

**Board of Education
Pawnee Community Unit School District #11
Wednesday, November 20, 2024
6:00 p.m. – Closed Session, Unit Office
7:00 p.m. – Regular Session – Cafeteria**

“Regular Meeting”

Action 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Clarke called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

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

Members absent:

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

Action 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: Megginson

Second: Morell

Ayes: 7-0

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-please stand if able

Info 3. Communications

A card was received from the Smargiassi Family for the flower arrangement for Don Smargiassi.

Info 4. PTO and Student Council updates

PTO: Happy National Board Member’s Day! The next fundraiser will be Secret Santa which will start the first week in December. There are still 160 dozen Texas Roadhouse rolls left.

Student Council: Winter Carnival is being planned. The dance will be held on January 11th. The theme will be Western. Candy Cane sales will be held December 12-13.

Info 5. Approval of Minutes

Action 5.1 Approve regular board meeting minutes of October 16, 2024

Motion: Approve the regular board meeting minutes of October 16, 2024.

Motion: Ward

Second: Morell

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

Info 6. Finance Reports and Expenditures

Action 6.1 Consideration and approval of financial reports and expenditures

Motion: Approve the financial reports and expenditures of \$227,154.28.

Motion: Ward

Second: Guess

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

Action 6.2 Presentation of tentative annual tax levy and resolution

Action 6.3 Adopt the Levy Resolution and establish the tax levy/resolution hearing date and time

Motion: Adopt the Levy Resolution and establish 7:00 p.m. on December 18, 2024 as the date and time for the tax levy hearing.

Motion: Megginson

Second: Morell

Ayes: Guess, Morell, Megginson, Boblitt

Nays: Ward, Clarke, McTaggart

Info 7. Visitors

1. FFA National Conference Attendees
2. Steve McClure Youth Advisory Council
3. Pawnee Indians Football Team
4. Sangamon County All-Tournament Team – Ava Rodriguez
5. Jamie Loftus – Why Not Outdoors

Info 8. Administrative Reports

Reports are available in packet. The following will present.

Nikki Goodall will introduce Ashley Creasey for STEM: Mrs. Creasey gave a demonstration that included 2 students and the STEM projects they have been working on.

Chris Hennemann & Steve Kirby will present Homeschooling/IHSA Administrative Procedures: Mr. Hennemann and Mr. Kirby presented documentation from the IHSA regarding homeschooled students requirements to participate in extra-curricular activities.

Motion was made to send this matter to the Policy Committee.

Motion: Megginson

Second: Guess

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

Molly Edmonds & Leanne Gehrs will present Illinois Report Card: Mrs. Edmonds and Mrs. Gehrs presented scores from the Illinois Report Card with regard to where the District falls.

Info 9. Old Business

None.

Info 10. New Business

Info 10.1 First Reading of PRESS Issue 116

Action 10.2 Consideration and approval of resignation of non-certified staff

Motion: Accept the resignation of Jennifer Mort as Paraprofessional.

Motion: Ward

Second: Guess

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

Action 10.3 Consideration and approval of resignation of extra-curricular coach
Motion: Accept the resignation of Kylie Mackenzie as 8th grade Volleyball coach.

Motion: Megginson

Second: Ward

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

Action 10.4 Consideration and approval to hire extra-curricular coaches

Motion: Approve hiring Brendon Charles as Assistant Scholastic Bowl coach.

Motion: Guess

Second: Morell

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

Action 10.5 Consideration and approval to hire volunteer extra-curricular coaches

Motion: Approve hiring Chris Hennemann and Steve Kirby as Volunteer 6th grade Boys' Basketball coaches.

Motion: Megginson

Second: Boblitt

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

Motion: Approve hiring Kylie Mackenzie as Volunteer JH Volleyball coach.

Motion: Clarke

Second: Guess

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

Motion: Accept the resignation of Lexi Wilson as 6th grade Volleyball coach.

Motion: Ward

Second: Morell

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

Motion: Accept the resignation of Jessica Roberts as 7th grade Volleyball coach.

