

Board of Education
Pawnee Community Unit School District #11
Wednesday, September 20, 2023
6:00 p.m. – Closed Session, Unit Office
7:00 p.m. – Budget Hearing, Cafeteria
Following Budget Hearing – Regular Session, Cafeteria
“Regular Meeting”

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, Megginson, Morell, Ward

Members absent: McTaggart

Administrators Present: Kratochvil, 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: Clarke

Second: Ward

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

Hennemann arrived at 6:09 p.m.

President Clarke declared the meeting open at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-please stand if able

Action 3. Seal the minutes of Executive Session.

Motion: Seal the Minutes of Executive Session

Motion: Ward

Second: Boblitt

Ayes: 6-0

4. Budget Hearing

Info

4.1 2023-2024 Budget Hearing

President Clarke called the Budget Hearing to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

Members absent: McTaggart

Administrators Present: Kratochvil, Hennemann, Goodall, Recording Secretary Roseberry and Bookkeeper Hamilton

Motion: Open the 2023/2024 Budget Hearing.

Motion: Ward

Second: Boblitt

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

Superintendent Kratochvil reviewed the proposed budget.

Motion: Close the 2023/2024 Budget Hearing.

Motion: Megginson

Second: Morell

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

Action 4.2 Adoption of 2023-2024 budget

Motion: Adopt the 2023/2024 Budget.

Motion: Guess

Second: Morell

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

Info 5. Communications

Thank You card received from Kristi Rogers & Family.

Info 6. Good News

SRO Reynolds reported: None.

Hogan reported: Congratulations to the JH Boys' Baseball Team on winning the Regional Championship.

Hennemann reported: None.

Goodall reported: The students provided Veteran Ovington letters of appreciation for his Honor Flight. Indian Shout-out's to Marianna Curtis in the HS and Brady Baka in the JH. The HS September Student of the Month is Bella Athey.

Kratochvil reported: None.

Info 7. PTO and Student Council updates

Leanne Gehrs reported that the PTO is in the planning stages of a Fall Fundraiser. Their next meeting is October 1st.

Zachery Waldeck reported for Student Council. Homecoming week and the dance went very well. Student Council will again have the Candy Cane fundraiser in the Winter. They would also like to try to have a Trivia Night fundraiser.

Info 8. Approval of Minutes

Action 8.1 Approve regular and closed board meeting minutes of August 8, 2023 and special board meeting minutes of August 28, 2023

Motion: Approve the regular board and closed meeting minutes of August 8, 2023 and special board meeting minutes of August 28, 2023.

Motion: Ward

Second: Morell

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

Action 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 \$322,388.97.

Motion: Ward

Second: Guess

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

Info 10. Recognition of Visitors

None.

Info 11. Administrative Reports

Reports herein attached.

SRO Reynolds reported: Numerous complaints have been received from residents and some school faculty regarding some HS students' driving behaviors. SRO Reynolds' approach will be to contact the student's parents or guardians to inform them of the situation and then to collaborate with Mrs. Goodall during school hours to address the students directly to go over the student handbook and inform the students of potential consequences, including revocation of privileges and potential police involvement. SRO Reynolds had the honor of float judging during Homecoming week. He also attended the powderpuff game and bonfire. SRO Reynolds continues to walk the hallways, monitor the exterior of the premises, interact with and greet students and promptly reporting any issues to Mr. Kratochvil, Mrs. Goodall and Mr. Hennemann.

Hogan reported: The JH Softball team ended their season with a loss in the Regional Championship on September 12th. The JH Boys' Baseball Team are Regional Champions and will head to State on September 30th. Football will be adding another JV game on October 17th. This will make 6 JV games for the season. We received many compliments from opposing schools on how well our facilities looked. JH Girls' Basketball started on September 11th. There are (3) 5th graders, (7) 6th graders, (3) 7th graders and (5) 8th graders. Mr. Hennemann, Coach Nichols and I attended the 8-Man Football meeting in Bloomington. I have received several quotes for a new Gator and also a repair cost estimate.

Hennemann reported: We have had a great start to the school year. Teacher evaluations have begun. With the support from grant funding, Mrs. Brock was able to put together an Indian's Care Closet. The purpose is to provide supplies and clothing to students who are in need. On our IAR tests, we had 5 students exceed in Math and 1 in Reading. Teachers have wrapped up benchmark testing for the beginning of the year. We continue to focus on reading and math improvements.

