

**Board of Education  
Pawnee Community Unit School District #11  
Thursday, August 18, 2016**

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

President Craigmiles called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

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

Members absent: Shelton, Ward

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

**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: Adjourn to Executive session** at 6:38 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 120/2(C)1,2,9, and 11.*

Motion: Kern

Second: Craigmiles

Ayes: Adcock, Craigmiles, Kern, Starr, Wort

President Craigmiles declared the meeting open at 7:00 p.m...  
Appoint Adcock as Acting Secretary.

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

Motion: Wort

Second: Adcock

Ayes: 5-0

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

**Info 3. Communications**  
None

**Info 4. Good News Reports**

The enrollment is up; Meet the Staff Nights were well attended; thanks to Bob Hagler for email research and change to Google Education email; Congratulations to baseball team members, Cade Hennemann and Hendy Hamilton for their SJR all area team honorable mention; and softball players, Makenna Byers, Kiley Craigmiles, and McKinze Roth.

**Info 5. PTO and Student Council updates**  
No reports

**Action 6. Approval of Minutes**

**Action** 6.1 Approve regular board meeting minutes of July 21, 2016

**Motion: Approve the 7/21/16 regular board meeting minutes.**

Motion: Starr

Second: Kern

Ayes: Adcock, Craigmiles, Kern, Starr, Wort

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

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

**Motion: Approve bills of \$56,778.77; addendum bills of \$29,934.52; and the financial reports.**

Motion: Adcock  
Second: Craigmiles  
Ayes: Adcock, Craigmiles, Kern, Starr, Wort

**Action** 7.2 Presentation of tentative budget 2016-2017

Superintendent Alexander reviewed the proposed 2016/2017 budget noting that due to drastic Corp. Tax estimates and reduction due to State error in prior calculations, the budget shows deficit spending but does not require the reduction plan because carryover funds are available to help with the shortfall. Also, noted was the budget will be updated to include the need for a new drivers' education car, major repairs to the forklift, and horizontal movement and benefit adjustments for staff.

**Action** 7.3 Establish budget hearing date and time

**Motion: Accept the tentative 16/17 Budget and place it on display in the unit office and set the Budget Hearing on September 21, 2016 at 7:00 pm.**

Motion: Kern  
Second: Adcock  
Ayes: Adcock, Craigmiles, Kern, Starr, Wort

**Info** 8. Recognition of Visitors  
**None**

**Info** 9. Administrative Reports

Administrative reports herein attached.

Principal Kratochvil noted the date error in the Handbook, JH Promotion will be 5/25/17 at 7:00 p.m. and HS Graduation will be 5/20/17 at 7:00 p.m. Principal Loftus gave a presentation on the "Guided Reading Program."

10. New Business

**Action** 10.1 Consideration and approval of personnel resignations

**Motion: Accept the resignations of Larry Boblitt and Stan Butzow as district regular bus route drivers.**

Motion: Wort  
Second: Kern  
Ayes: 5-0  
President Craigmiles thanked Larry and Stan for taking such good care of our kids.

**Motion: Accept the resignation of Luke Petersen as classroom aide.**

Motion: Starr  
Second: Adcock  
Ayes: 5-0

**Action** 10.2 Action on employment of non-certified staff and  
Extra-curricular staff

**Motion: Approve the reemployment of Laura Byers, Connie Roberts, Nyla Cooper, Peggy Sue Masters, Lisa Dozier, Alexandra Ibberson, Jacinda Roberts, and Jenny Branum as aides for 2016/17.**

Motion: Adcock  
Second: Starr  
Ayes: Adcock, Craigmiles, Kern, Starr, Wort

**Motion: Approve the employment of Scarlett Lewis and Tina DiPol as aides for 2016/17.**

Motion: Wort  
Second: Adcock  
Ayes: Adcock, Craigmiles, Kern, Starr, Wort

**Motion: Approve the employment of Melissa Dennis as HS Head Track coach for 2016/17.**

Motion: Wort

Second: Starr

Ayes: Adcock, Craigmiles, Kern, Starr, Wort

**Motion: Approve the employment of Kedra Brown as JH Head Track coach for 2016/17.**

Motion: Kern

Second: Craigmiles

Ayes: Adcock, Craigmiles, Kern, Starr, Wort

**Action** 10.3 Consideration and approval of the senior trip

**Motion: Approve the Senior Florida Trip itinerary for 2016/17.**

Motion: Craigmiles

Second: Adcock

Ayes: 5-0

**Action** 10.4 Consideration and approval of all hazardous crossings in District #11

**Motion: Approve the continued hazardous crossing designations in District #11 for 2016/17.**

Motion: Adcock

Second: Kern

Ayes: 5-0

**Action** 10.5 Consideration and approval to move September Board Meeting date

**Motion: Move the regular September Board meeting to Sept. 21, 2016.**

Motion: Starr

Second: Wort

Ayes: 5-0

**Info** 10.6 First reading of Administrative Policy and Procedure revisions

Reviewed the First Reading of Administrative Policy and Procedure revisions

**Info** 10.7 Board discussion on waiver of 105 ILCS 5/10-20.12a

Superintendent Alexander updated the board on the possibility of a waiver of tuition for children of teachers who do not live in the District. He reported that the PEA had no concerns. One concern would be that the waiver could lead to adding staff due to increased class size. The possibility will be discussed further at the September meeting.