Motion: Ward

Second: Morell

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

Motion: Approve hiring Lexi Wilson as 7th grade Volleyball coach.

Motion: Ward

Second: Morell

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

Motion: Approve hiring Jessica Roberts as 8th grade Volleyball coach.

Motion: Ward

Second: Morell

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

Action 11. **Seal the minutes of Executive Session.**

Motion: Seal the minutes of Executive Session.

Motion: Guess

Second: Ward

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

Action 12. Adjournment

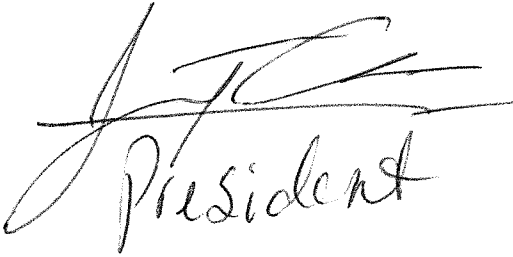
Motion: Adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

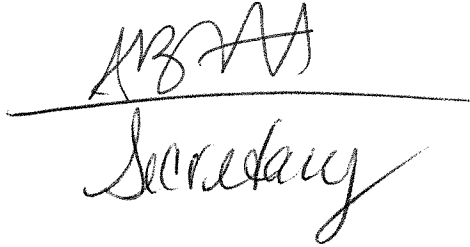
Motion: Guess

Second: Morell

Ayes: 7-0

Next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for—
Wednesday, December 18, 2024
Pawnee School Cafeteria
6:00 p.m.—executive session
7:00 p.m. - regular session


President


Secretary



**Pawnee CUSD 11
JH/HS Principal Report
December, 2024**

"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically.

Intelligence plus character- that is the goal of true education. "

- Dr. MLK.

Good News Report:

- **Indian Shout-Outs/ Positive Behavior Log Winners:**
 - JH: Josie Ellis
 - HS: Zoey Riley
- **JH Students of the Month:**
 - 8th grade: Bre Reese
 - 7th grade: Brooklyn Lawson
- **HS Student of the Month:**
 - Name: Carson Conteras (Junior)

Living a Mission and Vision Focused on Results:

- ACT: will be the digital state test for our juniors. The ACT will include the following subject areas: English, Math, Reading, Science and Writing. This is a change from last year when the state performed the SAT and pSAT.
- PreACT Freshman/Sophomore: Date TBD

Leading and Managing Systems Change:

- SIP December 18: Student performance data review and data breakdown occurred district-wide
- SIP January 6: Special education (IEP & 504) presentation given district-wide

Improving Teaching and Learning:

- 2nd Round Teacher Observations & Informals: These are being conducted both prior to and after Christmas break. Continued data review is helping guide future decisions on instruction, curriculum, and course review.

Building and Maintaining Collaborative Relationships:

- Lion's Club Food Drive: I have met with our local Lion's Club to organize our community food drive for the holiday season. HS Interact Club and JH Beta Club partnered with me to create flyers, promote, count, and load the food. The drive ended Friday, Dec. 13th.
- Proposal of the Lion's Club Homecoming Olympics was discussed: This will be reviewed after Christmas break with our StuCo homecoming committee. This would potentially occur at the 2025 Old Fashioned Country Fair.
- Junior Beta Club hosted a 50/50 Drawing: This was held at the JH boy's basketball game on Wednesday, December 11. All of the proceeds were donated to the Pawnee Angel Tree.

- CACC:
 - CACC Sophomore field trip: Dec. 6th. The students toured the facilities and met with program instructors. Additionally, our presently enrolled CACC students were available for presentations and questions. A multitude of careers and military were represented so that students could ask questions and get more information. January 15th CACC will present to our Sophomores and current juniors not attending CACC, but interested in program offerings for CACC attendance for the 2025-2026 school year.

Leading with Integrity and Professionalism:

- JH & HS Schoolmasters: continuing to attend monthly meetings, representing Pawnee to provide input necessary for both organizations that support our perspective and needs at Pawnee.

