

**Board of Education  
Pawnee Community Unit School District #11  
Wednesday, April 23, 2025  
6:00 p.m. – Closed Session, Unit Office  
7:00 p.m. – Regular Session - Library**

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

President Clarke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Members absent: McTaggart

Administrators Present: Edmonds, Hennemann, Goodall, Gehrs and Recording Secretary 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 5ILCS120/2(C)1,2,9, and 11.

**Motion: Go into executive session for the stated purpose.**

Motion: Ward

Second: Morell

Ayes: 7-0

**Action            1.        Call to Order and Roll Call (Regular Session)**

President Clarke calls the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Members absent: McTaggart

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

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

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

Motion: Ward

Second: Guess

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

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

**Info                4.        Communications**

4.1      ACEs Recognition (Nikki will introduce)

4.2      IESA Spirit Award (Chris will introduce)

4.3      Student Council Updates – Officers have been elected for next year. Student of the Month for March was voted on. Progressive Dinner has been planned.

4.4      PTO Updates – None.

4.5      Jim Lovelace Transportation Update (Molly will introduce)

4.6      Public Comment (Sign Up in Advance)

**Action      5.      Consent Items**

- 5.1      Adoption of Consent Agenda Items as listed or are there items the members would like to pull to discuss individually?

Motion: Ward

Second: Guess

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

**Action      6.      New Business**

- 6.1      Move from Block to Traditional Scheduling for JH/HS for the 25-26 School Year (Anne Seiz from the Parent Scheduling Committee will be presenting)

Motion: Megginson

Second: Boblitt

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

- 6.2.      **Confirm canvas of election returns, declare winners, and administer oath of office to new members**

**Motion: Authorize the canvas of the April 1, 2025 election and proclamation of winners.**

Motion: Ward

Second: Guess

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

- 6.3      **Declaration of Winners**

**Motion: Approve the abstract of votes and declare Jessica Megginson, Joe Morell, Travis Simpson and Jerry Clarke to be the top four vote recipients and hereby elected to the Pawnee Board of Education.**

Motion: Ward

Second: Guess

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

**Action      6.4.      Sine Die (SEE NAY, DEE AAY)**

**Motion: Adjourn Sine Die.**

Motion: Ward

Second: Guess

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

Meeting paused here for new board members to take their seats and outgoing board members presentations.

**7.      Reorganization of the Board**

- 7.1      Jerry Clarke will administer the oath to the incoming members.

- 7.2      Selection of President Pro Tem Nominees: Nominations: All in Favor of Jerry Clarke

Votes: 7-0

**Motion: Appoint Jerry Clarke to serve as President Pro Tem during election of officers:**

Motion: Ward

Second: Guess

Ayes: Boblitt, Guess, Megginson, Morell, Simpson, Ward

Abstain: Clarke

**7.3 Roll Call – New Board**

Members Present: Boblitt, Clarke, Guess, Megginson, Morell, Simpson, Ward  
Members Absent:

**7.4 Election of Officers**

Election of President: Nominations: All in Favor of Jerry Clarke

Votes: 7-0

**Motion: Jerry Clarke to serve as President of Pawnee CUSD #11 Board of Education.**

Motion: Ward

Second: Guess

Ayes: Boblitt, Guess, Megginson, Morell, Simpson, Ward

Abstain: Clarke

Election of Board Vice-President: Nominees: All in Favor of Jessica Megginson

Votes: 7-0

**Motion: Jessica Megginson to serve as Vice-President of Pawnee CUSD #11 Board of Education.**

Motion: Guess

Second: Boblitt

Ayes: Boblitt, Clarke, Guess, Morell, Simpson, Ward

Abstain: Megginson

Election of Secretary: Nominees: All in Favor of Amy Boblitt

Votes: 7-0

**Motion: Amy Boblitt to serve as Secretary of Pawnee CUSD #11 Board of Education.**

Motion: Ward

Second: Guess

Ayes: Clarke, Guess, Megginson, Morell, Simpson, Ward

Abstain: Boblitt

Action      7.5      Appointment of Treasurer. This person will need to attend all board meetings and schedule a time each month to meet with Superintendent and District office staff to look over financials.

**Motion: Appoint Jill Hamilton to serve as District Treasurer for a term of two years.**

Motion: Megginson

Second: Guess

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

**Action      8.      Personnel Consent Agenda Items**

8.1      Adoption of Consent Agenda Items as listed or are there items the members would like to pull to discuss individually?

