

Board of Education
Pawnee Community Unit School District #11
Wednesday, July 9, 2025
6:00 p.m. – Closed Session, Unit Office
7:00 p.m. – Regular Session - Cafeteria

Action 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Clarke called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

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

Members absent: Ward

Administrators Present: Edmonds, Hennemann, Goodall, Lucas, Gehrs and Recording Secretary Roseberry

Motion: Go into executive session for the stated purpose.

Motion: Morell

Second: Guess

Ayes: 6-0

Info 2. Request Closed Session

2.1 Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body or Legal Counsel for the Public Body (5 ILCS 120/2 (C)1).

2.2 Contract Negotiations (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2))

2.3 Purchase or Lease of Real Property (5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1))

2.4 Security (5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (7))

2.5 Litigation (5 ILCS 120/2 (C (11))

2.6 Closed Session Minutes [5 ILCS 120/2 (C (21))

2.7 Adjournment from Closed Session to Regular Session

Motion: Adjourn closed session.

Motion: Simpson

Second: Guess

Ayes: 6-0

Call to Order and Roll Call (Regular Session)

President Clarke calls the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

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

Members absent: Ward

Administrators Present: Edmonds, Hennemann, Goodall, Lucas, Gehrs and Recording Secretary Roseberry

Action 3. Pledge of Allegiance – please stand if able

- Action 4. Communications**
4.1 Student Council Updates – None.
4.2 PTO Updates – None.
4.3 Recognition of Special Olympians
4.5 Public Comment (Sign Up in Advance) – None.

- Action 5. Consent Items**
5.1 Adoption of Consent Agenda Items as listed or are there items the members would like to pull to discuss individually?

5.2 Adoption of Consent Agenda Items

5.3 Treasurer/Financial Report
5.4 School District Accounts Payable
5.5 School Activity Accounts Payable
5.6 Transfer of Interest Resolution – pulled for discussion by Board
5.7 Pre-K and Athletic Building Bid Recipient Approval – pulled for discussion by Board

Motion: Approve the Pre-K and Athletic Building bid as discussed.

Motion: Morell

Second: Guess

Ayes: Boblitt, Clarke, Guess, Morell

Nays: Megginson, Simpson

Megginson would like the Minutes to reflect that her vote was due to being improperly bid.

Motion: Adopt the Consent Agenda Items without Items 5.6 & 5.7.

Motion: Megginson

Second: Morell

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

- Action 6. Personnel Consent Agenda Items**
6.1 Adoption of Consent Agenda Items as listed or are there items the members would like to pull to discuss individually?

Motion: Approve the Personnel Consent Agenda Items as presented.

Motion: Morell

Second: Simpson

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

7. New Business

- 7.1 Approval of 2025-2026 District Student/Parent Handbook

Motion: Approve the 2025-2026 District Student/Parent Handbook.

Motion: Megginson

Second: Morell

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

- 7.2 Discussion and establishment of 2025-2026 School Lunch Price

Motion: Set the 2025-2026 school breakfast fee to \$2.00 and the school lunch fee to \$3.00.

Motion: Morell

Second: Guess

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

7.3 Discussion and establishment of 2025-2026 Registration and Class Fees

Motion: Set the 2025-2026 registration fees to \$135.00.

Motion: Guess

Second: Simpson

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

7.4 Discussion and establishment of 2025-2026 Student Athlete/Extra-curricular Fees

Motion: The Student Athlete/Extra-Curricular Fees will stay the same for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion: Simpson

Second: Guess

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

7.5 Discussion and approval of purchase of 2nd lawnmower and Gator for grounds maintenance

Motion: Approve the purchase of a 2nd lawnmower of no more than \$12,000 and a Gator for no more than \$30,000.

Motion: Simpson

Second: Morell

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

7.6 Discussion about post-season access to sporting equipment/space

8. Old Business

8.1 Approval of "Grow Your Own" Non-Certified Educator Pipeline Program

Motion: Approve the "Grow Your Own" Non-Certified Educator Pipeline.

