

**Board of Education
Pawnee Community Unit School District #11
Wednesday, December 21, 2023
6:00 p.m. – Closed Session, Unit Office
7:00 p.m. – Regular Session - Cafeteria**

Action 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Members present: Boblitt, Clarke, Guess, McTaggart, Megginson, Morell

Members absent: Ward

Administrators Present: Burton, Hennemann, Goodall and Recording Secretary 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 5ILCS120/2(C)1,2,9, and 11.

Motion: Go into executive session for the stated purpose.

Motion: Megginson

Second: Boblitt

Ayes: 6-0

Ward arrived at 6:19 p.m.

President Ward declared the meeting open at 7:44 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-please stand if able

Info 3. Tax Cap Hearing

Info 3.1 Comments from the public

Info 3.2 Information regarding the 2023 tax levy

Action 3.3 Adjournment of levy discussion

Motion: Approve the 2023 tax levy as presented.

Motion: Ward

Second: Guess

Ayes: 7-0

Info 4. Communications

Thank you card received from the family of Larry Boblitt.

Info 5. Good News Reports

Hogan reported: None.

Hennemann reported: The GS collected 918 items for the Pawnee Food Pantry. The Holiday Concerts took place on December 11th & 12th. Both went very well and were well attended.

Goodall reported: Student of the Month for JH: 7th grader, Ellison Garee and 8th grader, Jack Frantz. Student of the Month for HS: Kaycie Berry. The Pre-K is receiving a \$2,500 donation from Katarina Shelton through Scheel's. She had the option to pick an organization to make the donation to, and Ms. Shelton chose the Pawnee Pre-K program.

Burton reported: None.

Info 6. PTO and Student Council updates

No report from PTO.

Zachary Waldeck reported for the Student Council. The Locker Wrap fundraiser was a success. The Winter Carnival Dance will be held on January 20th and the theme is Candy Land.

Info 7. Recognition of Visitors

None.

Info 8. Approval of Minutes

8.1 Approve regular board meeting minutes and closed session minutes of November 15, 2023

Motion: Approve the amended regular board meeting minutes and amended closed session minutes of November 15, 2023.

Motion: Ward

Second: Morrel

Ayes: Boblitt, Clarke, Guess, McTaggart, Megginson, Morell, Ward

Info 9. Approval of Financial Reports and Expenditures

Action 9.1 Consideration and approval of financial reports and expenditures

Motion: Approve the financial reports and expenditures of \$146,480.95 and addendum bills in the amount of \$18,253.74.

Motion: McTaggart

Second: Morell

Ayes: Ward, Guess, McTaggart, Megginson, Clarke, Morell, Boblitt

Info 10. Administrative Reports

Reports herein attached.

SRO Reynolds reported: The camera system has been working quite well. There are still some networking issues, but Senergy is working on that. After working with the Administration, Officer Reynolds has finalized the alarm response procedures and the signed documentation has been given to Senergy. Officer Reynolds continues to oversee the key fob distribution. Officer Reynolds collaborated with Mrs. Goodall and the Attorney General's Office to organize a digital safety presentation for the JH and HS students. That presentation will take place on February 27th. Officer Reynolds maintains a consistent presence at the Boys' Varsity Basketball games. Officer Reynolds is consistent with his daily duties, such as, walking the exterior of the building, engaging positively with students and Administration, and overseeing the crosswalk on 4th Street to ensure the safety of our students.

Hogan reported: All Football equipment has been turned in. The Football & Cheerleading banquet was held on November 29th. The HS Volleyball banquet was held on December 7th. JH Boys' Basketball County Tournament starts December 27th. 6th graders started practice on December 13th. JH Girls' Basketball had an Awards Pizza Party on December 14th. HS Girls' Basketball has the Riverton Holiday Tournament on December 21 – 28. HS Boys' Basketball has the Waverly Tournament starting on December 26th. Mrs. Hogan received an email from an official that stated how impressed he was with the attitudes and performance of Boys' Basketball team. He found them to be very entertaining. JH Volleyball started practice on November 27th. They have (7) 6th graders, (11) 7th graders and (18) 8th graders. HS Baseball may have an opportunity to play at Busch Stadium this Spring. The tentative date is April 12th at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Hogan addressed the Board about possibly adding Morrisonville to our HS Track co-op with Lincolnwood. The deadline for this is February 1st. The new A Building lockers were installed on November 29th. Scott Day and Steve Condon removed the old lockers and will work on creating bases for some of the new lockers that overhang a bit on the

current bases. Ed Clark is going to start charging a service fee on photographs. He will be charging \$15.00 per 8x10 print. Mrs. Hogan asked the Board for permission to explore other options for sports photographs. Winter Carnival Dance will be January 20th. The Pep Assembly will be held on January 19th.

