

Board of Education
Pawnee Community Unit School District #11
Wednesday, March 16, 2022
6:00 p.m. – Closed Session, Unit Office
7:00 p.m. – Regular Session, Cafeteria

Action 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Ward called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Members present: Clarke, Kern, McTaggart, Megginson, Morell, Ward, Wort

Members absent:

Administrators Present: Hennemann, Kratochvil

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/ILCS120/2(C)1,2,9, and 11*.

Motion: Go into executive session for the stated purpose.

Motion: Megginson

Second: Kern

Ayes: Clarke, Kern, McTaggart, Megginson, Morell, Ward, Wort

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

Members present: Clarke, Kern, McTaggart, Megginson, Morell, Ward, Wort

Members absent:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-please stand if able

Action 3. Communications

Thank You cards were received from Debbie Agans, Laketown Animal Hospital and Cindy Rabideau.

Info 4. Good News

Hennemann reported: February Students of the Month are 7th grader Lane Megginson and 8th grader Reagan Clarke. Bre Reese was the 5th grade County Spelling Bee Champion. Lilly Skogsberg was the 6th grade County Spelling Bee 2nd place finisher. The 6th Grade Boys' Basketball team won the Pawnee 6th Grade Tournament championship for the first time since 1982. Jr. Beta winners are Mae McTaggart, Logan Skinner and Kyrstin Milner.

Kratochvil reported: The February Student of the Month is Emilee Richeson. Congratulations to the Illinois State Scholars, Alex Morell, Kyle Neuber and Elizabeth Rollins. Congratulations to the new NHS inductees. Congratulations to Jordan Watts. She was named most outstanding woodwind in the honor band concert. Congratulations to Tyler Godfrey. He was the CACC Student of the Month.

Info 5. PTO and Student Council updates

Kyle Neuber reported that for Student Council. Winter Carnival was held on March 5th. They are still planning to have a Bingo/Trivia Night in the near future.

Info **6. Feasibility Study Presentation – John Whitlock – BLDD**

Action **7. Approval of Minutes**

Action 7.1 Approve regular board meeting minutes of February 16, 2022

Motion: Approve the regular board meeting minutes of February 16, 2022.

Motion: Kern

Second: Wort

Ayes: Wort, Ward, Morell, Megginson, McTaggart, Kern, Clarke

Action **8. Approval of Financial Reports and Expenditures**

Action 8.1 Consideration and approval of financial reports and expenditures

Motion: Approve the financial reports and expenditures of \$99,092.00 and addendum bills of \$13,739.13.

Motion: Clarke

Second: Megginson

Ayes: Clarke, Kern, McTaggart, Megginson, Morell, Wort, Ward

Info **9. Recognition of Visitors**

None.

Info **10. Administrative Reports**

Reports herein attached.

Hennemann reported for Steffen: JH/HS Track has started. There are 18 kids in JH Track and 33 kids in HS Track. Congratulations to the 6th Grade Boys' Basketball Team on winning the 50th Annual 6th Grade Basketball Tournament. HS Boys' and Girls' Basketball seasons have ended. HS Baseball and Softball has started.

Hennemann reported: Teacher evaluations are complete. The February end-of-the-month assembly was on February 28th. State IAR testing for the grade school will be April 5-7. State IAR testing for junior high will be March 17, 18 and 22. Arts Night Open House & Book Fair will be April 7th. Kindergarten pre-registration will be March 18th from 1:00-3:00. Pre-K screening will be held on May 24-25.

Principal Kratochvil reported: Local scholarships are available in Mrs. Hyde's office and also on her Google Classroom. The Pawnee Education Foundation has added more scholarships and extended their due date to April 1st at 3:15 p.m. LLCC Prep Day is scheduled for April 22nd. Mrs. Hyde will meet with Freshman – Juniors on Monday, March 28th to schedule next year's classes. April 13th is the State Assessment for Freshman – Juniors.

Superintendent Kratochvil reported: I attended the SASSED board meeting. I also attended the School Masters meeting. I have met with several committees and the administrator team. I have met with several contractors regarding moving forward on building projects including the 1% Sales Tax projects.

Info **11. Old Business**

Action 11.1 Consideration and approval of 2022-2023 school calendar

Motion: Approve the 2022-2023 school calendar as presented.

