

**Board of Education  
Pawnee Community Unit School District #11  
Wednesday, December 19, 2018  
6:00 p.m. – Closed Session, Unit Office  
7:00 p.m. – Regular Session, Cafeteria**

**Agenda  
"Regular Meeting"**

**Action        1.        Call to Order and Roll Call**

President Ward called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

Members present: Adcock, Howard, Kern, Starr, Ward, Wort

Members absent: Shelton

Administrators Present: Alexander, Kratochvil, Hennemann, and Recording Secretary, Hamilton and 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 5/ILCS120/2(C)1,2,9, and 11.

**Motion: Go into executive session at 6:15 p.m. for the stated purpose.**

Motion: Adcock

Second: Howard

Ayes: 6-0

\*Return to executive session at end of meeting.

President Ward declared the meeting open at 7:28 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-please stand if able**

**Info            3.        Communications**

None.

**Info            4.        Good News Reports**

Mr. Hennemann congratulated Ms. Chambers and Ms. Springman on the wonderful chorus and band Christmas concerts. The Chatham VFW will present Mrs. Nelson with a Teacher Award in January. Mrs. Melton and Mrs. Mulkey's classes sold items at the Winter Carnival and that money will go toward classroom activities. Money was collected for residents of Taylorville who were affected by the recent tornado.

Mr. Kratochvil announced Cassie Bradbury as November Student of the Month. Riley Schutt and Peyton Hinds were the JH Students of the Month. The December Students of the Month are Ashlyn Kern and Claire Ward.

Mr. Alexander congratulated the chorus and band programs for the outstanding programs presented. Congratulations to the K-4 students for an entertaining Christmas program. Congratulations to Bob Hagler on obtaining 54 laptops from the Federal Highway Administration. Congratulations to our students. We received a House Resolution recognizing our participation in the Penny Drive.

**Info                    5.           PTO and Student Council updates**

Cassie Bradbury from Student Council reported that the Locker Wrap fundraiser raised \$250.00. The Ugly Sweater t-shirt fundraiser raised \$200.00. The Winter Carnival dance theme will be Winter Wonderland. January 5, 2019 will be the progressive dinner and on January 30, 2019 will be the UCP Telethon.

**6.           Approval of Minutes**

**Action                    6.1           Approve regular board meeting minutes of November 14, 2018**

**Motion: Approve the November 14, 2018, regular board meeting minutes.**

Motion: Howard

Second: Starr

Ayes: 6-0

**Action                    7.           Approval of Financial Reports and Expenditures**

**Action                    7.1           Consideration and approval of financial reports and expenditures**

**Motion: Adopt the financial reports and expenditures of \$199,746.94 and addendum bills of \$21,921.92.**

Motion: Wort

Second: Adcock

Ayes: Wort, Ward, Starr, Kern, Howard, Adcock

**Action                    7.2           Adoption of Annual Levy**

**Motion: Motion to approve the adoption of the tax levy.**

Motion: Kern

Second: Starr

Ayes: Wort, Ward, Starr, Kern, Howard, Adcock

**Info                    8.           Recognition of Visitors**

Jack Kratochvil spoke for the Pawnee football team. The team would like to see the football co-op go through. The team has very low numbers last season and they believe bringing in fresh faces will be beneficial to the team. He would like to have his high school football career end on a good note.

**Info                    9.           Administrative Reports**

**Reports herein attached.**

Mr. Hennemann reported: no suspensions; the November end of the month assembly had a good turn out; a 2-hour professional development video coaching session was held with a representative from Star 360. Evaluations are still in progress.

Mr. Kratochvil reported: 4 suspensions; he congratulated Jillian Bailey, Nick Ellis and Paige Langheim on being named Illinois State Scholars; PSAT scores were released to students and parents; applications for the Pawnee scholarships will be available in the Guidance Office beginning January 14; Congratulations to Paige Langheim on receiving the DAR Award; a brief textbook update was given; Congratulations to volleyball player Lexi Blanton for being named MSM All-Conference First Team and Avery Kern and Makenna Byers for being named MSM All-Conference Second Team; junior high volleyball and boys basketball are underway, as well as high school boys and girls basketball.

