

**Board of Education  
Pawnee Community Unit School District #11  
Wednesday, January 16, 2019  
6:00 p.m. – Closed Session, Unit Office  
7:00 p.m. – Regular Session, Cafeteria**

**Agenda  
“Regular Meeting”**

**Action           1.       Call to Order and Roll Call**

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

Members present: Howard, Kern, Shelton, Starr, Ward, Wort

Members absent: Adcock

Administrators Present: Alexander, Kratochvil, Hennemann, and Recording Secretary, Hamilton and Roseberry

**Info**

- 2.       Request Closed Session** 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 *5/LCS120/2(C)1,2,9, and 11*.

**Motion: Go into executive session at 6:01 p.m. for the stated purpose.**

Motion: Wort

Second: Kern

Ayes: 6-0

\*Return to executive session at end of meeting.

President Ward declared the meeting open at 7:07 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-please stand if able**

**Info**

**3.       Communications**

A letter from Roger Kratochvil was received thanking the District for the upgrade to the bleachers. The new handrails and step are a great addition to the gym.

**Info**

**4.       Good News Reports**

Mr. Hennemann reported that Arts Night is scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup>. He commented on Julie Meyer's first week as K-12 Guidance Counselor and how she is a great addition to the school.

Mr. Kratochvil announced Paige Langheim as November Student of the Month. Paige was unable to attend the December Board Meeting. Mr. Kratochvil announced Lauren Haney as the December Student of the Month. He congratulated the Illinois State Scholar recipients Nick Ellis and Paige Langheim. Jillian Bailey was not able to attend.

Mr. Alexander thanked Jim, Scott, Tyler, Stan, Lucas, Mike and Ryan for their work over break getting the offices functional for the staff's return from break.

**Info                    5.           PTO and Student Council updates**

PTO President, Jessica Megginson, reported that they are working on scheduling the Mother/Son and Father/Daughter dances. They are also working on preparing for Teacher Appreciation Week.

Student Council member, Paige Langheim, reported the Steak Dinner went well. The Winter Carnival dance set for January 19<sup>th</sup> may need to be rescheduled due to weather. They have the UCP Telethon coming up on January 27<sup>th</sup>.

Jessica Megginson thanked the District for keeping the kids safe with the added security measures put in place.

**6.           Approval of Minutes**

**Action                    6.1           Approve regular board meeting minutes of December 19, 2018**

**Motion: Approve the December 19, 2018, regular board meeting minutes.**

Motion: Howard

Second: Kern

Ayes: 6-0

**Action                    7.           Approval of Financial Reports and Expenditures**

**Action                    7.1           Consideration and approval of financial reports and expenditures**

**Motion: Adopt the financial reports and expenditures of \$274,016.68 and addendum bills of \$5,270.49.**

Motion: Howard

Second: Starr

Ayes: Howard, Kern, Shelton, Starr, Ward, Wort

**Info                    8.           Recognition of Visitors**

Mike and Kelly Ellis had concerns about parents being notified of CACC visits and information given to students. Mr. Kratochvil advised them that a Parent Meeting with a representative from CACC is scheduled for January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Info                    9.           Administrative Reports**

**Reports herein attached.**

Mr. Hennemann reported: more than 40 students received incentives from the Gotcha drawing; the December end of the month assembly had many parents attend; evaluations are still ongoing.

Mr. Kratochvil reported: 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Parent Orientation is set for February 6<sup>th</sup>; Pawnee Community Education Association Scholarship applications are available in the Guidance Office and online; Blood Drive is rescheduled for February 26<sup>th</sup>; CACC will be here January 23<sup>rd</sup> and hopefully the College Now program will be that night also.

Mr. Alexander reported that Burgess was in over break. They fixed a gas leak outside the pre-k and also winterized the A building and baseball/softball concessions. Illinois has a new governor, JB Pritzker. The NPR made a list of Governor Pritzker's priorities concerning education, preschool and childcare which included: lowering property taxes, especially on low-income households; opposing the private school tax credit program; lowering the mandatory school enrollment age from 6 to 5; incrementally enroll more 3 and 4 year olds for preschool; increase access to state child care subsidies; add more preschool teachers and classrooms and expand "birth-to-three" home visit services and create a "Family Engagement Portal".