Goodall reported: IXL Math and ELA trainings were held on August 15th. We have Professional Development trainings for GoGuardian, GoFormative and IXL on September 22nd. I have started the process of Informal Observations and pre-conferences for teacher evaluations have been scheduled. Mrs. Hyde will be taking the Junior class to the Orr Building for a CACC field trip. Mrs. Hyde will take interested Freshman – Senior students to the LLCC Workforce field trip on September 21st. Mrs. Bolsen took our CP Biology 2 students to Lincoln Memorial Gardens for tree and plant identification. Mr. Rawlings took the FFA students to the Farm Progress Show on August 30th. The Fall Sports Assembly was held on August 26th. SRO Reynolds and I continue to work on the "Too Good For Drugs" program. Juniors will take the PSAT on October 24th at Pawnee Assembly of God. Math and ELA IAR testing for 7th and 8th graders has been scheduled for March 20th & 21st. ISA Science testing for 8th graders has been scheduled for March 22nd. PSAT/SAT testing for 9th – 11th graders is scheduled for April 17th.

Superintendent Kratochvil reported: I have attended meetings for SASSED, ROE, CACC, ROCTE and the Abe Lincoln Region. The H/L/S Amendment #57 has been approved and the work is being scheduled. Building updates include the Cafeteria air conditioner, Chiller and the Basketball Hoops. The Farm 2 Table process has been approved and is moving forward. The pick-up and drop-off points have been working well so far this year.

Info 12. Old Business

Info 12.1 Consideration and approval of dugout project

Motion: Table the dugout project for further discussion.

Motion: Megginson

Second: Ward

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

13. New Business

Action 13.1 Consideration and approval of resignation(s) of certified staff

Motion: Accept the resignation of Scott Becker as Part-time Math teacher.

Motion: Ward

Second: Megginson

Ayes: 6-0

Action 13.2 Consideration and approval of resignation(s) of non-certified staff

Motion: Accept the resignation of Valerie Gartshore as paraprofessional.

Motion: Guess

Second: Ward

Ayes: 6-0

Action 13.3 Consideration and approval of resignation(s) of extra-curricular staff

Motion: Accept the resignation of Stephani Steffen as Assistant Junior High Track coach.

Motion: Morell

Second: Megginson

Ayes: 6-0

Action 13.4 Consideration and approval of certified staff

Motion: Approve hiring Annie White as High School Business teacher.

Motion: Ward

Second: Guess

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

Action 13.5 Consideration and approval of non-certified staff

Motion: Approve hiring Heath Caufield as paraprofessional.

Motion: Morell

Second: Boblitt

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

Motion: Approve hiring Alyssa Ferguson as paraprofessional.

Motion: Ward

Second: Guess

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

Action 13.6 Consideration and approval of extra-curricular staff

Motion: Approve hiring Lindsey Scherff as High School Class Sponsor.

Motion: Megginson

Second: Ward

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

Motion: Approve hiring Hannah Wilson as High School Class Sponsor.

Motion: Guess

Second: Morell

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

Action 13.7 Consideration and approval of volunteer extra-curricular staff
Motion: Approve hiring Allison Mills as volunteer High School Volleyball coach.
Motion: Boblitt
Second: Morell
Ayes: Ward, Morell, Megginson, Guess, Clarke, Boblitt

Action 13.8 Consideration and approval of maternity leave
Motion: Approve the maternity leave of Abigail Boucher and Joslyn Dorwart.
Motion: Morell
Second: Megginson
Ayes: 6-0

Action 13.9 Consideration and approval of winter coaches
Motion: Approve hiring Ryan Steffen as Head High School Boys' Basketball coach; Joe Morell as J.V. Boys' Basketball coach; Dave Jones as Freshman Boys' Basketball coach; Kristi McTaggart as J.V. Girls' Basketball coach; Brianna Fulton as High School Boys' Basketball Cheer coach and Maggie Garvin as Junior High Boys' Basketball Cheer coach.
Motion: Ward
Second: Guess
Ayes: Boblitt, Clarke, Guess, McTaggart, Megginson, Ward
Abstain: Morell

