

**Board of Education
Truth in Taxation Hearing 2020 Tax Levy
Wednesday, December 16, 2020
5:45 p.m.—Cafeteria**

Call the Public Hearing to order at 5:49 p.m.

Secretary Wort called the Tax Levy Hearing to order at 5:49 p.m.

Members present: Howard, Kern, McTaggart, Shelton (Zoom), Wort

Members absent: Starr, Ward

Info 1. Public comments

None.

Info 2. Information regarding the 2020 tax levy

Mr. Cameron presented information regarding the 2020 tax levy.

Action 3. Adjournment of Levy Hearing

Motion: Adjourn the Levy Hearing and return to regular session at 5:51 p.m.

Motion: Kern

Second: Howard

Ayes: Howard, Kern, McTaggart, Shelton, Wort

**Board of Education
E-Learning Plan Public Hearing
Wednesday, December 16, 2020
5:45 (immediately following Truth in Taxation Hearing)—Cafeteria**

Call the Public Hearing to order at 5:51 p.m.

Secretary Wort called the E-Learning Plan Hearing to order at 5:52 p.m.

Members present: Howard, Kern, McTaggart, Shelton (Zoom), Wort

Members absent: Starr, Ward

Info 1. Public comments

None.

Info 2. Information regarding the E-Learning Plan

Mr. Cameron and Mr. Kratochvil presented information regarding the E-Learning Plan.

Ward arrived at 5:57 p.m.

Starr arrived at 5:59 p.m.

Action 3. Adjournment of E-Learning Plan Hearing

Motion: Adjourn the E-Learning Plan and return to regular session at 6:05 p.m.

Motion: Howard

Second: McTaggart

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

Nays: Ward

Board of Education
Pawnee Community Unit School District #11
Wednesday, December 16, 2020
6:00 p.m. – Closed Session, Cafeteria
7:00 p.m. – Regular Session, Cafeteria

Action 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Ward called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Members present: Howard, Kern, McTaggart, Shelton (Zoom), Starr (Zoom), Ward, Wort

Members absent:

Administrators Present: Cameron, Hennemann, Kratochvil, and Recording Secretary Hamilton (Zoom) 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/ILCS120/2(C)1,2,9,and 11.*

Motion: Go into executive session for the stated purpose.

Motion: Kern

Second: Howard

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

President Ward declared the meeting open at 7:13 p.m.

Action PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Action 3. Communications

None.

Info 4. PTO and Student Council updates

Jessica Megginson reported that the PTO donated gifts cards for a staff event hosted on December 16th. The PTO also donated \$300.00 towards the purchase of Pawnee Indians masks for the staff.

Action 5. Approval of Minutes

Action 5.1 Approve regular board meeting minutes of November 18, 2020

Motion: Approve the regular board meeting minutes of November 18, 2020.

Motion: Wort

Second: Starr

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

Action 6. Approval of Financial Reports and Expenditures

Action 6.1 Consideration and approval of financial reports and expenditures

Motion: Approve the financial reports and expenditures of \$64,201.51 and addendum bills of \$6,987.11.

Motion: Kern

Second: Howard

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

Action 6.2 Consideration and approval of annual tax levy
Motion: Approve the Annual Tax Levy as presented.

Motion: Wort

Second: McTaggart

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

Info 7. Recognition of Visitors

Kim Cobb wanted information about the In-Person Learning Plan.

Info 8. Administrative Reports
Reports herein attached.

Mr. Hennemann reported: Pre-k through 2nd grade have completed 9 weeks on in-person learning and it has gone very well; each class is preparing a holiday song to share before Christmas break; the first day back for all students is January 5th; there will be a Pre-k compliance visit sometime during 2nd semester.

Mr. Kratochvil reported: Congratulations to the October Student of the Month, Elizabeth Rollins; The November Student of the Month is Madison Lowe; Kayla Megginson is the 8th grade Student of the Month and Evan Smith is the 7th grade Student of the Month; Nyla Cooper signed her intention papers to play softball for Lincoln Land Community College; Amy Chambers put together a wonderful video of the JH and HS choirs and shared them with the District; all sports are on hold for the time being.

Mr. Cameron reported: Representative Murphy advised that the student parking lot grant has been approved; CTI will be in over the break to work on the E-rate infrastructure; 2 small bids have been received, Mr. Cameron is waiting to see if there will be more; He supplied the Board with the building projects for the next school year; the PTO has generously donated \$300.00 towards the purchase of Pawnee Indian masks for the staff.

Info 9. Old Business

None.

Info 10. New Business

Action 10.1 Consideration and approval of resignation of high school head track coach
Motion: Accept the resignation of Melissa Dennis as high school head track coach.

Motion: Kern

Second: McTaggart

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

Action 10.2 Consideration and approval of resignation of certified staff
Motion: Accept the resignation of Julie Meyer as guidance counselor.

Motion: McTaggart

Second: Howard

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

Action 10.3 Consideration and approval of resignation of certified staff
Motion: Accept the resignation of Dawn Kearney as 1st grade teacher.

Motion: McTaggart

Second: Howard

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

Action 10.4 Consideration and approval of Board Policy 6:280 change for 2020-2021 school year

Motion: Approve the change to Board Policy 6:280 as presented.

Motion: Howard

Second: Kern

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

Action 10.5 Consideration and approval of Title schoolwide recognition

Motion: Approve the Title Schoolwide recognition as presented.

Motion: Kern

Second: Ward

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

Action 10.6 Consideration and approval of District E-Learning Plan

Motion: Approve the District E-Learning Plan as presented.

