

**Board of Education**  
**Pawnee Community Unit School District #11**  
**Monday, November 15, 2021**  
**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 6:10 p.m.

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

Members absent: Kern

Administrators Present: Hennemann, Kratochvil, 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 *5/LCS120/2(C)1,2,9, and 11*.

**Motion: Go into executive session for the stated purpose.**

Motion:

Second:

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

President Ward declared the meeting open at 7:03 p.m.

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

**Action            3.        Communications**

The PTO provided cookies from Happy Baked Goods for National School Board Members' Day. Thank You cards were received from Harry Scheller, Nick Roscetti and the Family of William Springer.

**Info                4.        Good News**

Congratulations to the October Students of the Month, 7<sup>th</sup> grader Ethan Rogers and 8<sup>th</sup> grader Kyrstin Milner. Jr. Beta Club members were announced. Congratulations to the October Student of the week, Junior Cooper Glenn. Ron Kaszuk painted the mural on the baseball/softball storage shed. Thank you to the Pawnee Sports Boosters for donating half of the cost. Thank you to Brenda Beyers of Country Financial Service. She presented a check to the District for \$1,500 as part of the Operation Helping Heroes Grant. We will use this money to help with the cost associated with the speed bumps.

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

Leanne Gehrs reported for the PTO. Cookies were provided to the School Board as part of Education Week. Donuts will be provided for the staff on Wednesday. The Winter Carnival will be postponed this year until Spring. There will be no meeting in December.

**Action            6.        Approval of Minutes**

**Action            6.1        Approve regular board meeting minutes of October 20, 2021**

**Motion: Approve the regular board meeting minutes of October 20, 2021.**

Motion: Clarke

Second: Morell

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

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

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

**Motion: Approve the financial reports and expenditures of \$53,866.96 and addendum bills of \$5,608.19 and \$5,777.51.**

Motion: Clarke

Second: Megginson

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

**Info                7.2        Presentation of annual tax levy and resolution**

**Action            7.3        Establish tax levy/resolution hearing date and time**

**Motion: Set the levy/resolution hearing for December 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

Motion: Wort

Second: Ward

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

**Info                8.        Recognition of Visitors**

None.

**Info                9.        Administrative Reports**

**Reports herein attached.**

Steffen reported: HS Girls' Basketball has 13 girls; HS Boys' Basketball has 13 boys; JH Boys' and Girls' Basketball season has started. JH Girls' won their conference game; JH Volleyball begins in December; JH Cheer is decorating a tree for the Festival of Trees; Meet the Indians Night was held on November 13<sup>th</sup>. It was well attended with a lot of good feedback. A large amount was donated for the Pawnee Food Pantry and Mr. Steffen and Mr. Hennemann delivered that donation to the Food Pantry. The Pawnee Sports Boosters held a Chili/Soup dinner that was well attended.

Hennemann reported: End of the Month Assemblies were held for Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup>; first quarter Honors Assembly was held to recognize JH students; we are preparing for the Pre-k Grant monitoring visit; the Winter Concert for Kindergarten – 4<sup>th</sup> is scheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup>; teacher evaluations are ongoing.

Principal Kratochvil reported: We have 1 JH and 5 HS students that have enrolled since the last board meeting; Mrs. Hyde and Mrs. Wedekind took 18 students to the Building Trades Career Day Field Trip at the BOS in Springfield; teacher evaluations are ongoing; Mr. Kratochvil attended the High School Sangamon County School Masters meeting.

Superintendent Kratochvil reported: Mr. Kratochvil and Jill Hamilton attended the IASBO conference in Peoria; He attended the SASSED Board Meeting; He attended the Superintendent's School Master's Meeting; He met with the Administrative team; He met with BLDD Architects in reference to the Maintenance Grant; He met with Central Illinois Securities; He met with a representative with Senergy in regards to the cafeteria sound system; He met with a representative of Ameren in regards to the lighting grant; He met with a representative of CTI to discuss the service agreement.

