

## **Pawnee Community Unit School District #11**

**Wednesday, April 15th, 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

### **Roll Call and Call to Order**

President Clarke called the regular session to order at 7:09 pm. All members of the board and administration were present

### **3. Public Hearing**

3.1 Conduct a public hearing concerning the intent of the Board to sell \$1,250,000 General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) for the purpose of altering, renovating, repairing and equipping the Pawnee Grade and High School Building and improving the site thereof- The meeting opened with a public hearing on \$1.25 million in alternative revenue bonds previously discussed and approved last month. There was no public comment or written testimony in response. The motion was carried, and the public hearing was adjourned.

### **Motion to close public hearing:**

**Motion: Simpson**

**Second: Megginson**

**Ayes: Unanimous**

### **4. Pledge of Allegiance**

## **5. Communications**

5.1 Recognition of ACES Participants and Qualifiers-The ACES academic team was recognized for ranking 15th out of 52 teams. Many individual awards were announced

5.2 Student Council Updates- The trivia Night set for this Saturday was mentioned along with the Distinguished Alumni Award and elections for next year's officers and members, which will begin next week, and nominations for the last student of the month for this school year.

5.3 Nate Fretz-Stifel (Alternate Revenue Bond)- 3 options were presented.

Option 1 (Green - \$850,000 project fund): Paid off December 2027 (approximately 18 months; total debt service just under \$900,000; estimated interest~\$28,000-\$29,000; true interest cost ~3.5%.

Option 2 (Blue - \$1,000,000 project fund): Two full payments in December of the current and following year, with a partial final payment in December 2028; total debt service ~\$1,650,000; estimated interest ~\$40,000; approximately 2 to 2.5-year financing.

Option # (Orange - \$1,250,000 par amount): Two regular debt service payments of ~\$490,000 each and a final reduced payment of \$336,000 in December 2028; total debt service ~\$1.31 million; estimated interest ~\$60,000; paid off in approximately 3 years.

Net cash available if issuing the full \$1.25 million is approximately \$1.225 million after closing costs.

5.4 Public Comment- There was no public comment

Motion to

## **6. Consent Items**

### **Motion to adopt consent agenda items**

**Motion: Guess**

**Second: Simpson**

**Ayes: Unanimous**

6.1 Adoption of Consent Agenda Items (Action)

6.2 Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, March 18th, 2026

6.3 School District Accounts Payable (Bill List)

6.4 School Activity Account Reports

### **Motion to approve consent agenda items**

**Motion: Ward**

**Second: Boblitt**

**Ayes: Unanimous**

## **7. Personnel Consent Agenda Items**

7.1 Adoption of Personnel Consent Agenda Items (Action)

**Motion to adopt personnel consent items**

**Motion: Ward**

**Second: Morell**

**Ayes: Unanimous**

7.2 Employment of Director of Student Services-Casara Allison

**Motion to approve the employment of the Director of Student Services**

**Motion: Ward**

**Second: Boblitt**

**Ayes: Unanimous**

7.3 Resignation of Speech/Literacy Sponsor-Carrie Seiler

7.4 Resignation of Assistant Football Coach-Sean Bard

**Motion to approve personnel consent agenda items**

**Motion: Morell**

**Second: Ward**

**Ayes: Unanimous**

## **8. Treasurer's Report**

8.1 Update on district finances - Jill Hamilton reported that cash on hand is decreasing monthly. Still, a significant tax injection is expected in May & June, representing approximately 50% of projected tax revenues. The county multiplier this year is 1.09 - an unusually high figure. As a result, the school's tax rate is expected to decrease by approximately 16.5 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, bringing the Sangamon rate to approximately \$3.5796, which is very uncommon. Because the district levies at less than 5%, some money will be left on the table, with the exact amount unknown pending Christian and Montgomery Counties' multiplier figures. An unbudgeted IMRF accelerated payment of \$12,612.06 was noted on the bill list. This was triggered because raises given a couple of years ago pushed salaries above the 6% IMRF cap in a snapshot window. The payment is a one-time charge per individual (in this case, a driver/employee close to retirement). Future retirements may trigger similar IMRF payments. While not in the current fiscal year budget, Hamilton confirmed sufficient funds have been levied in projected salaries to cover it. A budget amendment may be required; the board will be informed further

## **9. New Business**

9.1 Discussion of tentative amended budget for 2025-26 school year

Superintendent noted that a proposed amended budget will be brought to the board at May's board meeting with formal adoption in June.

9.2 Approval of Bid for Student Weight Room Remodeling – O'Shea Builders - A motion was made to approve the bid for the weight room remodel at \$174,505. The bid document contained standard language noting that estimates are based on a verbal description of the scope of work and that costs may increase as the design develops - included because the project was not originally in scope and was added on. The board acknowledged the bid price is unlikely to decrease.

**Motion to approve bid for student weight room remodeling - O'Shea Builders**

**Motion: Ward**

**Second: Morell**

**Ayes: Ward, Boblitt, Clarke, Morell**

**Nays: Megginaon, Simpson**

9.3 Discussion and First Read of Press Policy 121 (March 2026)

9.4 Approval of 2026-27 IHSA Membership

**Motion to approve 2026-27 IHSA Membership**

**Motion: Megginson**

**Second: Morell**

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

**Nays: Ward**

9.5 Discussion and Approval of the 2026-27 Consolidated District Plan

**Motion to approve the 2026-27 Consolidated District Plan**

**Motion: Megginson**

**Second: Ward**

**Ayes: Unanimous**

9.6 Discussion of Return of Grant Funds to the Illinois State Board of Education (\$10,920)

- The grant was not fulfilled, obligating the district to return the funds.

9.7 Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Honorable Dismissal and Reassignment of Teacher - **Motion to approve the resolution authorizing the honorable dismissal and reassignment of a teacher.**

**Motion: Clarke**

**Second: Simpson**

**Ayes: Unanimous**

9.8 Consideration and Action on Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Allowing the Director of Student Services to Serve as Instructor for Dual Credit Math Courses. **Motion to approve MOU allowing the Director of Student Services to serve as an instructor for dual credit math courses.**

**Motion: Ward**

**Second: Morell**

**Ayes: Unanimous**

## **10. Administrative Reports (Enclosed in Packet)**

10.1 Superintendent's Report

10.2 JH/HS Principal's Report

10.3 Grade School Principal's Report

10.4 Director of Student Services Report

10.5 Athletic Director's Report

10.6 Technology Director's Report

## **11. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43**

**Motion: Megginson**

**Second: Simpson**

**Ayes: Unanimous**