

**Board of Education**  
**Pawnee Community Unit School District #11**  
**Thursday, May 19, 2011**  
**6:00 p.m. – Closed Session, Unit Office**  
**7:30 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, Ward, Kindernay, Smargiassi, Whitlow, Shepherd  
Member absent:  
Administrators Present: Burton, Cline, and Hamilton

**Action**           **2.     Request Closed Session to consider information regarding personnel, the appointment, employment, or dismissal of an employee or officer. 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: Bowen  
Second: Kindernay  
Ayes: Bentley, Bowen, Ward, Smargiassi, Kindernay, Whitlow, Shepherd

**Return to Open Session**

President Bentley declared the meeting open at 8:50 p.m. and moved agenda item 10.12 for an immediate vote.

**Motion: Approve Resolution To Suspend Thomas Scott Without Pay and to Authorize Notice of Suspension Without Pay.**

Motion: Shepherd  
Second: Smargiassi  
Ayes: Bentley, Ward, Smargiassi, Kindernay, Shepherd  
Nays: Whitlow  
Abstain: Bowen

**Info**           **3.     Good News Reports**

Mrs. VanDeventer reported that 209 grade school students had earned over \$2500 worth of Barnes and Noble books, which they purchased on May 17<sup>th</sup> and then dined at Golden Corral. Superintendent Burton announced that appreciation plaques would be awarded to both Dale Daily and Shawn Burnley for their service as members of the Board of Education. He then introduced the new HS principal, Tim Kratochvil, his wife, Wendy, and their three children, Jack (9), Luke (7), and Olivia (2).

**Info**            **4.        PTO and Student Council Updates**

No reports.

**Action**        **5.        Approval of Minutes**

**Motion: Approve the minutes of 4/18/11 regular meeting, 4/27 and 4/28 special meetings, and the 5/2/11 Negotiating Team meeting.**

Motion: Bowen

Second: Ward

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

**Action**        **6.        Approval of Financial Reports and Expenditures**

Superintendent Burton reported that Comptroller Hamilton's report shows we are at 84% of expenditures and 78% of income and 83.33% into the budget year. Our State money continues to lag for 2010/11 funding.

**Motion: Approve the financial report and the bills payable in the amount of \$62,910.43 and addendum bills in the amount of \$3884.17.**

Motion: Kindernay

Second: Bowen

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

**Info**            **7.        Recognition of Visitors**

**None**

**Info**            **8.        Administrative Reports**

Principal Cline reported: the Scholastic Bowl team took 2<sup>nd</sup> Place at Sectionals; five eighth graders were recognized at the ACE lunch; the May 5<sup>th</sup> Open House was well attended and much thanks to all the teachers and especially Art teacher, Natalie Bell; excellent 3<sup>rd</sup> grade musical called ARF; and a Reptile Experience was well received by the students.

Principal Wilson was unable to attend the meeting so Mr. Burton reported: upcoming Baccalaureate and HS. Graduation ceremonies.

Comptroller Hamilton's report showed: the May Corp. Tax distribution brought us to 101.55% of projection or \$2,061,500.43 and state funding is lagging 30%.

Maintenance/Transportation Director Langheim updated the board on maintenance and grounds work.

Athletic Director Kirby reported: HS baseball and HS softball are both competing for Regional champions and 5/24/11 is the Spring Sports' Banquet. In Principal Wilson's absence, Mr. Kirby recognized Krista Pugh as the Student Council Student of the Month.

**9.        Old Business**

**Action**        **9.1       Consideration and approval of summer projects**

**Motion: Approve the bids for summer projects as presented.**

Motion: Bowen

Second: Kindernay

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

#### **10. New Business**

**Action 10.1 Consideration and approval of high school principal's contract**

**Motion: Approve the two year contract of Tim Kratochvil as HS Principal for 2011/12 – 2012/13.**

Motion: Ward

Second: Kindernay

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

**Action 10.2 Appointment of a Board of Education representative to the Educational Foundation**

**Motion: Approve the appointment of Ed Bowen as Board representative to the Educational Foundation.**

Motion: Ward

Second: Kindernay

Ayes: 7-0

**Action 10.3 Appointment of two Board of Education representatives to the student handbook committee**

**Motion: Approve the appointment of John Shepherd and Tina Whitlow to the student handbook committee.**

Motion: Bowen

Second: Shepherd

Ayes: 7-0

**Action 10.4 Consideration and approval of Prevailing Wage resolution**

**Motion: Adopt the Prevailing Wage Resolution as presented.**

Motion: Bowen

Second: Shepherd

Ayes: 7-0

**Action 10.5 Consideration and approval of the Fee-based Pre-Kindergarten program for 2011-2012**

**Motion: Approve the Fee-based Pre-K Program for 2011/12 at a fee of \$150/month for nine (9) months and a non-refundable registration fee of \$25.00.**