Mr. Alexander reported that the School Board delegates voted not to lobby legislature to create a law allowing for the arming of school personnel. Illinois will have a new Governor in January. O'Shea Builders will be in the school over break to begin the security update of the offices. The plans for the high school office update were changed and that project should be completed when school resumes in January.

**10. New Business**

**Action** 10.1 Consideration and approval of non-certified and certified personnel employment, resignation, and retirement

**Motion: Approve the employment of Lindsey Scherff as assistant musical director.**

Motion: Howard

Second: Wort

Ayes: Adcock, Howard, Kern, Starr, Ward, Wort

**Motion: Approve the employment of Kitt Thein as Head Football coach.**

Motion: Howard

Second: Ward

Ayes: Adcock, Howard, Kern, Ward, Wort

Abstain: Starr

**Motion: Approve the employment of Chris Hennemann as JV Boys Basketball coach.**

Motion: Kern

Second: Howard

Ayes: Wort, Ward, Starr, Kern, Howard, Adcock

**Motion: Approve the employment of Hannah West-Wilson to fill Alexandra Ibberson's leave of absence in pre-k.**

Motion: Wort

Second: Howard

Ayes: Adcock, Howard, Kern, Starr, Wort

Abstain: Ward

**Motion: Approve the employment of Kem Bakunas as paraprofessional.**

Motion: Howard

Second: Kern

Ayes: Wort, Ward, Starr, Kern, Howard, Adcock

**Action**                      Consideration and approval of personnel resignation

**Motion: Approve the resignation of Jenny Branum as paraprofessional effective January 11, 2019.**

Motion: Adcock

Second: Starr

Ayes: 6-0

**Motion: Approve the resignation of Joe Fisher as Freshman Football coach.**

Motion: Adcock

Second: Kern

Ayes: 6-0

**Motion: Approve the resignation of Gary Alexander as Superintendent effective June 30, 2019.**

Motion: Ward

Second: Adcock

Ayes: 6-0

The Board thanked Mr. Alexander for his many years of service to the Pawnee School District. Mr. Alexander said it was not an easy decision, but would like to be close to family.

**Action**                      10.2    Consideration and approval of non-certified volunteers

**Motion: Approve musical volunteers: Cambry Bennett, Heather Edwards, Isabelle Sisk, Kinze Roth, Janet Chambers and Matthew Woodcock.**

Motion: Adcock

Second: Starr

Ayes: Adcock, Howard, Kern, Starr, Ward, Wort

**Motion: Approve musical volunteer Haley Ward.**

Motion: Adcock

Second: Kern

Ayes: Adcock, Howard, Kern, Starr, Wort

Abstain: Ward

**Info**                              10.3    First reading of Administrative Policy and Procedure revisions

**Info**                              10.4    Discussion on Football Cooperative

The Board discussed the football co-op with members of the Pawnee football team, Coach Thein and Mr. Kirby.

**Info**                              10.5    Board reflection on Joint Annual School Board Conference

Starr and Howard reported on the courses they attended at the conference. Alexander reported it was a good conference.

**Motion: Return to executive session.**

**Motion: Adcock**

**Second: Starr**

**Ayes: 6-0**

**Return to executive session at 9:35 p.m.**

**Motion: Seal the minutes of Executive Session.**

**Motion: Adcock**

**Second: Kern**

**Ayes: 6-0**

**Action        11.    Adjournment**

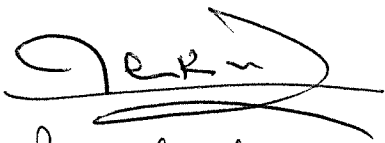
**Motion: Adjourn at 10:23 p.m.**

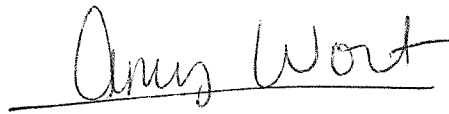
**Motion: Kern**

**Second: Ward**

**Ayes: 6-0**

Next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for—  
Wednesday, January 16, 2019  
Pawnee School Cafeteria  
6:00 p.m.—executive session  
7:00 p.m. - regular session