Hennemann reported: Pre-K snack compliance visit was December 7th. The K-6th grade teachers will have professional development training regarding IEP's and 504 plans on January 3rd. Leanne Gehrs will address the Board about Winter reading and math benchmark data. Formal evaluation observations are ongoing.

Goodall reported: There may be a new Business and Technology Concepts course introduced in second semester. This class will cover business ownership, finance, marketing and management. This course will depend on student enrollment numbers. 2nd round of teacher evaluations has begun. Mrs. Goodall has secured the following items through ROCTE: "The Empathy Belly: Pregnancy Simulator" and a document camera for the FACS department. Also hot plate stirrers for the Agriculture and lab sciences. The Sophomore class had a field trip to CACC on November 17th. FASFA opens on December 31st. Mrs. Hyde has communicated this date to parents and provided our ISAC contact information to them as well. The HS Interact group partnered with the Pawnee Lion's Club for a Christmas food drive to fill food baskets for the Pawnee community. The class with the most donations will receive a pizza party and a movie sponsored by the Lion's Club. SADD will be sponsoring a blood drive on March 15th from 8:00-1:00. The Bloodmobile will be parked behind the HS gym. Junior Beta Club had a 50/50 drawing during the JH Boys' Basketball game on December 4th. All the proceeds were donated to the Pawnee Angel Tree. The winner also donated the winnings back for a total of \$280.00 donated.

Info 11. Old Business

None.

Info 12. New Business

Action 12.1 Consideration and approval of resignation of certified staff

Motion: Accept the resignation of Carter Duffer as Band Director at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion: Megginson

Second: Guess

Ayes: Boblitt, Clarke, Guess, McTaggart, Megginson, Morell, Ward

Action 12.2 Consideration and approval of resignation(s) of non-certified staff

Motion: Accept the resignations of Theresa Bostic and Shelby Skiles as paraprofessionals.

Motion: McTaggart

Second: Ward

Ayes: Clarke, Guess, McTaggart, Megginson, Morell, Ward, Boblitt

Action 12.3 Consideration and approval of resignation of extra-curricular staff

Motion: Accept the resignation of Todd Richeson as paid HS Assistant Track coach.

Motion: Ward

Second: Guess

Ayes: Boblitt, Clarke, Guess, McTaggart, Megginson, Ward, Morell

Action 12.4 Consideration and approval to hire paraprofessional(s)

Motion: Approve hiring Allison Wilson, Kaydence Lehman and Bethany Littlejohn as paraprofessionals.

Motion: McTaggart

Second: Ward

Ayes: Guess, McTaggart, Megginson, Morell, Ward, Boblitt, Clarke

Action 12.5 Consideration and approval to hire 6th grade volleyball coach

Motion: Approve hiring Lexi Wilson as 6th grade volleyball coach.

Motion: Ward

Second: Boblitt

Ayes: Boblitt, Ward, Morell, Megginson, McTaggart, Guess, Clarke

Action 12.6 Consideration and approval to hire volunteer HS Girls' Basketball coaches

Motion: Approve hiring Jennifer Palumbo and Nicole Raman as volunteer HS Girls' Basketball coaches.

Motion: Guess

Second: Megginson

Ayes: Boblitt, Clarke, Guess, McTaggart, Megginson, Morell, Ward

Action 12.7 Consideration and approval to hire volunteer HS Assistant Track coach

Motion: Approve hiring Todd Richeson as volunteer HS Assistant Track coach.

Motion: Ward

Second: Megginson

Ayes: Ward, Guess, Morell, Boblitt, Megginson, Clarke, McTaggart

Action 12.8 Consideration and approval to hire Assistant Play Director

Motion: Approve hiring Lindsey Scherff as Assistant Play Director.

Motion: Morell

Second: Guess

Ayes: Guess, Ward, Clarke, Morell, Clarke, Megginson, Boblitt

Info 13. Board Reaction to Board Convention

Info 14. Chiller Discussion

Info 15. CACC Discussion

Info 16. PRESS updates

Return to Executive Session at 9:27 p.m.

Motion: Seal the minutes of Executive Session.