**10. New Business**

**Info** 10.1 Informational discussion on Football

**Info** 10.2 Informational discussion on 6<sup>th</sup> grade athletics

**Action** 10.3 **Approval of personnel resignation and retirement**

**Motion: Accept the resignation of Kedra Brown as JH track coach.**

Motion: Howard

Second: Wort

Ayes: 6-0

**Motion: Accept the intent of retirement from Jamie Springman effective 2022.**

Motion: Shelton

Second: Starr

Ayes: Howard, Kern, Shelton, Starr, Ward, Wort

**Action** 10.4 **Consideration and approval of non-certified volunteers**

**Motion: Approve HS baseball volunteers: Dave Jones and Edwin Rodriguez.**

Motion: Howard

Second: Ward

Ayes: 6-0

**Action** 10.5 **Consideration and approval of setting special meeting dates for the purpose of Superintendent interviews.**

**Motion: Approve special meeting dates for purposes of Superintendent interviews on January 23, 2019 and January 25, 2019 and decision on football.**

Motion: Howard

Second: Kern

Ayes: 6-0

**Action** 10.6 **Consideration to move April Board Meeting from April 17 to April 24.**

**Motion: Approve moving April Board Meeting date to April 24.**

Motion: Kern

Second: Wort

Ayes: 6-0

**Return to executive session at 9:25 p.m.**

**President Ward declared the meeting open at 10:35 p.m.**

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

Motion: Kern

Second: Howard

Ayes: 6-0

**Action 11. Adjournment**

**Motion: Adjourn at 10:36 p.m.**

Motion: Ward

Second: Shelton

Ayes: 6-0


Next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for—

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Pawnee School Cafeteria

6:00 p.m.—executive session

7:00 p.m. - regular session



President



Secretary

February 20, 2019

## SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

### SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

**Good News-** Congratulations to our students. Walking the halls and interacting with our students reminds me that we have great kids! That is a tribute to our parents and to our community.  
THANK YOU PAWNEE!

Superintendent Report:

#### 1. FOIA Request-

\* **SmartProcure-** Requesting Vendor information- Response sent February 5.

SmartProcure is submitting a commercial FOIA request to the Pawnee Community Unit School District 11 for any and all purchasing records from 2018-11-02 to current. The request is limited to readily available records without physically copying, scanning or printing paper documents. Any editable electronic document is acceptable.

The specific information requested from your record keeping system is:

1. Purchase order number. If purchase orders are not used a comparable substitute is acceptable, i.e., invoice, encumbrance, or check number
2. Purchase date
3. Line item details (Detailed description of the purchase)
4. Line item quantity
5. Line item price
6. Vendor ID number, name, address, contact person and their email address

**2. Abe Lincoln Division Meeting-** March 5 in Farmer City. I cannot attend that day. If there is anyone interested in attending, let me know and I will sign you up.

#### 3. Legislation-

##### MINIMUM WAGE

**SB 1 (Lightford, D-Maywood)** would increase the minimum wage to \$15 per hour by 2025. The increase would be incremental: \$9.25 per hour beginning January 1, 2020-June 30, 2020; \$10 per hour from July 1, 2020-December 31, 2020; then an additional \$1 per hour beginning each January 1<sup>st</sup> until it reaches \$15 per hour.

#### 4. Governor Pritzker's Education Transition Report-

**Theme 1: Align priorities across systems:** Near-term action for the state - Create a multi-agency, cradle-to-career vision and strategic plan for advancing student and whole person success

**Theme 2: Ensure equitable and adequate funding:** Review, reform, and expand funding for birth-to-five programming and services to increase access and promote equity for children and families.

**Theme 3: Strengthen the pipeline of teachers and child serving professionals:** Strengthen and diversify the early childhood workforce by improving compensation and reducing obstacles to entering the field.

**Theme 4: Ensure that education meets the needs of all learners:** Evaluate and support the comprehensive needs of children starting at birth.