**Action** 11. **Adjournment**

**Motion: Adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.**

Motion: Wort

Second: Adcock

Ayes: 5-0

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

Wed, September 21, 2016

Pawnee School Cafeteria

6:00 p.m.—executive session

7:00 p.m. - regular session

7:00 p.m. - Budget Hearing

**Current Enrollment: High School-189 (177) Junior High-109 (98) Total:**

**(298)**

7<sup>th</sup>- 52()                      8<sup>th</sup>-57(57)    9<sup>th</sup>-47(41)    10<sup>th</sup>-41(41)    11<sup>th</sup>-49(46)    12<sup>th</sup>-52(52)

**Suspensions: 0**

**Good News:**

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**Personnel:**

- Two recommendations for hire.
  - Melissa Dennis Head High School Track Coach
  - Kedra Brown Head Junior High School Track Coach

**Guidance Office Report:**

- Registration

**Academics:**

- Junior High Promotion is Thursday, May 25 at 7:00
- High School Graduation is Friday, May 26 at 7:00

**Activities:**

- Current Job Vacancies
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball
  - Assistant High School Softball
  - Assistant High School Boys Basketball

**Other:**

- 29 Football
- 26 Volleyball
- 15 Junior High Baseball
- Junior High Softball

**Pawnee Grade School  
Board Report  
August 18, 2016**

○ Pawnee Grade School Enrollment										
PFA PreK (Grant)	Tuition PreK	ECE	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>	
27	10	3	59 (3 sect.)	54 (3 sect.)	41 (2 sect.)	43 (2 sect.)	46 (3 sect.)	45 (3 sect.)	39 (2 sect.)	<b>Total 327 K-6 367 PK-6</b>
<i>Notes: The Grant Program can have up to 35. The ECE classroom (PM only) has two openings. Tuition ended the year at 12 and is currently starting with 10. PreK Screening is scheduled for 8/19/16</i>										

**Good News Report:**

- Meet the Staff Nights
- First week of school

### **Administrative Update:**

- PreK starts August 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Academic Program
  - Guided Reading Presentation
- Personnel
  - Recommendations for new hire:  
Scarlett Lewis, Aide  
Tina DiPol, Aide

### **Suspensions**

- None to report

August 18, 2016  
SCHOOL BOARD REPORT  
SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Good News- Staff and Students are back in the building! Thank you to Bob Hagler. Bob worked on switching our email over to Google. This will allow us to share documents through Google Drive. This service is free through Google Education. Bob researched the process and answered many questions I had. The staff did a good job getting the building cleaned and projects completed over the summer. Good Job Richard, Scott, Jim, Tyler, Stan, Mike, and our student helpers.

#### Superintendent Report:

1. **Google Email-** Everyone who has a school email can now log into their email using [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) and gmail. You must put in the full address (ex. galexander@pawneeschools.org) and your current password.
2. **Phone System** is completed. A nice feature with the new system is when a parent leaves a voicemail with our teachers and administrators, that person receives an email telling them they have a voicemail and they can listen to the message. (If they have speakers on their computer)
3. **Roof** is to be completed today. The heat and rain caused them to go over the target date by 4 days. I spoke with Tim and he said the heat in July put them behind because you do not want to apply the coating when it is over 110 degrees on the roof because it can affect the shelf life of the product. Rain was a problem because they waited at least 2 days to dry before applying the coating.
4. **Outside organizations/Flyers-** Many people do not fully understand why we don't just hand out fliers or why at halftime of a game we don't let outside organizations become involved. I gave you a law update article on a Satanic group wanting to do an after school program.

#### 5. **FOIA Request-**

Sinthu Ramalingam  
Policy Associate

One Chance Illinois

FOIA request asking if the district has an acceleration policy. This request was on August 10. Response was sent via email on August 10, 2016

For a number of years many schools have had religious-based clubs and organizations which meet before or after regular school hours. As a way of providing equal treatment to all religious organizations, those schools may be required to provide access to atheistic groups, as described in the note below. The alternative may be to deny all religious-based groups access to school facilities.

### **[Secular organization known as 'Satanic Temple' plans to open after school programs at public elementary schools nationwide](#)**

The Satanic Temple is planning to introduce a new after-school program to select public elementary schools across the nation later this year, according to *Education News*. Doug Mesner, co-founder of the group, argues that if Christian evangelical groups are already participating in after-school programs, Satanic groups should be allowed to as well.

The group's website notes that the "Educatin' with Satan" program will teach children a number of concepts, including "critical reasoning, independent-thinking, fun and free thought." The website goes on to say that while many believe the group worships the devil, this is not exactly true. The group does not teach about the literal existence of Satan, instead using the name as a symbol for rebellion against tyranny and authoritarian rule. The website adds that the group believes in science above all.

The group said that meetings of the after-school program will include a healthy snack, a reading lesson, a creative learning lesson, a science lesson, puzzle solving, and an art project. In order to make the after-school program a reality, the group said they plan to make use of the same approach used by the Child Evangelism Fellowship to ensure its Good News Club program, which focuses on lessons from the Bible, made it into schools across the country.

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