Motion: Wort

Second: Kern

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

Discussion 10.7 First Reading of Press Policy updates

Motion: Seal the minutes of Executive Session.

Motion: Kern

Second: Howard

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

Action 12. Adjournment


Motion: Adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

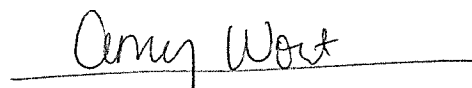
Motion: Shelton

Second: Howard

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

Next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for—
Wednesday, January 20, 2021
Pawnee School Cafeteria
6:00 p.m.—executive session
7:00 p.m. - regular session


President


Secretary

**Pawnee Grade School
Board Report: January 20, 2021**

Pawnee Grade School Enrollment									
PreK (PFA – ½ day)		PreK (fee)	Kdg	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
31		0	34	43	40	30	48	53	36
Sections:			3	2	2	2	3	3	2
Numbers shown are updated as of January 14									

Good News:

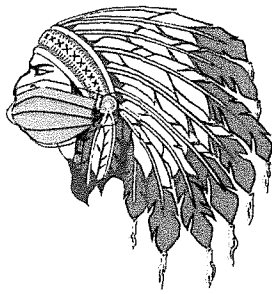
- 85% of students in K-6 are attending school in person (243/286)
 - 15% of students have chosen to continue learning remotely (43/286)

Personnel:

- Natasha Escobar has been hired by SASED and will teach the second semester in our older structured special education classroom.
- We have had six applicants for our first grade teaching openings and two applicants for the grade school counselor position.

Administrative Report:

- No discipline to report.
- Report cards for 2nd quarter were sent out via TeacherEase on Thursday, January 7 (2-6) and Friday, January 8 (K-1).
- Reading /Arts Night Open House has been cancelled this year due to COVID.
- We have heard that our Pre-K monitoring visit will still take place this year. They will let us know a few weeks before the visit.
- I would like the board to consider allowing us to run a Title-funded 2 week summer school the first 2 weeks after we are out for the year. I would also like permission for the usual 2 week summer school Title-funded reading program we do in August.
- Evaluations:
 - Evaluations are ongoing



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January 2021

Junior High/High School Principal's Report

Current Enrollment: High School-165 (171)		Junior High-80(90)	Total: 245(261)
7 th - 42()	8 th -38(45)	9 th -43(45)	10 th -41(45)
			11 th -38(45)
			12 th -43(44)

Good News:

- Congratulations to the December Students of the Month at Pawnee Junior High!
- 8th grade Bella Athey and 7th grader Carter Morell
- Trystan Godfrey is the Student of the Month for December. she has been helpful with assisting students during this remote learning process.
- Congratulations to Karmyn Flesch. She signed a letter of intent to run cross-country at the Elmhurst College. Also congratulations to her parents and family. Good luck!

Personnel:

- One recommendation for hire
- Recommendation to hire baseball volunteers
- Art position posted, High School Track position posted, K-12 guidance position posted, Anticipated ELS position posted

Guidance Office Report:

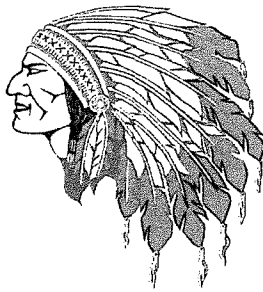
- Pawnee Community Education Foundation scholarship applications are available in the Guidance Office as well as on Mrs. Hyde's Edmodo page. Applications are DUE March 8th by 3:15 pm.
- We received SAT and PSAT scores for our students who tested in October. The students were notified by Mrs. Hyde as to how to access their test scores.
- State testing (SAT, PSAT 10, PSAT 8/9) is scheduled for April 13th. SAT must be administered this day. We have flexibility with the PSAT testing and can move the testing to a Wednesday if Wednesdays are still non-PHS class days. IAR testing for junior high is tentatively set for April 20, 21, 22.
- Students with failures are being placed into Edgenuity, our online credit recovery program. We are allowing students to take one class at a time and it is up to them as to how quickly and efficiently they make up these credits. Students who do not progress with online credit recovery, as well as students with multiple failing grades, will need to retake classes next year
- Mr. Kratochvil is meeting with junior high students and contacting their parents in regards to the student achievement contracts.

Activities:

- All activities are on pause.

Other:

- E-Learning Plan, released last week
- Return to Learning things have been good. Talking about adding Wednesdays.



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January 20th, 2021

School Board Report

Superintendent Report

- Great News – We have been back to in-person instruction now for two weeks. It has gone rather smoothly. I want to thank the staff, students and parents for making this work. We are looking at what the next steps can be for getting more instruction to the students. Preliminary numbers for the new stimulus package has come out. The district is expecting \$439,185. The administration is working on a plan for the funds.
- CTI will be completed with the fiber infrastructure by the board meeting. They plan to finish up on January 18th. We will now be ready for the next step. Bringing fiber into the building. We have RFP's out through E-rate at this time. Only one bid so far and it is from Comcast.
- Our Health Life Safety projects and building need estimates should be in. I will present those to the board. The board then can then let me know the direction that we would like to proceed. These projects would be paid through health life safety money and county facility sales tax money collected.
- I have only received two bids for the MFSAB (small bus). It is from Southern Bus and Mobility and Midwest Bus Sales. Southern Bus & Mobility has the state bid. Southern price is \$55,016 and Midwest is \$58,783. We have already received a donation of \$5,000 towards this purchase with another \$5,000 after purchase. I will need direction of what the board would like to do.