

# PAWNEE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #11

Board of Education Meeting  
Media Center - Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
Executive Session 6:00 p.m.  
Regular Session 6:30 p.m.

## 1. Call to Order

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

## 2. Roll Call

Members Present: Bentley, Bowen, Daily, Manning, Nelson, Walters

Members Absent: Burnley

Administrators Present: Cline, Hamilton, Rigdon, Wilson

## 3. Executive Session – Superintendents Office

**Motion: Adjourn to Executive to discuss matters related to personnel.**

Motion: Walters

Second: Daily

Ayes: 6-0

## 4. Return to Open Session

President Manning declared the meeting open at 6:32 p.m.

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

Motion: Bowen

Second: Walters

Ayes: 6-0

## 5. Public Comment

Mrs. Walters requested consideration of co-oping with Auburn in wrestling.

## 6. Consent Agenda—Approval of:

- **Minutes:**
  - March 25, 2008 Regular meeting
  - April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 Special session
  - Approval to destroy audio recordings of executive sessions more than 18 months old
- **Financial Reports:**
  - Bills— \$40,969.43 and addendum bills of \$105,625.33
- **Personnel**
  - None
- **Action Items:**
  - Approval of IESA Annual Dues
  - Approval of IHSA Continuing Membership

**Motion: Approve the consent agenda.**

Motion: Daily

Second: Nelson

Ayes: Bentley, Bowen, Daily, Manning, Nelson, Walters

## 7. Student Council

Student council member, Megan Fleigle, updated the board on council activities.

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## 8. Friends of the School

No report.

## 9. Administrative Reports

9.1 Mrs. Cline – Mrs. Behrent received a grant for \$250.00; Mrs. Nelson organized a math competition; Mrs. Clarke's PE classes participated in a St. Jude Fundraiser; AR program and rewards review; PTO will purchase stencils for Peaceful Playground and the teachers will donate the proceeds from their Jog-a-thon.

9.2 Mrs. Wilson – Tornado drill; 90% return of pre-registration; and the senior trip is an excellent opportunity for our students.

9.3 Mrs. Hamilton – Corp. Tax continues to increase; received final tax distribution from Montgomery County; budget continues on target; this year's tax rate decreased 2 cents to 3.9305; articles distributed pertaining to decreased state funding of education; and school fee survey distributed.

9.4 Mr. Smargiassi- hosting both the MSM conference track meet and the Prairie State conference track meet and the IESA Sectional track meet.

9.5 Mr. Langheim –softball field concrete work; trade for Kubota with Kuntz; repair update; locker bid from Electrostatic Controls was discussed (three year plan or all done this summer?)

9.6 Mr. Rigdon – Foundation meetings; Rochester's withdrawal from SASSED; bid opening May 1; need for Technology meeting; Policy updates are on-going; delay crosswalk movement until August; Safe Routes to School meeting will be May 5 at 6:00 p.m.; Channel 1 no longer providing services; MRC (Medicare outreach) funding being held.

## 10. Unfinished Business

10.1. Pre-K sidewalk

**Motion:** Purchase Pre-K sidewalk material with labor donated by parents.

Motion: Bowen

Second: Walters

Ayes: Bentley, Bowen, Daily, Manning, Nelson, Walters

## 11. New Business

11.1 Transportation – New Buses

**Motion: Purchase 3 new 71 passenger buses from Ponder Equipment at a price of \$76,039 before trade-in allowance. Two buses will be lease/purchases over 5 years and one will be straight purchase.**

Motion: Nelson

Second: Bentley

Ayes: Bentley, Bowen, Daily, Manning, Nelson, Walters

11.2 Approval of Summer Student Workers

**Motion: Employ Joey Walters, John Bruss, Logan Williams, Vincent Johnson, Aaron Neal, Wes Farrell, with Dillon Grant as the alternate for summer student workers.**

Motion: Bentley

Second: Bowen

Ayes: Bentley, Bowen, Daily, Manning, Nelson

Abstain: Walters

11.3 Amend final calendar for 07-08.

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### **Motion: Approve the amended 07/08 calendar.**

Motion: Bentley

Second: Walters

Ayes: 6-0

11.4 Proposed calendar for 08-09

### **Motion: Adopt the 08/09 school calendar with a begin date of 8/18/08 and an end date of 6/1/09.**

Motion: Bowen

Second: Bentley

Ayes: 6-0

11.5 Personnel

### **Motion: Employ Denean Vreeland as math instructor for 08/09.**

Motion: Nelson

Second: Walters

Ayes: Bentley, Bowen, Daily, Manning, Nelson, Walters

### **Motion: Approve volunteer football coaches, Grant, Haney, and Wise.**

Motion: Bowen

Second: Daily

Ayes: Bentley, Bowen, Daily, Manning, Nelson, Walters

### **Motion: Approve Becky Galloway as high school head girls' basketball coach for 08/09.**

Motion: Bowen

Second: Bentley

Ayes: Bentley, Bowen, Daily, Manning, Nelson, Walters

11.6 District Title 1 E-Plan

### **Motion: Approve the District Title 1 E-Plan**

Motion: Walters

Second: Nelson

Ayes: 6-0

11.7 Set Fees for 08-09

Comptroller Hamilton presented a graph showing textbook purchases (\$216,838.91) over the past 5 years compared to fees collected (\$171,115.25.) This shortfall averages \$9144 per year. A chart showing the books required by grade level far exceed the present fee being charged. The technology fee of \$25.00 for first through twelfth grade helps defray the cost of Smartboards, projectors, computers, software, etc. While no one wants to raise fees we don't want to find ourselves in the situation of other districts that have found it necessary to double their fees to make up their deficit budgets. The material will be reviewed by the board for a decision at a special meeting on May 1, 2008.

11.8 Textbook Order

No recommendation available at this time.

11.9 Financial Recognition

Pawnee CUSD #11 received a Certificate of Financial Recognition from the State Board of Education based on the district's 2007/08 financial data.

11.10 Team Quest Trip Request

### **Motion: Approve the Team Quest trip request and associated expenses.**

Motion: Nelson

Second: Bowen

Ayes: Bentley, Bowen, Daily, Manning, Nelson, Walters

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## **11.11 PTO Request**

On behalf of PTO, Principal Cline requested that the district pay for half the cost of providing the K-6 teachers with stools (9) or chairs (15) for Teacher Appreciation Week. The board thought the idea was valid but felt that a contribution from the district for only the K-6 teachers would not be appropriate.

## **12. Correspondence**

12.1 Letter of Thanks – Mrs. Kern

12.2 Letter of Commendation – The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers wrote a letter of appreciation and support of Mr. Hagler as computer technician.

## **13. Future Meeting Dates**

Dates:

Technology Committee: April 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:00pm

Policy Committee: May 12<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm

BOE Special Session: May 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:30pm

Need meeting with Mr. Dave Love pertaining to goals.

## **14. Adjournment**

**Motion: Adjourn at 8:17 p.m.**

Motion: Walters

Second: Bentley

Ayes: 6-0