

Board of Education
Pawnee Community Unit School District #11
Thursday, August 20, 2015
6:30 p.m. – Closed Session, Unit Office
7:00 p.m. – Regular Session, Cafeteria

Action 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Members present: Craigmiles, Kern, Shelton, Starr, Wort

Members absent: Adcock, Ward

Administrators Present: Alexander, Kratochvil, Loftus, and Recording Secretary, Hamilton

Info

2. Request Closed Session to discuss the employment, compensation,

resignation of

District

or

specific employees of the District, collective bargaining matters between the District and its employees or their representative, student discipline and to discuss pending probable litigation as provided by 5ILCS120/2(C)1,2,9, and 11.

Motion: Adjourn to Executive session at 6:32 p.m. to discuss the employment, compensation, resignation of specific employees of the District, collective bargaining matters between the District and its employees or their representative, student discipline and to discuss pending or probable litigation as provided by 5ILCS 120/(C) (1), 5ILCS 120/2(C) (2), 5ILCS 120/2(C) (9), and 5ILC120/2(C) (11.)

Motion: Wort

Second: Starr

Ayes: 5-0

Adcock arrived at 6:47 p.m.

President Craigmiles declared the meeting open at 7:05 p.m.

Motion: Seal the minutes of executive session.

Motion: Kern

Second: Starr

Ayes: 6-0

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-please stand if able

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3. Communications

None.

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4. Good News Reports

The teachers were commended for pulling together for Ms. Kopec's new classroom and Mrs. Bell for being flexible and moving to a different room.

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5. PTO and Student Council updates

Student Council members updated the board on upcoming events: Oct. 3 Homecoming and a Trivia Night.

Action

6. Approval of Minutes

Action

6.1 Approve regular board meeting minutes of July 30, 2015 and Special Meeting of August 10, 2015

Motion: Approve the July 30, 2015, regular board meeting minutes and the Aug. 10, 2015, special meeting minutes.

Motion: Starr

Second: Kern

Ayes: 6-0

Ward arrived at 7:11 p.m.

Action 7. Approval of Financial Reports and Expenditures

Action 7.1 Consideration and approval of financial reports and expenditures

Motion: Approve bills of \$19,769.82; addendum bills of \$18,811.93; and the financial reports.

Motion: Adcock

Second: Wort

Ayes: Adcock, Craigmiles, Kern, Shelton, Starr, Ward, Wort

Abstain:

Action 7.2 Presentation of tentative budget 2015-2016

Superintendent Alexander presented the 2015/2016 Budget.

Motion: Approve the Tentative Budget for 2015/2016.

Motion: Starr

Second: Ward

Ayes: Craigmiles, Kern, Shelton, Starr, Ward, Wort, Adcock

Action 7.3 Establish budget hearing date and time

Motion: Set the 15/16 Budget Hearing on Sept. 23, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

Motion: Ward

Second: Kern

Ayes: 7-0

Info 8. Recognition of Visitors

None

Info 9. Administrative Reports

Reports herein attached.

10. New Business

Action 10.1 Consideration and approval of personnel resignations

Motion: Accept the resignation of Matthew Woodcock as teacher aide and regular route driver.

Motion: Shelton

Second: Kern

Ayes: 7-0

Action 10.2 Consideration and approval of employment of non-certified staff

Motion: Approve the employment of Laura Byers, Connie Roberts, Nyla Cooper, Peggy Sue Masters, Lisa Dozier, Jacinda Roberts, Lori Terry, and Jennifer Branum as aides for 2015/2016.

Motion: Wort

Second: Shelton

Ayes: Kern, Shelton, Starr, Ward, Wort, Adcock, Craigmiles

Motion: Approve the employment of Alexandra Ibberson as PreK aide for 2015/16.

Motion: Shelton

Second: Kern

Ayes: Shelton, Starr, Ward, Wort, Adcock, Craigmiles, Kern

Action 10.3 Consideration and approval on employment of certified staff

Motion: Approve the employment of Matthew Woodcock as GS teacher for 2015/16.