Creating and Sustaining a Culture of High Expectations

- Pawnee Musical: Our Pawnee spring play, *I Hate Shakespeare* by Steph DeFerie, directed by Mrs. Edwards and assisted by Mrs. Roseberry has started! Auditions were held this past month with practices already starting. The performance schedule is: 2/29/25, 3/1 & 3/2/2025.
- Final exams: JH/HS final exams will be delivered on 12/18, 19, & 20. All final exams were previewed by me so that they align with the district's vision of rigor, with reliability and validity in both qualitative and quantitative metrics. Exams that did not meet the district's vision were revised after a conference with the administration.
- Presentations for JH/HS:
 - **Strength & Conditioning-** Mr. Talley has been doing a tremendous job with the new strength and conditioning class. I have observed the students utilizing the new equipment both inside and outside of the current space. Talley and I have discussed the final exam for this class. The information and techniques that the students are learning is exciting and provides a new aspect within our physical fitness programming. Once our HS class is better equipped with the space it needs, I would like to utilize this new aspect within our junior high program next year as well in some fashion.

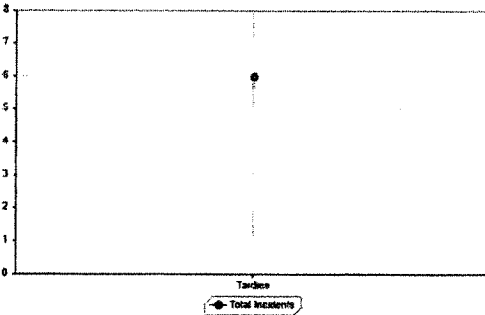
Personnel Updates:

- Recommend the hire: Cale Hennemann for the upcoming West & Charles leaves for 2nd semester
- Accept the resignation: N/A

Discipline Data: Incidents per Incident Type/By Date Range.

JH:

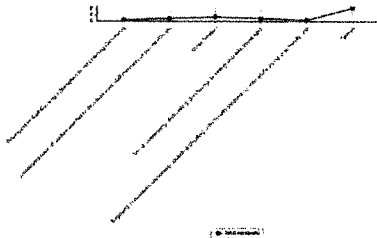
Incident Date: 2/11/13/2024
 Incident Date: 5/12/12/2025
 Academic Year: 2024 - 25
 Count: Unique Incidents



Incident Type	Total
Tardies	6

HS:

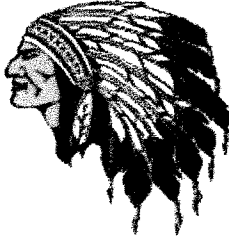
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 Count: Unique Incidents



Incident Type	Total
Disrupted to Staff/Causing a Disruption to the Learning Community	1
Disobeying rules of student conduct or directives from staff members or school officials	2
Other Reason	3
Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling alcoholic beverages	2
Engaging in academic dishonesty, including cheating, intentionally plagiarizing, wrongfully giving or receiving help	1
Tardies	3
Total Incidents	10

Pawnee CUSD #11 Enrollment Data:

2024-25	JH	HS
2023/24	103	151
August	80 *our largest class moved to HS	169
September	80	169
October	80	167 (-3 +1)
November	79	168
December	80	167



PAWNEE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #11
810 North Fourth Street, Pawnee, Illinois 62558 Phone: 217-625-2471

Name: Carson Contreras is Student of the Month for November!

Teacher Quote: Carson is a student with strong character and a great work ethic. I wish he could be in every class.

Grade: 11th grade

Parents: Emily Grandchamp & Gary Butler

Siblings: Jacob Butler

Extra-Curricular Activities: Soccer, Baseball, Scholastic bowl, interact, ACES, Yearbook, FFA, Vice President of Junior Class, StuCo

Honors or Awards: Student of the Month November, National Honor Society, ACES: placed in math and engineering/graphics in regionals & team won 1st place in regionals, participated in sectionals & state

After-school Activities: n/a

Future Plans: Attend a 4-year university considering majoring in political science

What do you enjoy doing in your free time: Spending time with friends, video games, sleeping!