Motion: Ward

Second: Boblitt

Ayes: 7-0

Action 12. Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Motion: Ward

Second: Morell

Ayes: 7-0


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

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Pawnee School Cafeteria

6:00 p.m.—executive session

7:00 p.m. - regular session


President


Secretary

PAWNEE CUSD #11 BOARD SRO REPORT
SRO COREY REYNOLDS #711
DATE: 01/17/2024

To the Pawnee CUSD #11 Board Members,

I want to update you on my recent work at our school as the School Resource Officer. I have more to share with you this go around. My focus has been on ensuring everything runs smoothly and safely for everyone at the Pawnee School District.

Armed Intruder/Active Shooter Plan

- On January 3rd, during our School Improvement Day, Principal Goodall and I talked and went over about the school's emergency operation plan for handling an armed intruder or active shooter situation. We went over important parts of the plan and safety steps our faculty should follow in an emergency.
- I also encouraged teachers to educate themselves and try to imagine being in that situation to be prepared because our students depend on us.
- I also encouraged teachers who are trained in ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) to share with the new staff and teachers their knowledge of it. I am looking into classes to be certified in ALICE training and be able to train our faculty.
- Chief Harris and I also visited most classrooms to answer any extra questions/concerns from teachers and staff.

Emergency Operations Folder

- At Principal Goodall's request, I put together a special folder of emergency information for our partner, PAG.
- We wanted to make sure PAG had information to review to be informed on what the school district's strategy is.

School PA System

- Worked with Senergy to get the PA system working in the Varsity gym for morning announcements/alerts from both school offices. This was also a concern that was brought to our attention during the School Improvement Day.
- We managed to have both school offices announcements reach Mrs. Cooper's room, in which she helps both elementary and junior/high school students.

- I'm also trying to get the PA system working in other areas like the PT/OT room, Mrs. Bell's old art room.

Security System

- We've been dealing with some alarm issues conflicting with Central Illinois Security and Senergy, but these are being sorted out. This is how I found out the intruder monitoring with Central Illinois Security was still active.
- We still have a current intruder monitoring from Central Illinois Security. I called and verified, and they gave me instructions on how to cancel it. I had Mr. Burton sign the letter that I had to draft.
- I've started the process to cancel this system, which will take effect 60 days from January 10th, 2024, the system will be cancelled on March 10th, 2024. Per the contract the school district has, they need a 60-day notice before cancelation.
- The school district will continue to maintain the fire monitoring from Central Illinois Security.

Ongoing Responsibilities

In addition to these specific tasks, my daily duties continue to include:

- Campus Patrols: Regularly walking the hallways and monitoring the exterior of the school building.
 - Student Interaction: Engaging positively with students and assisting school administrators with any issues or tasks.
 - Incident Management: Handling incidents that require police involvement, such as traffic accidents in our parking lots, medical calls, alarm investigations, etc.
 - Traffic and Safety Supervision: Overseeing traffic on 4th Street and ensuring student safety, having a presence in the back and north side of the school by making sure our buses are able to leave at the end of the day.
- I'm always looking for ways to better meet the needs of our school and keep everyone safe.

Sincerely,
Officer Corey Reynolds

Board Meeting Notes - AD:January 17, 2023

JH Boys Basketball:

- 8th grade County Tournament
 - 3rd Place Finish
- 8th grade Mt Olive Tournament
 - 1st place finish
 - 2 on all-tournament team
 - 1 athlete won the free throw contest

HS Girls Basketball:

- Riverton Holiday Tournament
 - 1 athlete named to the all-tournament team
- Sangamon County Tournament
 - Week of 1/15/24 - Hosted by Riverton

HS Cheerleading

- Waverly Holiday Tournament
 - Placed 3rd in the cheerleading competition

HS Boys Basketball:

- Sangamon County Tournament
 - Will play in the 3rd Place game on Friday, 1/12/24
 - Tim Kratochvil will be honored with the Friend of the County Award on Friday, 1/12/24

JH Volleyball:

- Games started the week of 1/8/24

HS Baseball:

- Busch Stadium Game
 - 4/12/24 @ 6:00pm

HS Track:

- Vote for board approval prior to submitting paperwork to IHSA - Lincolnwood doing the same

IF8A - 8 Man Football

- Schedule will be released 1/12/24
- Meeting 1/29/24 at IHSA headquarters in Bloomington
- IF8A dues - \$150 renewal

Winter Carnival:

- Pep Assembly will be Friday, January 19th @ 9:00am in the varsity gym
- January 20th will be Winter Carnival Dance

**Pawnee Grade School
Board Report: January 17, 2024**

Pawnee Grade School Enrollment									
PreK (PFA – ½ day)		PreK (fee)	Kdg	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
54		0	42	45	37	26	37	40	31
Sections:			3	3	2	2	2	3	2
Numbers shown are updated as of January 11.									