Motion: Megginson

Second: Wort

Ayes: Wort, Ward, Morell, Megginson, McTaggart, Kern, Clarke

Action 11.2 Consideration and approval of grade school/junior high principal evaluation

Motion: Accept the evaluation of grade school/junior high principal Chris Hennemann.

Motion: Megginson

Second: Kern

Ayes: Wort, Ward, Morell, Megginson, McTaggart, Kern, Clarke

Info 11.3 Discussion of superintendent/principal evaluation

Info 11.4 Discussion of e-learning day

Info 11.5 Discussion of building projects

Info 12. **New Business**

Action 12.1 Consideration and approval of resignation of cafeteria employee

Motion: Accept the resignation of Christina Howard as cafeteria employee.

Motion: Kern

Second: Megginson

Ayes: Wort, Ward, Morell, Megginson, McTaggart, Kern, Clarke

Action 12.2 Consideration and approval of resignation of junior high head track coach

Motion: Accept the resignation of Christina Howard as junior high head track coach.

Motion: Clarke

Second: Morell

Ayes: Clarke, Kern, McTaggart, Megginson, Morell, Ward, Wort

Action 12.3 Consideration and approval of resignation of 8th grade junior high boys' basketball coach

Motion: Accept the resignation of Joe Morell as 8th grade junior high boys' basketball coach.

Motion: McTaggart

Second: Ward

Ayes: Wort, Ward, Megginson, McTaggart, Kern

Abstain: Morell

Nay: Clarke

Action 12.4 Consideration and approval of resignation of paraprofessional

Motion: Accept the resignation of Nyla Cooper as paraprofessional.

Motion: Megginson

Second: Wort

Ayes: Clarke, Kern, McTaggart, Morell, Wort, Ward, Megginson

Action 12.5 Consideration and approval of dismissal for failure to meet the job qualifications of school bus driver

Motion: Approve the dismissal of Harry Scheller for failure to meet the job qualifications of school bus driver.

Motion: Kern

Second: McTaggart

Ayes: Wort, Ward, Morell, Megginson, McTaggart, Kern, Clarke

The Board of Education and Pawnee CUSD #11 would like to Thank Mr. Scheller for his many years of service to the District. We appreciate his dedication and commitment to the District. He has done a great job and he will be missed.

Action 12.6 Consideration and approval of resignation of high school girls' assistant basketball coach

Motion: Accept the resignation of Becky Galloway as high school girls' assistant basketball coach.

Motion: Wort

Second: Clarke

Ayes: Wort, Ward, Morell, Megginson, McTaggart, Kern, Clarke

Action 12.7 Consideration and approval of resignation of 8th grade girls' basketball coach

Motion: Accept the resignation of Becky Galloway as 8th grade girls' basketball coach.

Motion: Kern

Second: Clarke

Ayes: Wort, Ward, Morell, Megginson, McTaggart, Kern, Clarke

Action 12.8 Consideration and approval of full-time custodian/bus driver

Motion: Approve hiring Brian Nichols as full-time custodian/bus driver pending background check and successfully passing all state testing and regulations.

Motion: Ward

Second: Kern

Ayes: Wort, Ward, Morell, Megginson, McTaggart, Kern, Clarke

Action 12.9 Consideration and approval of Math RTI teacher

Motion: Approve hiring Michele Lowry as Math RTI teacher.

Motion: Megginson

Second: Wort

Ayes: Wort, Ward, Morell, Megginson, McTaggart, Kern, Clarke

Action 12.10 Consideration and approval of junior high head track coach

Motion: Approve hiring Kedra Brown as junior high head track coach.

Motion: McTaggart

Second: Clarke

Ayes: Wort, Ward, Morell, Megginson, McTaggart, Kern, Clarke

Action 12.11 Consideration and approval of certified teacher evaluations

Motion: Approve the certified teacher evaluations as presented.

Motion: Ward

Second: McTaggart

Ayes: Wort, Ward, Morell, Megginson, McTaggart, Kern, Clarke

Action 12.12 Consideration and approval of certified teacher tenure

Motion: Approve the tenure for: Stephanie Baker, Courtney Schrage, Anna Barham, Angie Hyde, Ellen Bilyeu, Hunter Hamilton, Heather Edwards and Alicia Butler.