Motion: Simpson

Second: Guess

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

8.2 Approval of 2025-2026 District Certified and Non-Certified Code of Conduct Handbooks

Motion: Approve the 2025-2026 District Certified and Non-Certified Code of Conduct Handbooks.

Motion: Guess

Second: Megginson

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

8.3 Approval of PRESS Board Policy 118

Motion: Approve PRESS Board Policy 118.

Motion: Guess

Second: Morell

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

9. Administrative Reports

9.1 Superintendent's Report

9.2 JH/HS Principal's Report

9.3 Grade School Principal's Report

9.4 Director of Student Services Report

9.5 Athletic Director's Report

9.6 Technology Director's Report

Action 10. Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Motion: Guess

Second: Simpson

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

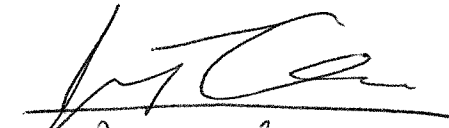
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Wednesday, August 20, 2025

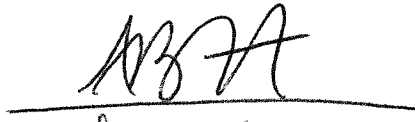
Pawnee School Cafeteria

6:00 p.m.—executive session

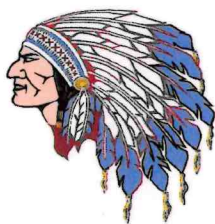
7:00 p.m. - regular session



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Superintendent's Board Update

Construction Update

O'Shea has found areas of concern during the initial construction phase of the PreK project. The original sanitary pipes beneath the building are completely corroded and have been causing backups in the kitchen and bathrooms off the cafeteria for the past four years. This has slowed progress on completing the ADA ramp. These pipes need to be fixed. If we lay new construction over these pipes, we will be forced to dig up new flooring to fix the issue. A plan is being developed to fix all corroded pipes, but we do not want to disrupt instruction.

The other areas that have come to light during the construction phase, and with the excessive heat, are the insulation of pipes off of our heating and cooling units, and the ceiling insulation performed during a prior project. Piping has had to be installed to meet the current one and a half inch requirement for schools, and the insulation in the business wing was completely saturated. This caused the ceiling in the STEM room and the business wing to fall. O'Shea replaced the computer lab ceiling grid, insulation, and tile at no cost to the district and also corrected the piping insulation. Scott Day has put in extremely long hours to correct the issues in the STEM room and the remainder of Business hallway classrooms.

District Staffing

Pawnee CUSD #11 is fully staffed for the 2025-26 school year. We are one of the only districts in ROE #51 that has highly qualified staff in all areas of instruction. At this time, we have one teacher who is teaching with a short-term approval license. This teacher is in year 2 of the three-year requirement to complete the coursework to receive a professional educator license.

Last year, the district employed 22 paraprofessionals. For the 2025-26 school year, our district is employing 12 paraprofessionals. This is in line with the need for support of students with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs).

2025-26 Budget

This year's tentative budget will be presented at the August 20th board meeting. Areas of note for this year are as follows:

- Increase in spending for curriculum (new math curriculum, HMH renewals for JH/HS, updated business and computer technology curriculum)
- Increase in student tuition for LLCC College Now
- Increase in special education spending
- Increase in spending on building upkeep and maintenance due to construction project
- Decrease in salaries (less paraprofessionals needed for IDEA compliance)
- Decrease in CACC student tuition
- Decrease in subscriptions for classroom software and technology
- No more ESSER Funding
- CPPRT (corporate tax) will see a slight increase
- Less special education funding
- Less transportation funding
- Less Evidence-Based Funding



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JH/HS Principal's Board Update

August 2025/2026

JH/HS Schedule Update:

This year, our JH/HS transitioned from a block schedule to a traditional schedule. While the change was initially met with some hesitation, feedback from students has been overwhelmingly positive. They appreciate the quicker pace of the day, the opportunity to move between classes more often, shorter spans between restroom breaks, and the ability to connect with each teacher every day. It's exciting to hear their positive feedback and watch them thrive with the new routine!