## **10. Old Business**

**Action** 10.1 Consideration and approval of non-certified handbook

**Motion: Approve the non-certified handbook as presented.**

Motion: Clarke

Second: Ward

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

**Info** 10.2 **Discussion of ESSER III funds and building projects**

**Action** 10.3 Authorization to pursue building projects as discussed

**Motion: Authorize administration to pursue future building projects of a weight room with elevated track and gym addition, HVAC system and look into building a new school.**

Motion: Wort

Second: Ward

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

## **11. New Business**

**Info** 11.1 Discussion of Ameren Lighting Grant

**Action** 11.2 Consideration and approval of Ameren Lighting Grant for Pre-k – 12 lighting upgrades in the amount of \$39,000.

**Motion: Approve Ameren Lighting Grant as presented.**

Motion: Megginson

Second: Morell

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

**Info** 11.3 Discussion of Phase 3 windows

**Action** 11.4 Authorization to pursue Phase 3 window project

**Motion: Authorize administration to pursue Phase 3 of windows project as presented.**

Motion: Ward

Second: Clarke

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

**Action** 11.5 Consideration and approval of employee resignation

**Motion: Accept the resignation of Alex Przekurat effective December 17, 2021 as elementary physical teacher and check in/check out teacher.**

Motion: Wort

Second: Megginson

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

**Action** 11.6 Consideration and approval of elementary physical education teacher

**Motion: Approve hiring Dylan Seitz as elementary physical education teacher effective January 3, 2022 pending completion of his educational program, proof of credentials and completion of background results.**

Motion: Clarke

Second: Morell

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

**Action** 11.7 Consideration and approval of junior high/high school art teacher  
**Motion: Approve hiring Natalie Bready as junior high/high school art teacher for the 2022-2023 school year pending completion of her educational program, proof of credentials and completion of background results.**

Motion: Clarke

Second: Megginson

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

**Action** 11.8 Consideration and approval of volunteer coach

**Motion: Approve Steve Kern as volunteer high school girls' basketball coach for the 2021-2022 basketball season.**

Motion: Clarke

Second: Megginson

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

**Action** 11.9 Consideration and approval of volunteer coach

**Motion: Approve Ashley Sopich as volunteer high school softball coach for the 2022 softball season.**

Motion: Wort

Second: Morell

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

**Info** 11.10 Discussion of PRESS Policy

**Action** 12. **Adjournment**

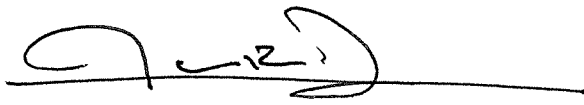
**Motion: Adjourn the meeting at 9:31 p.m.**

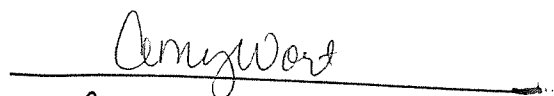
Motion: McTaggart

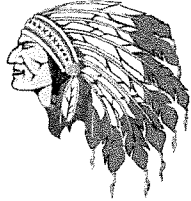
Second: Megginson

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

Next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for—  
Wednesday, December 15, 2021  
Pawnee School Cafeteria  
6:00 p.m.—executive session  
7:00 p.m. - regular session

  
President

  
Secretary



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### **Athletic Director Board Report**

#### **JH basketball**

Hosting 8th grade night Thursday and will have our first 6th grade game at 5pm as well.

#### **JH/HS Cheer**

will be putting on a "wrapped up in cheer" event for the basketball game on Saturday. There will be a food drive for Pawnee Food Pantry and a half time performance during half time of Varsity. JH will also be decorating the gym for 8th grade night.

#### **HS boys and girls basketball**

Both seasons are underway and will be finishing up first part of the season early next week. We'll have our holiday tournaments after Christmas and will be moving towards county tournaments in January.