Action 13.10 Consideration and approval of intergovernmental transportation agreement with the Board of Education of Riverton School District #14 and the Board of Education of Pawnee School District #11
Motion: Approve the intergovernmental agreement with the Board of Education of Riverton School District #14 and the Board of Education of Pawnee School District #11.
Motion: Morell
Second: Guess
Ayes: Guess, Morell, Boblitt, McTaggart, Clarke
Nays: Megginson, Ward

Action 13.11 Consideration and approval of the EIS 2023 Teacher and Administrator Salary and Benefit Report
Motion: Approve the EIS 2023 Teacher and Administrator Salary and Benefit Report.
Motion: Ward
Second: Boblitt
Ayes: Ward, Morell, Megginson, Guess, Clarke, Boblitt

Action 13.12 Consideration and approval of the updated Pawnee CUSD #11 Bullying Policy
Motion: Approve the updated Pawnee CUSD #11 Bullying Policy.
Motion: Megginson
Second: Guess
Ayes: Boblitt, Clarke, Guess, Megginson, Morell, Ward

Action 13.13 Consideration and approval of school maintenance grant
Motion: Approve the 2023-2024 school maintenance grant.
Motion: Morell
Second: Boblitt
Ayes: Boblitt, Clarke, Guess, Megginson, Morell, Ward

Action 13.14 Consideration and approval of Risk Management Plan

Motion: Approve the Pawnee CUSD #11 Risk Management Plan.

Motion: Guess

Second: Ward

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

Action 13.15 Consideration and approval to appoint the Superintendent as the IMRF authorized agent

Motion: Approve the appointment of Superintendent, Tim Kratochvil, as the Pawnee CUSD #11 IMRF authorized agent.

Motion: Megginson

Second: Boblitt

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

Action 13.16 Consideration and approval of FFA overnight trip

Motion: Approve the FFA overnight trip to the National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Motion: Morell

Second: Boblitt

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

Action 13.17 Consideration and approval of school board committee assignments

Motion: Appoint Jessica Megginson and Amy Boblitt to the Board Policy committee.

Motion: Guess

Second: Ward

Ayes: Ward, Morell, Clarke, Guess

Abstain: Boblitt, Megginson

Motion: Appoint Amy Boblitt and Stan McTaggart to the Parent-Teacher Advisory committee.

Motion: Ward

Second: Megginson

Ayes: Ward, Morell, Clarke, Guess, Megginson

Motion: Appoint Josh Ward and Joe Morell to the Behavioral Interventions Policy committee.

Motion: Megginson

Second: Guess

Ayes: Clarke, Guess, Megginson, Boblitt

Abstain: Morell, Ward

Motion: Appoint Amy Boblitt, Stan McTaggart and Josh Ward to the Board Union committee.

Motion: Morell

Second: Guess

Ayes: Morell, Clarke, Guess, Megginson

Abstain: Boblitt, Ward

Motion: Appoint Travis Guess and Jessica Megginson to the Curriculum committee.

Motion: Ward

Second: Boblitt

Ayes: Ward, Morell, Clarke, Boblitt

Abstain: Guess, Megginson

Motion: Appoint Joe Morell and Josh Ward to the School Safety committee.

Motion: Megginson

Second: Guess

Ayes: Clarke, Guess, Megginson, Boblitt

Abstain: Morell, Ward

Motion: Appoint Jerry Clarke and Stan McTaggart to the Building/Grounds/Transportation committee.

Motion: Ward

Second: Morell

Ayes: Ward, Morell, Guess, Megginson, Boblitt

Abstain: Clarke

Motion: Appoint Travis Guess and Joe Morell to the Extra-Curricular committee.

Motion: Megginson

Second: Boblitt

Ayes: Ward, Clarke, Megginson, Boblitt

Abstain: Guess, Morell

Motion: Appoint Travis Guess and Jessica Megginson to the Finance committee.

Motion: Morell

Second: Ward

Ayes: Ward, Morell, Clarke, Boblitt

Abstain: Guess, Megginson

Info 13.18 Discussion of 2024-2025 projects

Info 13.19 Extra-Curricular discussion

Action 14. **Adjournment**

Motion: Adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

Motion: Guess

Second: Morell

Ayes: 6-0

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

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Pawnee School Cafeteria

6:00 p.m.—executive session

7:00 p.m. - regular session


President


Secretary