Pawnee Community Unit School District #11
Saturday, May 23, 2026
4:00 p.m. - Closed Session, Unit Office
4:30 p.m. - Regular Meeting, Library

Action 1. Call to order and Roll Call

_x__ Boblitt __x_Clarke _x__Guess _x__Morell
_x__Megginson _x__Simpson _x__Ward

2. 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)]

Open Regular Session

Call the Regular Session to order at 4:45 p.m. .
Roll Call
All Board members are present

3. Pledge of Allegiance- Please stand if able

4. Communications

4.1 Student Council Updates - NA

4.2 Recognition of JH Track State Participants - Move to June board meeting

4.3 Public Comment - Heather Samonds thanks the board and administration for open and honest communication, progress, and open conversations. She looks forward to continuing next year.

5. Consent Items

5.1 **Adoption of Consent Agenda Items (Action)**
Motion: Guess
Second: Simpson
Ayes: Unanimous

5.2 Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, April 15th, 2026

5.3 School District Accounts Payable (Bill List)

5.4 School Activity Account Reports

Motion: Approve the consent items as presented

Motion: Guess

Second: Simpson

Ayes: Unanimous

6. Personnel Consent Items

6.1 **Adoption of Personnel Consent Agenda Items (Action)**

Motion: Simpson

Second: Guess

Ayes: Unanimous

6.2 Employment of Summer Student Worker-Jack Frantz

6.3 Employment of Summer Student Worker-Cole Leaser

6.4 Employment of Summer Student Worker-Tobey Pfeiler

6.5 Employment of Volleyball Head of Program-Sarah Bingenheimer

6.6 Employment of Girls Basketball Head of Program-Tariq Toran

Motion: Approve Personnel Consent Agenda Items as presented

Motion: Simpson

Second: Guess

Ayes: Unanimous

7. Treasurer's Report

7.1 District Finances Update: The district will shift a larger portion of Corporate Fund resources to Operations & Maintenance (Facilities) Fund while reducing allocation to the Building and Education Funds. The district is currently approximately $123,000 short. The Education Fund maintains a healthy balance. Interest earnings have declined slightly, and the district currently has approximately $2.4 million invested through PMA.

8. Old Business

8.1 Presentation of amended 2025-26 budget: The amended budget reflects an overage in the Operations & Maintenance (Facilities) Fund due to unanticipated expenses. Several invoices from the previous fiscal year were received after the budget was adopted, resulting in costs that were not originally budgeted. In addition, the unplanned removal and replacement of water heaters contributed to the fund exceeding its budgeted expenditures.

9. New Business

9.1 Resolution providing for the issue of $940,000General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2026, for the purpose of altering, renovating, repairing, and equipping the Pawnee Elementary and High School Building and improving the site thereof, providing for the pledge of certain revenues and the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. A proposal had been received from Peoples National Bank of Kewanee, Kewanee, Illinois, for the purchase of $940,000 general obligation alternate bonds of the District and that the Board of Education would consider the adoption of a resolution providing for the issue of said alternate bonds for the purpose of altering, renovating, repairing and equipping the Pawnee Elementary and High School Building and improving the site thereof, providing for the pledge of certain revenues to the payment of principal and interest on said bonds and the levy of a direct annual

tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest if the pledged revenues are insufficient to make such payment. Jill Hamilton also summarized the pertinent terms of said proposal and said bonds, including the length of maturity, rates of interest, purchase price, and tax levy for said bonds. Board Member Ward asked for clarification if it would increase taxes. Jill Hamilton confirmed no increase in taxes would occur. In addition, Jill Hamilton suggested a 2-year payoff for the alternate bond.

Motion to approve the above-stated resolution

Motion: Guess
Second: Morell
Ayes: Unanimous

9.2 Consideration and approval to grant tenure to eligible licensed staff: Lindsey Beitel, Ashley Boarman, Alexandria Dyer, Brandon Hott, and Allison Young

Motion to approve tenure for eligible licensed staff

Motion: Morell
Second: Guess
Ayes: Unanimous

9.3 Approval of 2nd reading and final adoption of Press Policy 121

Motion to approve the adoption of Press Policy 121

Motion: Ward
Second: Morell
Ayes: Boblitt, Guess, Morell, Simpson
Nays: Ward, Clarke

10. 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

11**. Motion to adjourn**

Motion: Guess
Second: Simpson
Ayes: Unanimous