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**February 2019**

### **Junior High/High School Principal's Report**

**Current Enrollment: High School-183 (189) Junior High-85(95) Total:268 (284)**

7<sup>th</sup>- 46() 8<sup>th</sup>-39(46) 9<sup>th</sup>-49(49) 10<sup>th</sup>-53(54) 11<sup>th</sup>-44(49) 12<sup>th</sup>-37(42)

**Suspensions: 1**

- DS

### **Good News:**

- January High School Student of the Month; Avery Kern - exemplary class leadership. She's always a great model for her peers. She is the daughter of Steve and Candice Kern.
- January Junior High Students of the Month; Justin Skinner, son of Dave and Sonja Skinner, 7<sup>th</sup> grade Nick Rice son of Jim and Theresa Rice.

### **Personnel:**

- For hire
  - Junior High Track Coach
  - Baseball Volunteer
  - Junior High Assistant Track Coach
- Open Jobs
  - Industrial Tech
  - AD
  - High School Track Assistant

### **Guidance Office Report:**

- CACC/LLCC-College Now Presentation - Wednesday, January 23, 2019
  - 17 families attended with 37 total people in attendance. (3 freshman students, 10 sophomores, and 4 juniors)
  - 4 people have officially signed up for CACC (1 will drop if Pawnee doesn't cover tuition)
  - 6 students verbally told me they want LLCC/College Now or Online Classes next year.
- Parent Orientation for Junior High and High School was Wednesday, February 6th.
  - 32 families attended the Junior High Session
  - 23 families attended the High School Session
- Class Registration has begun for Freshmen, the other grades will begin at the end of the month.
- Finding and Applying for Scholarships Workshop for parents/students was Monday, February 11th, at 6:00. 4 Parents were in attendance.
- College 101 geared for Sophomore/Junior Students/Parents is Wednesday, February 27th at 6:00 in Room #30.
- Blood Drive, sponsored by SADD, is Tuesday, February 26th from 11:00-6:00.
- Career Day Field Trip at LLCC for Sophomores is March 12, 2019.
- LLCC Prep Day for current Seniors planning to attend LLCC is scheduled for March 21, 2019. More information to come.

- State Assessment Testing will be Tuesday, April 9th, for Freshman-Juniors. The 7th and 8th grade students will be taking the Illinois Assessment of Readiness test beginning April 8th.

**Academics:**

- Grant update

**Activities:**

- Recommendation to go to 8 man football
- Information on 6<sup>th</sup> grade athletics

**Other:**

**Pawnee Grade School  
Board Report: February 15, 2019**

<b>Pawnee Grade School Enrollment</b>									
<b>PreK (PFA)</b>	<b>PreK (PEG)</b>	<b>PreK (fee)</b>	<b>Kdg</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>
31	17	5	39	33	53	52	39	39	45
<b>Sections:</b>			2	2	3	3	2	2	3
Numbers shown were updated on February 14.									

**Good News:**

- Congratulations to our school-wide spelling bee winner and runner-up. Fifth grader Mae McTaggart won and fifth grader Hayden Masters got second place.
- More than 92% of our students who are assessed according to Fountas & Pinnell / DRA showed growth on their midyear benchmark assessments in reading!
- Our reading celebration for grades 3-6 took place on January 25. They went bowling for their reward. Students in grades K-6 who met the established requirements were able to participate. K-2 students will have their celebration on March 5.

**Administrative Report:**

- I have looked into our reading RtI program and believe there is a need for another reading interventionist.
- Our IAR state testing is scheduled for the week of April 1-5.
- January monthly assembly:
  - Students were recognized for the monthly character trait (courage), attendance, A team, honor roll, and improvement roll.
- Professional development Feb. 15:
  - Our K-3 teachers will watch Fountas & Pinnell webinars about the use of different aspects of our new reading curriculum.
  - Several teachers will complete CPR training
  - Math teachers will collaborate about our curriculum maps and look for gaps
  - Four reading teachers will watch a Smekens Education training on helping students score better on reading assessments
- Curriculum update:
  - Mrs. Sitze will again implement the Dave Ramsey curriculum Foundations in Personal Finance with the 6<sup>th</sup> grade during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.