Motion: Megginson

Second: Clarke

Ayes: Wort, Ward, Morell, Megginson, McTaggart, Kern, Clarke

Action 12.13 Consideration and approval of feasibility study

Motion: Approve hiring BLDD in order to conduct a feasibility study of Pawnee CUSD #11 not to exceed \$30,000.

Motion: Wort

Second: McTaggart

Ayes: Wort, Ward, Morell, Megginson, McTaggart, Kern, Clarke

Action 12.14 Consideration and approval of fencing project

Motion: Accept the low bid of \$20,521 from Goodman Fence for the fencing of the parking lot, baseball and softball fields.

Motion: Kern

Second: Ward

Ayes: Wort, Ward, Morell, Megginson, McTaggart, Kern, Clarke

Action 12.15 Consideration and approval of fertilizer program

Motion: Accept the low bid of \$2,376 from TruGreen commercial for the fertilization of the football, baseball and softball fields.

Motion: Morell

Second: Clarke

Ayes: Wort, Ward, Morell, Megginson, McTaggart, Kern, Clarke

Action 12.16 Consideration and approval of cafeteria sound system

Motion: Accept the bid of \$12,075 from Senergy Managed Services for the purchase of a sound system for the cafeteria following confirmation of the clarity of the system.

Motion: Ward

Second: Wort

Ayes: Wort, Ward, Morell, Megginson, McTaggart, Kern, Clarke

Action 12.17 Consideration and approval of copy machine lease renewal from Watts Copy Systems

Motion: Approve renewing the copy machine lease with Watts Copy Systems in the amount of \$1,217.58 per month at a yearly cost of \$14,610.96.

Motion: Megginson

Second: Kern

Ayes: Wort, Ward, Morell, Megginson, McTaggart, Kern, Clarke

Return to Executive Session at 8:57 p.m.

President Ward declared the meeting open at 10:47 p.m.

Motion: Seal the minutes of Executive Session.

Motion: Morell

Second: McTaggart

Ayes: Wort, Kern, Morell, Megginson, McTaggart, Ward, Clarke

Action 13. Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn the meeting at 10:48 p.m.

Motion: McTaggart

Second: Morell

Ayes: McTaggart, Wort, Morell, Clarke, Kern, Ward, Megginson

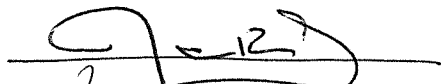
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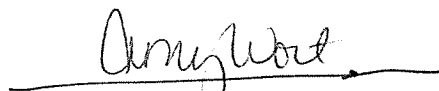
Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Pawnee School Cafeteria

6:00 p.m.—executive session

7:00 p.m. - regular session


President


Secretary

Board Report 4/20

HS Softball – Senior night planned for 5/6.

HS Baseball – 7-1 and have been getting recognition in some State Rankings polls. Senior night planned for tonight but will be moved if weather isn't cooperating.

Both teams have dealt with many cancellations and reschedules.

JH Track – Pawnee hosted the Pawnee Relays after being rescheduled. We had many compliments for hosting.

HS Track – has participated in multiple invites and meets. We will be hosting the Sangamon County Track meet May 6th.

I've been in contact with coaches to start planning summer camps for their teams

We've been attempting to add JV football games to the schedule next fall and have been able to schedule 2 so far. Most schools aren't committing until they have a better idea of numbers.

**Pawnee Grade School
Board Report: April 20, 2022**

Pawnee Grade School Enrollment									
PreK (PFA – ½ day)		PreK (fee)	Kdg	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
31		19	43	29	40	42	28	50	49
Sections:			3	2	2	2	2	3	2
Numbers shown are updated as of April 14, 2022									

Good News:

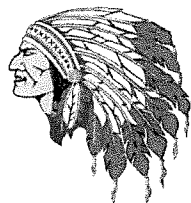
- JH students of the month for March: 7th grade Cole Wangen and 8th grade Cole Leeser
- We held Kindergarten Pre-Registration on March 23-24. We have 27 pre-registered for the kindergarten class so far. We have reached out to daycares in town and are continuing to get more students pre-registered.

Administrative Report:

- IAR state testing for the grade school and junior high has been completed.
- We have set Pre-K screening for May 24 and 25.
- Handbook change suggestions.

Personnel:

- I recommend Hannah Levin for the computer teacher position.
- I recommend Olivia Dennison for the 5th grade ELA teacher position.
- I recommend Carrie Seiler as ½ of the speech contest sponsor.
- I recommend Jessica Kincaid as ½ of the speech contest sponsor.