#### **JH Volleyball**

Practices have begun. They have 10 8th graders, 6 7th graders, and 17 6th graders

**Pawnee Grade School  
Board Report: December 15, 2021**

Pawnee Grade School Enrollment									
PreK (PFA – ½ day)		PreK (fee)	Kdg	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
31		16	43	29	40	42	28	50	49
Sections:			3	2	2	2	2	3	2
Numbers shown are updated as of December 9, 2021									

**Good News:**

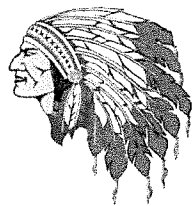
- November JH Students of the month:
  - 7th grader Ben McCallum
  - 8th grader Eli Scoles
- Our Winter concerts will take place on December 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Personnel:**

- Recommend Brandon Hott for hire for our 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Social Studies position for 2022-23.
- Recommend Michele Lowry for hire for the CICO position starting in January 2022.
- Recommend Dylan Seitz for hire for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball coaching position.
- Maggie Galloway will be student teaching in January. Her last day before student teaching will be January 14, 2022.

**Administrative Report:**

- Discipline to report:
  - 2 suspensions
  - 1 damage to bus seat
- Pre-K program compliance visit will happen on December 13, 14, or 15.
- K-6 teachers will have professional development about our Really Great Reading phonics curriculum on December 10.
- Our Pre-K teachers have new training December 10 on how to screen students for Pre-K.
- Math RtI position discussion
- Evaluations:
  - Formal observations are ongoing.



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## **Superintendent/H. S. Principal's Report**

**December 2021**

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

### **Discipline:**

- One suspension

### **Good News:**

- The November High School Student of the Month is Justin Skinner.
- High School band and choral concerts were held on Monday. Great job to Ms. Springman and Ms. Chambers and all the students.

### **Academic Counselor's Office Report:**

- Mrs. Hyde took the Sophomore class on a Field Trip to CACC for the CONNECT Career Day sponsored by Regional Office of Career and Technical Education (ROCTE). The students were able to meet with representatives from many different careers and the military as well as tour the CACC facility and see their offering of programs of study.
- Finals for first semester start next week. Course changes for second semester are DUE by 3:15 January 7th, 2022.

### **Principal**

- Finals this week.
- Working on completing evaluations.

### **Superintendent**

- Monthly Update
  - Attended a webinar to evaluate principals. I am now certified.
  - Attended the SASSED board meeting.
  - Talked with John of BLDD Architects in reference to building projects and bleachers.
  - Met with the administrator team.
  - Met with Mike O'Shea of O'Shea builders.
  - Met with Gene Mackey of Ameresco performance contractors.
  - Met with Mark Graves performance contractor.
  - Meet with Boyd on December 20 from IASB to begin school board policy manual work.
  - I am working on a kitchen grant.
  - We will be restarting the asbestos testing in the school.
- 1% Sales Tax Projects
  - Paint Goal Posts/A building-\$6,200-Cinric Painting
  - Football Sprinkler System-\$16,800-Sprinklawn
  - Fertilizer Program-\$2,640-Tru Green
  - Football Play clocks-\$5,154-Nevco
  - Boys and Girls Locker room remodel-\$21,000
  - Split AC for baseball/softball concessions-\$1,500
  - Garbage cans-\$4,351.50
  - Exterior banners and interior signage-\$8,841.93
  - Exterior Signage-\$1,339.25
  - Security gates-\$5,327.85

*Home of the Indians*

- Upgraded security system-\$251,700 or \$4,195 per month for 60 months.
- Fix Baseball and Softball Backstops
- New Football Press box
- A building gutters and Fascia repair

**Personnel:**

- Open Positions
  - 6<sup>th</sup> grade Girls Basketball
  - Paraprofessionals
  - Sub Bus Drivers and Sub Custodians