Motion: Kern

Second: Ward

Ayes: Starr, Ward, Wort, Adcock, Craigmiles, Kern, Shelton

Action 10.4 Consideration and approval of all hazardous crossings in District #11
Motion: Approve the continued hazardous crossing designations for Pawnee CUSD#11.
 Motion: Ward
 Second: Starr
 Ayes: 7-0

Action 10.5 Consideration and approval to move September Board Meeting date
Motion: Move the regular September meeting to 9/23/15 to accommodate the Budget Hearing.
 Motion: Wort
 Second: Adcock
 Ayes: 7-0

Action 10.6 Consideration and approval of personnel leave of absence
Motion: Approve the Personnel Leave request of Chelsea McGlothlin from 8/26/15 through 9/18/15.
 Motion: Wort
 Second: Starr
 Ayes: Ward, Wort, Adcock, Craigmiles, Kern, Shelton, Starr

Action 11. **Adjournment**
Motion: Adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m.
 Motion: Shelton
 Second: Adcock
 Ayes: 7-0

Next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for—
 Wednesday, September 23, 2015
 Pawnee School Cafeteria
 6:00 p.m.—executive session
 7:00 p.m. - regular session

**Pawnee Grade School
 Board Report
 8/20/2015**

Pawnee Grade School Enrollment										
PFA PreK (Grant)	Tuition PreK	ECE	Kdg	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	
34	12	2	57 (3 sect.)	51 (3 sect.)	43 (2 sect.)	49 (3 sect.)	45 (2 sect.)	44 (2 sect.)	47 (3 sect.)	Total 336 K-6 384 PK-6
<i>Notes: ECE is expected to be at 4 by end of October. Grant may have up to 30-40 depending on special education #s. 4 of the 34 Grant students have IEPs.</i>										

Good News Report:

- All vacancies have been filled, pending Board approval, and we are fully staffed with qualified educators to start the school year!

- Kindergarten Meet the Teacher Night was a success (8/12/15). Having it before school starts helps to ease parent and student anxiety. The teachers worked together to help Ms. Kopec set up her new classroom☺. Ms. Kopec was well received by her families and many expressed appreciation for adding the 3rd section.

Administrative Update:

- Ms. Kopec requested an internal transfer from 5th/6th grade science to the kindergarten vacancy.
- Mr. Matt Woodcock is the candidate recommended for the 5th and 6th grade science teacher vacancy created by Ms. Kopec’s internal transfer.
- Mrs. Jennifer Branum is the candidate recommended to assume the vacancy created by Mr. Woodcock’s transition to the 5th/6th grade position.
- Classroom furniture and supplies have been ordered for Ms. Kopec. Expected arrival is 2-4 weeks. We are currently sharing materials and furniture.

Suspensions

- None to report

August 2015

Junior High/High School Principal’s Report

Current Enrollment: High School-189 (195) Junior High-101 (87)
 7th-58(46) 8th-43(46) 9th-45(41) 10th-51(50) 11th-53(63) 12th-40(41)

Good News:

- Recognize Clark Cook and his Eagle Scout project.

Personnel:

- None

Academics:

- Meet the teacher
- Enrollment Numbers

Activities:

- Junior high baseball and softball have started. High school football and volleyball have started.

Other:

- I would like to commend the office staff and custodians on a great job to start the school year.
- Scoreboard Update

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

AUGUST 20, 2015

Good News—Kids and Teachers are back!!

1. **Hunter Lake**—The Village has not been contacted by Springfield.
2. **Goal Setting**—I need board members to serve on Teachers/Staff/Personnel Action Team and Student Success Action Team. I have included the timeline for the goal setting process.
3. **Building Issues:**
 - Walk-in refrigerator in kitchen—compressor went out. The compressor had more problems than originally estimated last month. We had to replace the compressor instead of repair. This was due to a power surge. Insurance has been contacted. Electricians are writing a report to turn into insurance.

 - 7 blowers were also affected by the power surge. Same process with insurance is being conducted.

 - Sewer line in grade school—1st day of school the toilet in grade school office backed up. As they were plunging, Mrs. Holderread ran in to say water was coming out of her closet. After further inspection, it was found the closet used to have a toilet in it. Whoever took the toilet out, did not cap the drain, they stuffed insulation down it. We have capped it and will cap the other toilets in closets once the caps come into the lumber yard. Sewer line had to be jetted out.
4. **Co-op meeting**—With smaller class sizes coming up, I asked Tim and Steve last spring, to contact Kincaid (Host School) to see what their numbers were going to be and if there is any interest, in any sport, of a co-op. Kincaid told us they just entered a co-op agreement so they didn't think there would be. Edinburg superintendent contacted me to say his board wanted to talk co-op with Kincaid and us. They already co-op with Kincaid in some sports. I have a meeting Tuesday morning.
5. **Senate Bill 318**—Was passed and has been assigned a committee in the House. It will extend tax caps to all Illinois Governmental units. It is a very lengthy bill. Because we are not capped, if passed in its current form, we will be capped for levy years 2016 and 2017. It will end the state's general aid formula for schools by June 1, 2017. It would be replaced by a new one still to come.
6. **Swipe Card Entry**—Our swipe card system is dead. It is so old it cannot be repaired. It is in the process of being replaced. The cost will be an estimated \$10,790.