The best part of being a student at Pawnee High School: I enjoy the close relationships between students and students and teachers. It makes the classes closer.

**Pawnee Grade School
Board Report: December 18, 2024**

Pawnee Grade School Enrollment									
PreK (PFA – ½ day)		PreK (fee)	Kdg	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
64		0	29	38	46	40	30	38	43
Sections:			2	2	3	2	2	3	2
Numbers shown are updated as of December 13									

Good News:

- Mary Melton was named the SASSED Inspirational Person of the Month

Personnel:

Education Staff

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Coaching Staff

- Recommend Andrew West and Sean Bard as volunteer HS baseball assistants.
- Recommend Joe Morell as 6th grade basketball volunteer assistant.
- Hire Fall coaches for next year

Administrative Report:

- Discipline to report:
- We had a Pre-K compliance visit on December 11-12.
- Teachers will have professional development about IEP's and 504 plans on January 6.
- The grade school collected items for the Pawnee Food Pantry
- Our Holiday concerts took place on December 9th (K-4) and December 16th (Band & Chorus Concert).
- Evaluations:
 - Formal observations are ongoing.

Board Meeting Notes - AD: December 18, 2024

Football:

- All equipment turned in
- The banquet for football and cheerleading was December 15th

HS Volleyball:

- The banquet was November 13th

JH Boys Basketball:

- 7th & 8th grade county tournaments start December 27th
- 5th & 6th-grade practice started December 10th
 - 13 total

JH Girls Basketball:

- Rewards/Awards Pizza Party - December 12th

HS Girls Basketball:

- Season in full swing
- Riverton Holiday Tournament - December 23, 26, 27 & 28

HS Boys Basketball:

- Season in full swing
- Waverly Holiday Tournament - Starts December 26th

JH Volleyball:

- Practice started on December 2nd
- 8th grade - 6
- 7th Grade - 7
- 6th Grade - 7

HS Baseball:

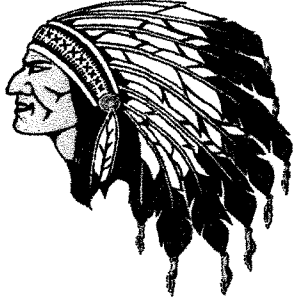
- We are in communication to play a baseball game at Busch Stadium this spring.
 - The tentative date and time is still to be determined

MSM Conference Passes

- I have passed out the pass but still need to give it out to board members. If you have not received one from me yet, please get yours tonight.

Winter Carnival:

- Pep Assembly will be Friday, January 19th in the morning, time TBD
- January 7th we will announce the Winter Carnival Court and the Dance will be on January 11th
 - 7:45 pm - Auditorium - Court
 - 8:00 - 10:00 pm - Dance - HS Gym



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Board Report

December 2024/25

Technology Director, Brandon Goodall

- Renewed VMware security certificates
 - reestablished vCenter connectivity, and resolved an issue that resulted in security certificate expiration
- Setup back-up drives for vCenter server
 - This step should have been completed with the installation of the server infrastructure. vCenter now backups and updates properly, and should be another layer of protection against security certificate expiration and exploitation.
- Commenced initial stages for recovering the district's Microsoft Business account.
 - This information was lost years ago, and is a barrier to the District's Microsoft products. Licenses for servers, operating systems, software and updates are all lost with this account.
 - I'm told the process will be long and tedious without cooperation from the previous tech administrator. But considering the sleuthing I had to do on my own to simply find the name of the account, it is clear the best use of my efforts will be in pursuing resolution alone.
- Replaced a faulty transceiver on a vital switch.
 - Assessed all transceivers in preparation for VoIP switchover
- Met with the Americall representative
 - Reviewed the functionality of the Grandstream phone system
 - began the porting process
 - Had the district contract with Comcast assessed
- Began switch upgrades in preparation for VoIP switchover
 - Some sites in the building where the phone cabling terminates are struggling with capacity. Switch upgrades and relocations are needed. Those can be accommodated, but the building is reaching capacity for network needs.

Home of the Indians