Good News:

- Scheels donated \$2,500.00 to our Pre-K program.

Personnel:

- Resignation of Heath Caufield as paraprofessional.
- Recommend Kim Bechtel as a paraprofessional.
- Baseball volunteer coach recommendations – Brandon Hott, Dave Jones. Joe Morell, Cale Hennemann, and Tom Garvin.
- Softball volunteer coach recommendation – Allie Dyer
- I would like to discuss the Reading MTSS and Math MTSS positions.

Athletics Report:

- Recommend Co-op with Lincolnwood/Morrisonville for high school track

Administrative Report:

- Discipline to report –
- Report cards for 2nd quarter were available via TeacherEase on Tuesday, January 9.
- Reading Night and Arts Night Open House will take place on Thursday, April 11.
- I would like permission to begin planning for our summer schools - the 2 weeks after the finish of our school year and the usual 2 week summer school Title-funded reading program we do in early August.
- Evaluations:
 - Evaluations are ongoing



**Pawnee CUSD 11
JH/HS Principal Report
January 2024**

"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically.

Intelligence plus character- that is the goal of true education. "

- Dr. MLK.

Good News Report:

- **Positive Behavior Log Winners:** Jan. will be announced later in the month
- **CACC Student of the Month:**
 - **Nursing:** Aubree Urbanckas
 - **HVAC:** Ben Dozier
- **Student of the Month:**
 - **JH:** (Jan.) (7th grade) & (8th grade) announced at a later in the month
 - **HS:** (Dec.). Kayla Megginson , see attached
- **High Honor Roll/Honor Roll:**
 - Semester 1 HS High Honor Roll:**
Total: 64 Students
 - Semester 1 HS Honor Roll:**
Total: 52 Students
 - Quarter 2 JH HIGH Honor Roll:**
8th Grade: 16 Students
7th Grade: 9 Students
 - Quarter 2 JH Honor Roll:**
8th Grade: 30 Students
7th Grade: 29 Students

Living a Mission and Vision Focused on Results:

- 1st Semester Academic Celebration- THIS IS HUGE!: Our team is celebrating the large reduction of failed credit attempts for the first semester for the HS and increased grades in JH!
Data table: *Please note, Teacherease does not account for the same data for the JH as the HS, but similar trends have been occurring! For example, we had more students qualify for Jr. Beta. Additionally, more students qualified for High Honor Roll and honor roll!

	Number of HS Students with Failed Attempts of Sem. Credit Classes	Number of Classes
2023-24	6	8
2022-23	15	25
2021-22	18	41
2020-2021	32	130

Many factors contributed to this success: excellent DAILY instruction, clear and continued communication with students and guardians on those parent contact

days for students who were not making the mark, instructor perseverance in individual guidance, adherence and efforts within our MTSS homeroom program, and even additional practice within our newly established IXL math/ELA software addressing learning gaps.

Leading and Managing Systems Change:

- Modernizing/Updating our JH/HS Report Card Process: With the board's blessing, I would like to update the process of JH/HS report cards. Up to now, report cards are postally mailed quarterly for junior high and by semester for our senior high. With technology advancements, many schools no longer send postal mailings, saving on human and financial resources. My proposal is that we distribute report cards via TeacherEase announcement along with simple step-by-step directions/screenshots on how to access.

Improving Teaching and Learning:

- IXL PD: Our Math, ELA and MTSS JH & HS team met on Jan. 3rd's SIP day to address any residual student account issues as well as established second semester IXL student-learning goals. We will be continuing with this software in 2024-25 as we gather data on the program's ability to address the continued learning gaps within our Math and ELA subjects post covid.
- Emergency Operations PD: With the partnership of SRO Reynolds & Chief Harris, I led our district through soft lock down, shelter-in-place, and active shooter training. This included one-on-one conversations/room checks with each teacher and a member of law enforcement.
- Certified Evaluations: Second-round evaluations are almost complete. I am having conversations with our instructors about their strengths and areas where they may address growth.

