

Pawnee Community Unit School District #11

Wednesday, March 18th, 2026

6:00 p.m. – Closed Session, Unit Office

7:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting, Library



1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Communications

4.1 Recognition of High School Cheerleaders

4.2 Recognition of HS Girls Basketball Players

4.3 Student Council Updates

4.4 Presentation of SASED Cooperative Agreement-Mark Strawn, Director

4.4 Public Comment

5. Consent Items

5.1 Adoption of Consent Agenda Items (Action)

5.2 Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, February 25th, 2026

5.3 School District Accounts Payable (Bill List)

5.4 School Activity Account Reports

6. Personnel Consent Agenda Items

6.1 Adoption of Personnel Consent Agenda Items (Action)

6.2 Employment of HS Baseball Assistant Coach-Andrew West

6.3 Resignation of JH Beta Club Sponsor-Abigail Walls

6.4 Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Dismissal of Full-Time Teacher in Last Year of Probationary Service

7. Treasurer's Report

7.1 Update on district finances

8. New Business

8.1 Update from Pawnee Community Education Foundation

8.2 Discussion and approval of 2027-28 School Calendar

8.3 Acceptance of Bid Proposals and authorization to proceed with the High School Gym Project based on the recommendation of O'Shea Builders.

8.4 Resolution authorizing the issuance of General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,250,000 pursuant to the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, for the purpose of altering, renovating repairing and equipping the Pawnee Elementary and High School Building and improving the site thereof.

9. Administrative Reports (Enclosed in Packet)

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

10. Adjournment



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JH/HS Principal's Board Update- March 2025/2026

Spongebob Musical- Youth Edition

Our students delivered an outstanding performance in this year's school musical. The production featured superb sets and amazing student performances from start to finish. Under the direction of Ms. Sam Harris and assistant director Izzy Anspaugh, the show went off without a hitch. Following the performance, students enjoyed a celebratory dinner and expressed their appreciation to the district for supporting both the musical opportunity and the meal.

Friday's attendance: 140, Saturday's attendance: 104, Sunday's attendance: 223

*Max seats available 266

Beta (JH) & NHS (HS) Induction & Beta Convention:

Beta Club Induction: Hosted on Friday, February 27 during homeroom with reception thereafter for all members and families. Ms. Walls did a tremendous job with this ceremony and has kept the students busy this year with a variety of service projects throughout the school year.

Beta Club Convention: Our Pawnee JH students recently represented our school at the Beta Convention held at the Bank of Springfield Center. Seventeen students competed in a variety of leadership skills and activities alongside schools from across Illinois. While we were one of the smallest chapters in attendance, our students represented Pawnee Pride exceptionally well.

The experience provided a valuable opportunity for our young leaders to learn, compete, and grow.

National Honor Society Induction: The Pawnee chapter of the NHS hosted its annual induction ceremony on Tuesday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m., followed by a reception for members and their families. Under the leadership of Mrs. Bilyeu, our chapter has worked intentionally this year to strengthen alignment with the four pillars of NHS—scholarship, leadership, service, and character. ~~Students have participated~~ in a variety of school and community service initiatives aimed at building a stronger sense of contribution, leadership, and Pawnee Pride.

Student Publications

Ms. Walls and Ms. Woods have been working hard at providing our high school students opportunities for getting their creative writings published in various contests! Students who have been published and are awaiting contest results are: Emma Mattes, Alana McGuire, Lilly Skogsberg, Alyssa Edie, Breanna Reese, Lydia Megginson, Kaylee Morrow, Julie Sidener, and Payton Puckett. To see the titles of their published works, be sure to check out Pawnee's Facebook page or the list posted on the auditorium door.

IAR Testing for JH March 23, 24, 25

The IAR kick-off assembly on Friday, March 20th, thanks to the work of Leah Brock. Testing will occur on Monday March 23rd, Tuesday the 24th, and Wednesday the 25th for our 6-8th grades.

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Grade School Principal's Board Update

Kindergarten pre-registration

We have received a few more kindergarten pre-registrations and the current known number of incoming kindergartners for next year is 31 students.

Teacher Evaluations

All required grade school teacher evaluations for this school year have been successfully completed.

Reading / Arts Night

This annual, well-attended community event is planned for Thursday, April 16. Grade school teachers have been working hard on plans for the space-themed evening. The slogan for Reading / Arts Night this year is "Launch Into Learning." In addition to various reading activities that night, there will be student art displayed throughout the building.



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Director of Student Services's Board Update

2026-2027 High School Course Registration

Grade level class meetings were held to discuss graduation requirements, course offerings, and registration procedures. Student course registration forms are due March 25, 2026.

PHS Graduation Credit Requirement

Currently, Pawnee CUSD 11 requires high school students to earn 28 credits to graduate. Many surrounding districts require 24–26 credits for graduation. I would like the Board of Education to consider adjusting the district's graduation credit requirement.

Under the current system, students must pass every course throughout their entire high school career in order to reach the required 28 credits. Adjusting the graduation credit requirement would provide additional flexibility while still maintaining rigorous academic expectations.

Reducing the required number of credits would benefit students by allowing greater opportunities for remediation if a course is failed, supporting student well-being, and aligning the district's requirements more closely with those of other high schools. Students would still have the opportunity to earn up to 28 credits by completing all available coursework.



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Pawnee Indian Athletic updates:

1. HS Girls Basketball season wrapped up. A shoutout to the girls and coaching staff on a historic season finishing with the most wins in school history!
2. Congratulations to the Pawnee Cheer Team on an outstanding performance at the Queen of Hearts Cheer Showcase on Saturday! The team earned 1st Place – Quarterbreak Routine, 1st Place – Crowd Leaders, and 2nd Place – Halftime Division. Great job ladies and coaches!
3. The HS Scholastic Bowl team wrapped up their season. Notable season highlights include 4th place at the Masonic Tournament and 2nd place at the MSM conference tournament! Great job team and Mrs. Bolson!
4. Spring sports are underway with HS baseball, softball, and track and field starting practices and contests very soon! JH track and field will begin their practices on Monday, March 16th!
5. Shout out to our coaches/sponsors, and transportation department and custodian staff. We appreciate everybody pitching in to make education-based athletics an important part of the school experience here at Pawnee CUSD11!



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❖ **Finalized CrowdStrike deployment**

- CrowdStrike is a premier endpointsecurity solution, capable of protecting district assets even when they are not connected to the network (such as a laptop working from home)
- Deployment was done via Active Directory, installed in the background without disrupting staff use

❖ **Setup LAPS**

- With more and more staff attending conferences for professional development, and using district devices, LAPS is necessary.
- LAPS protects the district – even if the device were lost or stolen, no information for accessing the network is stored on the device.

❖ **DHS and MS-ISAC – the department of Homeland Security delivers heightened warnings (almost daily) about Iranian attacks on infrastructure.**

- This does not mean Iran will load up a computer virus and launch it at pawneeschools.org, but there will be attacks on internet providers. The day after the Iran bombings there was a large-scale outage on the ICN (Illinois Century Network – our internet provider) covering the northwestern part of Illinois