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Superintendent//H. S. Principal's Report

April 2022

Current Enrollment: High School-151(159)-8 Junior High-78(90)-12 Total:229(261)
7th-36 () 8th-42(45) 9th-40(45) 10th-39(40) 11th-34(38) 12th-38(37)

Discipline:

- None

Good News:

- The March High School Student of the Month is Claire Oliver.
- Alex Morell is our IPA Student Leadership winner.
- We received the 2021 Gold Star Award from the Sangamon County Department of Health for our food facilities that demonstrate a commitment to food safety by maintaining low demerits on their inspections. Congratulations to Kedra Brown and the cafeteria staff!!

Academic Counselor's Office Report:

- LLCC Regular Prep Day is scheduled for April 22nd. This is a day that LLCC has reserved for Pawnee seniors to get registered and complete required orientation for classes starting after graduation.
- Testing at the junior high and high school is almost completed. The final test is the Illinois Science Assessment for the juniors on Monday, April 25th.

Superintendent/Principal

- Monthly Update
 - Attended the SASSED board meeting.
 - Attended the School Masters Meeting.
 - Attended the IASA meeting.
 - Met with the administrator team.
 - Met and finished on April 19th at school board policy manual. First reading next month.
 - Met with Mike O'Shea of O'Shea builders in regards to school projects.
 - Met with Tom of Cell Electric.
 - Met with Mark of Easterday plumbing.
 - Spoke to the PARA's in regards to RIF.
 - Worked on ESSER III grant.
 - Meeting with Union this week.
 - April 28-May 3 Senior Trip
 - May 4 Digital Security Assembly Grades 3-12
 - May 9 Spring Concerts 6:00 and 7:00.
 - May 11 Last day for seniors Senior Finals May 12 and May 13.
 - May 15 Baccalaureate and senior parade. Graduation May 20 and 8th grade promotion is May 26.
- Project and Materials Update
 - Bleachers will be on site May 12th.
 - BLDD was on site for the feasibility study. Next step is team meetings.
 - Visioning/Education Specifications - you can call this "How you want your facility to function."

- Typical Owner attendees = Superintendent, Principals, Curriculum Director
 - Other attendees you may want to include = Key Faculty, Special Ed. Director, Athletic Director
- Functional Performance (previously called Educational Adequacy) - review of existing building's ability to provide a 21st Century Learning Environment.
 - Typical Owner attendees = Superintendent, Principals, Key Faculty
- Parking Lot update. Waiting on SAM.gov number and asphalt plants to open.
- Fiber installation tomorrow.
- Fencing on Goodman Fence's work schedule.
- Windows still on track for this summer
- Maintenance Grant Bid opening is Thursday, May 5 at 2:00pm.
- Next Year 1% Sales Tax Projects
 - Paint Goal Posts/A building-\$6,200-Cinric Painting
 - Cafeteria Freezer \$40,000
 - A building gutters and Fascia repair-\$10,00-\$20,00
 - Boys and Girls Locker room remodel-\$25,000
 - Upgraded security system-\$251,700 or \$4,195 per month for 60 months.
 - Intercom System- \$30,000
 - Football Play clocks-\$5,154-Nevco
 - Split AC for baseball/softball concessions-\$1,500
 - Football Sprinkler System-\$16,800-Sprinklawn
 - New Football Press box \$50,000-\$100,000
 - Interior Doors
 - Gutters
 - Asbestos mitigation
 - Roof fixes
 - Bleacher hand rails
 - Panel Projects
 - Gym Fans
 - New Rugs
- Other
 - Junior High Boiler Issues
 - pump out
 - flame failure code
 - Issue on Bus 5 leaf springs
 - Science Position
 - Summer Help 5 applications
 - Cafeteria Worker 6 applications
 - Junior High/High School Principal 4 applications

Personnel:

- Open Positions
 - High School Business
 - Junior High/High School FACS
 - Junior High/High School Art
 - 6th grade Girls Basketball
 - High School Assistant Track
 - Junior High Head Softball Coach
 - Junior High Assistant Softball Coach

Home of the Indians

- High School Girls Assistant Coach
- 8th grade Girls Basketball Coach
- Paraprofessionals
- Sub Custodians
- Sub Bus Drivers