

Board of Education
Pawnee Community Unit School District #11
Wednesday, February 17, 2021
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 6:04 p.m.

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

Members absent: Shelton

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/LCS120/2(C)1,2,9, and 11.

Motion: Go into executive session for the stated purpose.

Motion: Kern

Second: McTaggart

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

Shelton arrived via Zoom at 6:12 p.m.

President Ward declared the meeting open at 7:01 p.m.

Action PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Action 3. Communications

None.

Info 4. PTO and Student Council updates

Jessica Megginson reported that the PTO have met intermittently. Their recent fundraiser raised \$1,500.00. They are planning to have an event with Texas Roadhouse for the next fundraiser.

Action 5. Approval of Minutes

Action 5.1 Approve regular board meeting minutes of January 20, 2021

Tabled to the next Board meeting.

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 \$89,883.74 and addendum bills of \$255.00.

Motion: Wort

Second: Howard

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

Info 7. Recognition of Visitors

None.

Info 8. Administrative Reports
Reports herein attached.

Hennemann reported: 90.3% of K-6 students are attending in-person while 9.7% of students have choose to continue remote learning; Pre-k monitoring visit will be the week of March 2nd; the staff was trained on February 11th about how to access professional development through the Master Teacher program; evaluations are ongoing.

Kratochvil reported: Congratulations to the January Students of the Month, 7th grader Kyrstin Milner, 8th grader Avery Ward and Senior Liam Kurfman ; Congratulations to this year's ACES Academic Challenge Team; scholarships are available to students on Mrs. Hyde's Edmodo page as well as hard copies in her office; applications for CACC opened February 8th; Sophomores will attend the ROCTE Career Day Field Trip virtually this year on Wednesday, March 10th; good job to Mr. Kirby and Mr. Kratochvil with the video feed for broadcasting games.

Cameron reported: great to see students in the hallways again; Health Life Safety projects and County Facility Sales Tax projects bids will not be in until the end of the month; BLDD is compiling all of the bids for the district; a truck was purchased from a dealer in St. Louis, the plow will be transferred to the truck as soon as possible; Title Amendments have been completed and submitted to the State. Mr. Cameron thanked the staff, administration and Jill for their help getting this completed.

Info 9. Old Business

None.

Info 10. New Business

Action 10.1 Consideration and approval of TRS 457 Resolution

Motion: Approve the TRS 457 Resolution as presented.

Motion: Ward

Second: McTaggart

Ayes:

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

Action 10.2 Consideration and approval to hire RTI instructor

Motion: Approve hiring Debbie Copp as the RTI instructor.

Motion: Kern

Second: Starr

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

Action 10.3 Consideration and approval to hire guidance counselor

Motion: Approve hiring Leah Brock as guidance counselor.

Motion: McTaggart

Second: Howard

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

Action 10.4 Consideration and approval of volunteer high school football coach
Motion: Approval of Dylan Van Kooten as volunteer high school football coach pending background check results.

Motion: Ward

Second: McTaggart

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

Action 10.5 Consideration and approval of volunteer high school baseball coach

Motion: Approval of Tom Garvin as volunteer high school baseball coach pending background check results.

Motion: McTaggart

Second: Wort

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

Action 10.6 Consideration and approval of 2021-2022 school calendar

Motion: Approve the 2021-2022 school calendar as presented in Option #3.

Motion: Wort

Second: Howard

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

Action 10.7 Consideration and approval of window bids

Tabled for further discussion.

Info 10.8 Appointment of 2 Board members to the handbook committee

Stan McTaggart and Scott Howard were appointed to the handbook committee

Info 10.9 Discussion on 8th Grade Promotion and High School Graduation

The tentative date for 8th grade Promotion is Thursday, May 27th and Friday, May 21st for High School Graduation.

Info 10.10 Discussion on transportation – Vans/Mini Bus and Regular Buses

Motion: Return to Executive Session at 8:14 p.m.