Building and Maintaining Collaborative Relationships:

- CACC Conversation: I would like input from the board for number of students and scheduling for the 2024/25 school year. Data will be provided for thought.
- JH Schoolmasters Meeting: 1/10/23
- HS Schoolmasters Meeting: 12/13/23 & 1/14/23
 - HS Boy's Basketball Tournament scheduled for 1 / 8-1/12
 - We provided food for the Hospitality Room on Wed. 1/10. Thanks to Kedra and her team as well as Steve Kirby for assisting me with this endeavor.
 - Mr. Tim Kratochvil received the "Friend of the County" award for 2024
 - HS Girl's Basketball Tournament scheduled for 1/16-1/19
- School & County Spelling Bee:
School Wide Bee is Friday, Jan. 26 at 1:30 in the varsity gym
County Bee will be held Wednesday, February 21 at 1:00 at Pawnee

Leading with Integrity and Professionalism:

- Farm-To-Table: We met in Dec. with the Sangamon County Board to highlight our successful progress in this program. Additionally, we hosted a luncheon for them on Thursday, Dec. 11th from 11-1pm.

Creating and Sustaining a Culture of High Expectations

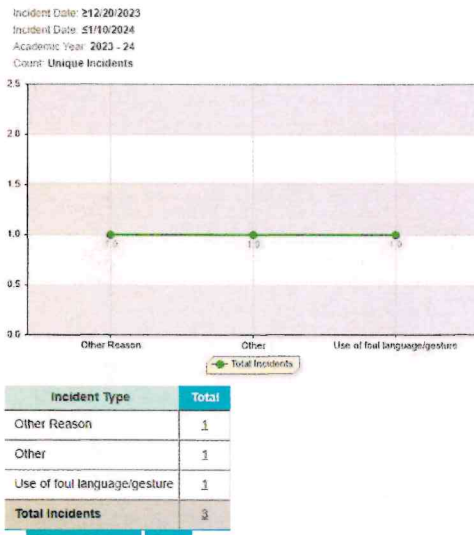
- Lion's Club Food Drive/Food War: The seniors enjoyed their celebration for bringing in the most items on Friday, Jan. 12th. The Lion's Club provided breakfast pizza and we enjoyed a movie together in the auditorium.
- Winter Carnival: Successfully held on 1/16-1/29 with dress-up days, a winter sports assembly and the coronation and dance.

Personnel Updates:

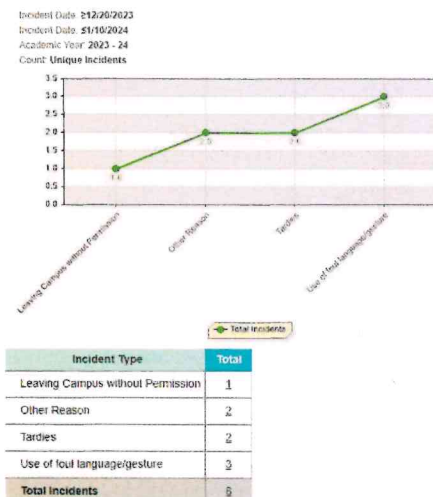
- Resignation of Heath Cawfield as paraprofessional
- Recommendation to hire Kim Bechtel as paraprofessional

Discipline Data: Incidents per Incident Type/By Date Range

JH:



HS:



Pawnee CUSD #11 Enrollment Data:

2023-24	JH	HS
May of 2023	89	152
August	100	159
September	100	159
October	100	157 (-2)
November	100	156 (-1)
December	99 (-1)	156
January	99	153 (-3)



PAWNEE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #11

810 North Fourth Street, Pawnee, Illinois 62558 Phone: 217-625-2471

Name: Kayla Megginson is Student of the Month for December.

Teacher Quote: Kayla Megginson - does good work in class, is always respectful, and never causes a problem!

Grade: 11th grade

Parents: Bryan & Kara Megginson

Siblings: Blake Megginson

Extra-Curricular Activities: National Honor Society, FFA, Interact Club, Yearbook, SADD, Play Crew, 2024 Charlie Brown Musical, Junior Class President, Scholastic Bowl

Honors or Awards: ACE's Academic Challenge, Lion's Club

After-school Activities: Football & Basketball Cheerleading, Scholastic Bowl, 2024 Charlie Brown Musical

Future Plans: Attending college, getting a degree in Veterinary Medicine, and becoming a large and small animal veterinarian

What do you enjoy doing in your free time: Playing with my dog, youth group, reading, sleeping, shopping, and going to Starbucks runs with friends

The best part of being a student at Pawnee High School: Since Pawnee High School is a smaller school, it allows me to get to know everyone better and it makes it easier to make new friendships that last forever.