Motion: Bowen

Second: Whitlow

Ayes: 7-0

**Action 10.6 Approval and letting of bids for the Health Life Safety roof and boiler projects**

There was discussion pertaining to accepting the low bidder, when the local bidder's bid was less than \$2000 more. Also discussed was the possibility of letting the bids for the kitchen rooftop air-conditioner to streamline the installation in conjunction with the roof work.

**Motion: Upon final approval of the H/L/S Amendment 34, award the roofing bid to the low bidders, Design Roofing in the amount of \$262,200 and the boiler bid to Commercial Mechanical in the amount of \$188,000.00**

Motion: Ward

Second: Bowen

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

**Item 10.11** moved to allow discussion of the consolidation feasibility study prior to returning to Executive Session.

Superintendent Burton opened the discussion of the 5/3/11 public meeting regarding the Pawnee, Panhandle, Morrisonville consolidation feasibility study, which is now on the district website. He stated he felt the new building concept is not needed because all the districts have good buildings. There is still a lot of homework to do and there is another public meeting among the three (3) Boards of Education being planned for early June in Morrisonville. Members of the audience expressed their concern of limiting our options and not including the possibility of a tax referendum or a consolidation with other area schools that would not require our students and parents to travel 25 minutes further south. Taxpayers would prefer to increase their tax rate and stay here, rather than increase their tax rate and relinquish their power. Lack of a high school in a community does not spur population growth. Superintendent Burton agreed there are many options available, but there can only be one study conducted at a time. The process is ongoing and with the state of Illinois economy, consolidation is not going away.

**Motion: Return to Executive session to further discuss personnel.**

Motion: Smargiassi

Second: Ward

Ayes: 7-0

President Bentley declared the meeting open at 10:27 p.m.

**Motion: Seal the minutes of Executive Session.**

Motion: Shepherd

Second: Smargiassi

Ayes: 7-0

**Action 10.7 Consideration and approval of maternity leave request**

**Motion: Approve the six week maternity leave request of Tera Ryherd beginning 2011/12 school year.**

Motion: Bowen

Second: Whitlow

Ayes: 7-0

**Action 10.8 Consideration and approval of retirement request**

**Motion: Accept the retirement request of Janet Weber effective June 30, 2011.**

Motion: Whitlow

Second: Bowen

Ayes: 7-0

**Action**                    **10.9 Consideration and approval of extracurricular coaches and sponsors**

**Motion: Approve the extra-curricular coaching list for 2011/12 as presented.**

Motion: Bowen

Second: Whitlow

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

Abstain: Smargiassi

**Motion: Employ Jennifer Harris as Student Council sponsor for 2011/12.**

Motion: Kindernay

Second: Shepherd

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

**Motion: Employ Brent Bond as HS Boys' Varsity Basketball coach for 2011/12.**

Motion: Bowen

Second; Smargiassi

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

**Action**                    **10.10 Consideration and approval of employee resignations**

**Motion: Accept the resignations of JoLynn Anderson as 8<sup>th</sup> grade class sponsor, Matthew Rawlings as HS Track coach, and Stacey Good as elementary teacher.**

Motion: Bowen

Second: Smargiassi

Ayes: 7-0

**Info**                        **10.11 Discussion of May 3<sup>rd</sup> public meeting regarding our consolidation feasibility study results**

**Item 10.11** was moved to earlier in the meeting.

**Action**                    **10.12 Consideration and approval of resolution of suspension without pay**

**Item 10.12** was moved to earlier in the meeting.

**Info**                        **11. Communications**

President Bentley received a letter from SSCRPC (Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission) requesting (2) citizen representatives to serve on the newly formed Citizens' Efficiency Commission (CEC.) Thank you notes from Roberta Stout and Marie Marvin were shared with the board.

**Action 12. Adjournment**

**Motion: Adjourn at 10:40 p.m.**

Motion: Bentley

Second; Bowen

Ayes: 7-0

**Next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for—  
Monday, June 16, 2011  
Pawnee School Cafeteria  
6:00 p.m.—executive session  
7:00 p.m.—regular session**