  
President

  
Secretary

**Pawnee Grade School  
Board Report: January 11, 2019**

Pawnee Grade School Enrollment									
PreK (PFA)	PreK (Guess)	PreK (fee)	Kdg	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
28	17	5	39	33	53	55	40	40	46
Sections:			2	2	3	3	2	2	3
Numbers shown were updated January 10, 2019									

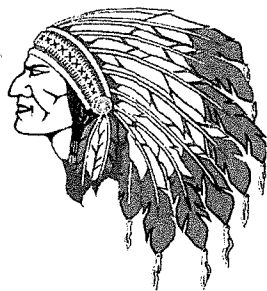
**Good News:**

- Report cards for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter handed out on Friday, January 11.
- Geography Bee held on Friday, January 11.
- Arts Night Open House has been scheduled for Thursday, April 25.
- Julie Meyer has been a wonderful addition as our new counselor.

**Personnel:**

**Administrative Report:**

- No discipline to report.
- December end of the month assembly was held with many parents attending.
  - More than 40 students received incentives from the Gotcha drawing.
- Evaluations:
  - Still ongoing



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Athletic Director

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**January 2019**

## **Junior High/High School Principal's Report**

**Current Enrollment: High School-183 (189) Junior High-85(95) Total:268 (284)**

7<sup>th</sup>- 46() 8<sup>th</sup>-39(46) 9<sup>th</sup>-49(49) 10<sup>th</sup>-53(54) 11<sup>th</sup>-44(49) 12<sup>th</sup>-37(42)

**Suspensions:** 1

- SR

### **Good News:**

- December High School Student of the Month; Lauren Haney: a positive and productive member of class - she always comes in with a smile on her face and a great attitude. She takes on leadership roles both in class and in extracurricular activities and always gives 100% to every situation.

### **Personnel:**

- One resignation
- Baseball Volunteers
- Open Jobs
  - Industrial Tech
  - AD
  - Junior High Track Coach
  - High School Track Assistant

### **Guidance Office Report:**

- 6th and 8th grade Parent Orientation for February 6<sup>th</sup> in the auditorium.
  - 6th grade 6:00-7:00
  - 8th grade 7:00-8:00
- Pawnee Community Education Association Scholarship applications will be available to students January 14th in the Guidance Office and online.
- Blood Drive (sponsored by SADD) is rescheduled for February 26th.
- January 23<sup>rd</sup> CACC 6:00pm, Hopefully the College Now program the same night.

### **Academics:**

- Textbook update

### **Activities:**

- Report on Football Program
- Report on 6<sup>th</sup> grade athletics

### **Other:**

January 16, 2019

## SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

### SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

**Good News-** Great job to Jim, Scott, Tyler, Stan, Lucas, Mike, and Ryan for their work over break. They did a great job of getting both offices functional when staff returned.

#### Superintendent Report:

1. We had Burgess come in over the break. They fixed gas leak outside the Pre-K and also winterized the A building and Baseball/Softball Concession. They put a valve in the A building that allowed for antifreeze to be ran through the lines.
  
2. NPR Illinois examined JB Pritzker campaign ads, materials on his websites and comments during debates and made a lengthy list of issues he's on the record of saying are priorities. Here's the list NPR compiled concerning education, preschool and childcare:
  - Lower property taxes, especially on lower-income households, as part of shifting the main funding burden for education from local government onto the state.
  - Oppose the private school tax credit program or anything else that's "siphoning off money from public schools."
  - Lowering the mandatory school enrollment age from 6 to 5.
  - Incrementally enroll more 3- and 4-year-olds in preschool — about 12,500 a year for eight years.
  - Increase access to state child care subsidies — to 200 percent of the federal poverty level from the current 185 percent, and let people gradually wind down participation as their income approaches 300 percent of the poverty level. (The campaign says 200 percent threshold would be about \$40,000 in annual salary for a family of three.)
  - Add more preschool teachers and classrooms: "I'm going to establish new financial incentives for people to earn the appropriate credentials and enter the state's early learning workforce."
  - Expand "birth-to-three" home visit services and create a "Family Engagement Portal" to educate new parents on child development.