Kindernay, Shepherd, Smargiassi, Ward

The board asked the minutes reflect that both school districts are excellent and that their vote in no way should reflect negatively on either district.

9.3 Approve Building Permit application.

Motion: Approve the building permit application for submission.

Motion: Bowen

Second: Shepherd

Ayes: 6-0

10. New Business

Action 10.1 Consideration and approval of fuel bids for the 2011-2012 school year

Motion: Accept the low bidder, Home Oil for 2011/12.

Motion: Ward

Second: Bowen

Ayes: Bowen, Kindernay, Smargiassi, Shepherd, Ward, Bentley

Action 10.2 Consideration and approval of milk bid for the 2011-2012 school year

Motion: Accept low bidder, Prairie Farms for 2011/12.

Motion: Bowen

Second: Shepherd

Ayes: 6-0

Action 10.3 Consideration and approval of parent request for extended vacation

Motion: Approve the parent request for extended student vacation.

Motion: Kindernay

Second: Bowen

Ayes; 6-0

Action 10.4 Discussion and approval of changing the August 18 board meeting to August 25

Motion: Approve moving the August board meeting to 8/25/11.

Motion: Shepherd

Second: Bowen

Ayes: 6-0

Action 10.5 Action on Personnel resignations

Motion: Accept the resignations of Lori Leskovich (aide), Steve Miller (teacher and sponsor), Deb Dirksen (Beta Club), and Caitlin Grither (counselor and SADD sponsor.)

Motion: Ward

Second: Bowen

Ayes: Kindernay, Smargiassi, Shepherd, Ward, Bentley, Bowen

Action 10.6 Action on approval of PEA teacher contract

Motion: Ratify the three year teacher negotiated agreement as presented.

Motion: Bowen

Second; Kindernay

Ayes: Smargiassi, Shepherd, Ward, Bentley, Bowen, Kindernay

Superintendent Burton commended the Negotiating team on true teamwork and thanked them for their involvement.

Action 10.7 Action on Employment of certified staff, non-certified staff, and extracurricular positions

Motion: Approve employment of Danielle Griffin as Art instructor and scholastic bowl sponsor; Ryan Miller as math instructor and HS track coach; Catie Boston as Jr. Beta Club sponsor; Dawn Kearney as g.s. teacher and 8th grade sponsor; Deb Dirksen as HS class sponsor; move Denean Vreeland to full-time status; and Alisha Duenas as Counselor for the 2011/12 school year.

Motion: Kindernay

Second: Shepherd

Ayes: Shepherd, Ward, Bentley, Bowen, Kindernay, Smargiassi

Action 10.8 Consideration and approval of volunteer junior high baseball staff

Motion: Approve volunteer JH baseball assistants, Carter, Nailor, and Dale Meyer.

Motion: Shepherd

Second: Smargiassi

Ayes: 6-0

Info 11. Communications

Thank you notes from Mindy Tuxhorn and Debbie Copp were shared with the board.

Action 12. Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn at 9:06 p.m.

Motion: Shepherd

Second: Kindernay

Ayes: 6-0

Next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for—
Thursday, August 25, 2011
Pawnee School Cafeteria
6:00 p.m.—executive session
7:00 p.m.—regular session