Motion: Kern

Second: Howard

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

President Ward declared the meeting open at 11:41 p.m.

Motion: Seal the minutes of Executive Session.

Motion: McTaggart

Second: Howard

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

Action 12. Adjournment

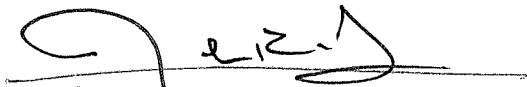
Motion: Adjourn the meeting at 11:41 p.m.

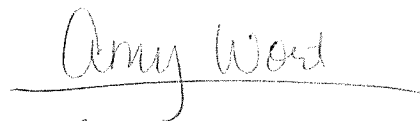
Motion: McTaggart

Second: Howard

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President


Secretary

**Board of Education
Pawnee Community Unit School District #11
Tuesday, February 23, 2021
5:30 p.m. – Closed Session, Cafeteria
Agenda
“Special Meeting”**

Minutes

Action 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Ward called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Members present: Howard, Kern, Shelton, Starr, Ward, Wort
Members absent: McTaggart
Administrators present:

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 5ILCS 120/2(C)1,2,9, and 11.

Motion: To enter into executive session for the stated purpose.

Motion: Howard

Second: Kern

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

Motion: To return to open session at 8:18 p.m. and to seal the minutes of Executive Session.

Motion: Howard

Second: Kern

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

Action 4. Adjournment

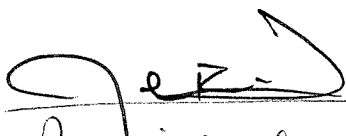
Motion: Adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Motion: Shelton

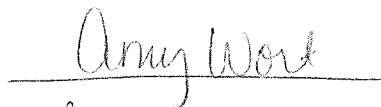
Second: Starr

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**Pawnee Grade School
Board Report: March 17, 2021**

Pawnee Grade School Enrollment									
PreK (PFA – ½ day)		PreK (fee)	Kdg	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
32		0	33	42	40	33	49	53	36
Sections:			3	2	2	2	3	3	2
Numbers shown are updated as of March 12									

Good News:

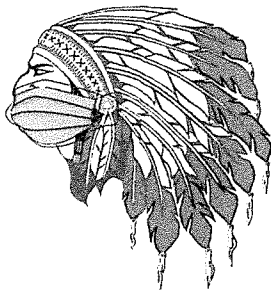
- 92% of students in K-6 are attending school in person (264/286)
 - 22 students have chosen to continue learning remotely

Personnel:

- I am recommending Andrea Condon to be hired for the first grade teaching opening.
- I am recommending Brandon Hott to be hired to teach for our two week June summer school.
- Resignation of Hannah West.

Administrative Report:

- No discipline to report.
- All teacher evaluations are completed
- February monthly assembly was held via Zoom
- State IAR testing for the grade school will be April 27-29.
- We had our Pre-K monitoring visit the week of March 2nd. We were told to expect to hear results in 4-6 weeks.
- We will have kindergarten pre-registration on March 23-24.



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March 2021

Junior High/High School Principal's Report

Current Enrollment: High School-162 (171)-3 Junior High-79(90)-1 Total: 241(261)

7th- 42() 8th-37(45)-1 9th-41(45)-2 10th-38(45)-3 11th-38(45) 12th-45(44)+2

Good News:

- Congratulations to the Pawnee Junior High Students of the Month for January: 7th grader Adalyn Boblitt and 8th grader Jori Nichols!
- Congratulations to February Student of the Month Senior Alex Gudgel - contributes the most to her (cheerleading) team's success. She is dedicated to her school and gives maximum effort and contribution. She never hesitates to give her time and energy to our team. She applies herself wholeheartedly in all that she does. She's been working very hard this year.
- Congratulations to Sophomore Claire Oliver and Junior Serenity White who were both chosen to be part of the Bradley Honor Choir! The event is hosted by Dr. Cory Ganschow of Bradley University, and students are selected from applications and previous choral accomplishments. Students will participate in a virtual choral event this year due to covid safety protocol.
- Congratulations to Jordan Watts for flute and Serenity White for vocal for receiving 1st place for IHSA Solo and Ensemble Contest
- The Pawnee ACES academic challenge team placed 7 out of 12 teams in the Eureka College Sectional contest.
 - Aidian Bradbury placed 2nd and Chase Curtis placed 3rd in the area of computers.
 - Zach Fisher and Brandon Sharp tied for 3rd in the area of physics.

Personnel:

- Recommendation to hire Jessica Kincaid for Junior High ELA
- Recommendation to hire Hannah Gudgel for High School Assistant Track
- Recommendation to hire track volunteers, Brennen Young and Layne Hill
- Teacher Evaluations Report

Guidance Office Report:

- Pawnee Community Education Foundation scholarship applications have been submitted.
- State testing (PSAT and SAT) for 9th - 11th grade is scheduled for April 13th. IAR testing for junior high is scheduled for April 20, 21, 22.
- CACC application opened on February 8th. At present, we have 3 students enrolled for 2021-2022.
- Scholarships and Virtual College visit opportunities, complete with ZOOM links to speak with Admissions Counselors, are available on Mrs. Hyde's Edmodo page.
- Seniors and their parents/guardians have been encouraged to complete the FAFSA, which is now a graduation requirement. There have been opportunities to attend FAFSA sessions via LLCC or individualized help is available through our ISACorp Representative (parents have been given contact information).
- Sophomores attended the ROCTE Career Day Field Trip virtually this year on

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Wednesday, March 10th.

Academics

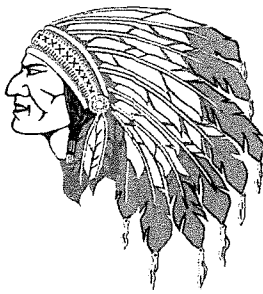
- I plan to start student course registration hopefully before the end of the month
- I have been able to complete the schedule for everyday math at the junior high level

Activities:

- Report on activities.
- I have completed the outdoor COVID Restrictions
- Update on positive South County COVID test.

Other:

- E-Learning Survey has been sent out. I will have a report for you next month
- 5 Essential Surveys have been sent out.
- E-Recycling will be here over spring break to take our e-junk



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School Board Report

Superintendent Report

- Great News – We are a full quarter of in-person instruction into the spring semester and things are going great. We have not had to stop in-person instruction because of the virus. Thank you to parents for recognizing symptoms and not sending their child to school if they are not feeling well.
- Finance - The new CARES money application has been opened. We are continuing to look at the different ways in which we can utilize the funds. Our total was \$439,397.
- Facilities - Top Quality Roofing was here on March 8th to work on the overlap area above the grade school roof edge. This should eliminate the water issue in the classrooms.
- Curriculum – I continue to meet with the Math teachers to talk about the Math curriculum and any changes that need to be made. I have also met with Mrs. Hyde and talked about the various areas that we can work on to improve our test scores.
- Legislative/Curriculum – The state approved the additional requirements for high school and graduation requirements for the upcoming years. These requirements include:

2022-2023 Students entering 9th grade will require instruction in computer literacy
2023-2034 Requires high schools to provide the opportunity for students to take a computer science course

2024-2025 Requires students to complete 2 years of laboratory science

2028-2029 Requires students to complete 2 years of a world language

Rigorous Course Work was also included in the bill. This is defined that in the 2023-24 school year evidence-based practice that requires schools to automatically enroll students who meet or exceed standards in the next most rigorous course. The law defines the next most rigorous level of advanced coursework as dual credit, Advanced Placement (AP), International

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Baccalaureate, an honors class, an enrichment opportunity, a gifted program, or another program offered by the district.