Community Collaboration & Feedback

After the first quarter, we will reconvene our collaborative parent group to celebrate successes and explore areas that may still need refinement. This gathering will provide a valuable opportunity to assess, reflect, and plan next steps. We'll also share the positive student feedback on the new traditional schedule—as their enthusiasm sets a strong foundation for meaningful conversations with parents.

New Team Members

We have welcomed our new JH/HS instructional and paraprofessional team members through orientation(s) and individual support with both their mentors and myself. Our new JH/HS instructional and paraprofessional team members are bringing energy, enthusiasm, and a positive culture that students are already enjoying!

Enrollment for JH/JS

	JH	HS
May 2025	79 (7/8th grade)	169
August 2025	103 (6,7,8th grade)	174



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Grade School Principal's Board Update

Registration for 2025-2026 School Year

Registration seemed to go smoothly this year.

48*			40	27	36	45	38	32	PK-5 = 266
			3	2	2	3	2	2	
Numbers shown are updated as of August 15.									
August 2025 K-5 enrollment = 218									
(Last Year – August 2024 K-5 enrollment = 218)									

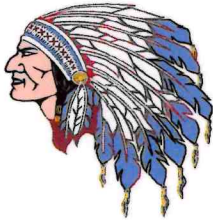
Summer School / ESY

August Summer School went well – the teachers did a great job.

CPI training took place August 8 in Pawnee.

Start of 2025-2026 School Year

We are off to a great start for the 2025-2026 school year!



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Director of Student Services's Board Update

Off Campus Experiences

Enrollment:

- CACC- 18 students
- MC3 - 2 students
- LLCC College Now - 28 students
- Work Base Learning - 6 students

Course Offerings

Courses Growing:

- Early Childhood Education - 11 students
 - Mrs. Young is collaborating with our PreK–4 teachers to provide observation and hands-on experience opportunities for our high school students.

Courses Closed Due to Low Enrollment:

- Anatomy (1 student)
- Chemistry II (2 sections to 1 section)
- Civics (2 sections to 1 section)
- Forensics (2 sections to 1 section)

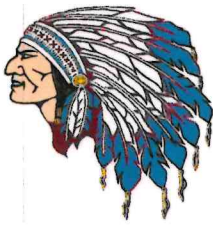
Schedule Change Requests

2024-2025

- 135 schedule changes

2025-2026

- 11 schedule changes
- 5 students in addition added an another course by taking a PE waiver



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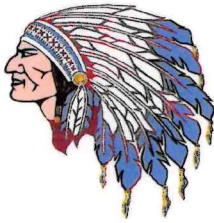
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Technology Report

- Recycling - disposed of a large amount of obsolete equipment
- Erate
 - DoIT internet circuit committed for erate 26/27
 - CIS support submitted for erate 26/27
- Chromebooks were assigned and distributed
- Google organization units updated
- GoGuardian organizational units updated and synchronized with Google domain
- Microsoft Domain
 - Accounts created for instructors and students for use with computer classes in the new computer lab



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-Approval of Madison Fugnitti as the volunteer HS cheer coach

-Approval of Ellie Garee to participate in swimming as an individual (her coach will be Leanne Bonitzer who is the swim coach at Taylorville HS)

Pawnee Indian Athletic updates:

1. Fall sports are in full swing! It has been awesome seeing our student-athletes on campus competing and growing as athletes and as individuals. Our JH baseball and softball teams have started contests as they strive for growth and improvement both on and off the field.
2. Shout out to our coaches and teachers for working with and caring for our amazing students and athletes. You all are amazing!
3. HS cheer will be participating in the Sangamon County Cheerleading Showcase at the Illinois State Fair on Sunday, August 17th at 2:00 p.m. in the Illinois Building. Best wishes to our athletes and coaches! Come out and support our girls!
4. The HS Football team will be hosting Amboy in the Week 0 scrimmage game on Saturday, August 23rd at 1:00 p.m. Please join us as our football team gets some live reps to get ready for the 2025 season!