**Motion: Adopt the Consent Agenda items as listed.**

Motion: Ward

Second: Guess

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

**Action            9.        New Business**

9.1        Employment of Blake Lucas as the Pawnee CUSD #11 Athletic Director

**Motion: Approve the employment of Blake Lucas as the Athletic Director.**

Motion: Ward

Second: Guess

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

9.2        Employment of Blake Lucas as the High School Head Basketball Coach

**Motion: Approve the employment of Blake Lucas as Pawnee's HS Head Basketball Coach.**

Motion: Ward

Second: Boblitt

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

9.3        Approval of Wrestling Cooperative with Auburn for the 25-26 school year

**Motion: Approve the Wrestling Co-op with Auburn for the 25-26 school year.**

Motion: Morell

Second: Guess

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

9.4        Approval of School Superintendent to prepare the 2025-2026 Tentative Budget

**Motion: Approve Superintendent Edmonds to prepare the 2025-2026 Tentative Budget.**

Motion: Guess

Second: Ward

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

9.5        Approval to Spend, Pending Completion of Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget

**Motion: Approval to Spend, Pending Completion of Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget.**

Motion: Ward

Second: Guess

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

9.6        Set dates and times of regular meetings

**Motion: Set regular session meeting dates for the third Wednesday of each month with a starting time of 7:00 p.m. for open session and 6:00 p.m. starting time for closed session.**

Motion: Ward

Second: Guess

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

**Info            10.        Administrative Reports**

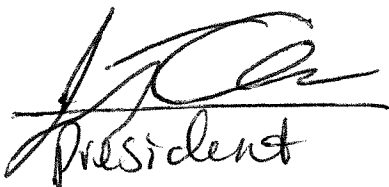
**Action        11.        Adjournment**

**Motion: Adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.**

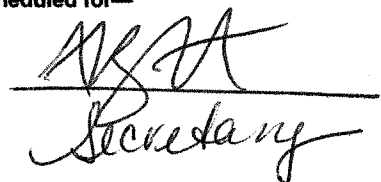
Motion: Guess

Second: Simpson

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

  
President

Next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for—  
Wednesday, May 21, 2025  
Pawnee School Cafeteria  
6:00 p.m.—executive session  
7:00 p.m. - regular session

  
Secretary



**Pawnee CUSD 11**  
**JH/HS Principal Report**  
**May, 2025**

*"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: Kaylee Morrow (April)
  - HS: Jada Johnson (April)
  - JH: (May) Lauren Miller
  - HS: (May) Morgan Faith
- **JH Students of the Month:**
  - 8th grade: Drew Blanton (April)
  - 7th grade: Jenna Berry (April)
  - 8th grade: Ava Leach (May)
  - 7th grade: Katelyn Waddell (May)
- **HS Student of the Month:**
  - Name: Everett Rude
- **CACC Student of the Month: Early Childhood**
  - Name: Elise Fuiten

**Living a Mission and Vision Focused on Results:**

- Final Exams: Scheduled for seniors on 5/8-9 and for all underclassmen for 5/20, 21, 22.
- HS Graduation: Scheduled for Friday, May 16th at 7:00 pm. Doors open at 5:30 pm.
- 8th grade Promotion: Scheduled for Thursday, May 22nd at 7:00 pm. Doors open at 5:30 pm

**Leading and Managing Systems Change:**

- Room Assignments. Room assignments have been communicated for the 25/26 school year. A few teachers will be moving classrooms into spaces that provide a better fit for the subject and students they will be teaching.

**Improving Teaching and Learning:**

- Restorative Practices.: Looking ahead to the 2025–2026 school year, our junior high and high school will have 1–2 educators trained in Restorative Practices. This initiative will help foster a more supportive and inclusive school climate by equipping staff with tools to build relationships, resolve conflicts, and strengthen community within the classroom and beyond.

**Building and Maintaining Collaborative Relationships:**

- HS Baccalaureate & Senior Parade: Baccalaureate was held on May 6th at the Pawnee Assembly of God. The Senior Parade was held thereafter.

- HS Walk of Graduates, Senior Video Assembly, Senior Breakfast: Hosted on Monday, May 5th in the morning.
- Spring Music Concert: Was held on May 12th and included both band and choir performances. A big thank you to Mr. Sitze and Ms. Harris for putting on such a wonderful capstone to our musical year.
- Prom: Was held at Panther Creek in Chatham on Saturday, May 3rd. Students had a wonderful time celebrating together. After prom was hosted at PHS from 11pm-3am.

### **Leading with Integrity and Professionalism:**

#### **Creating and Sustaining a Culture of High Expectations**

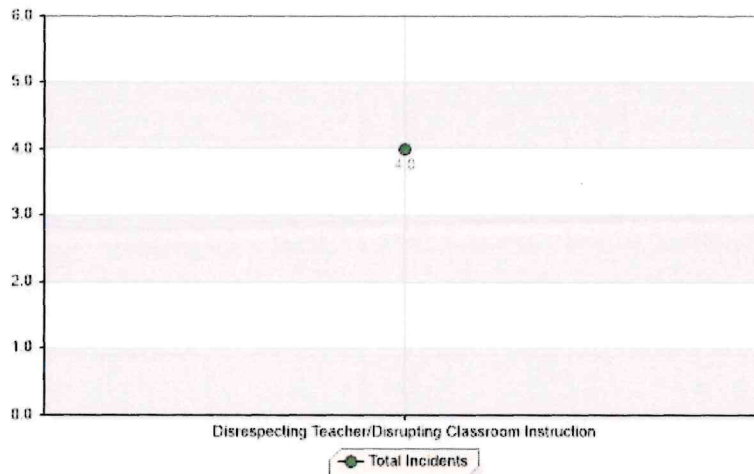
- Academic/Curricular Awards: This was held on May 1st in conjunction with the Lion's Club Breakfast in our auditorium. It was open to all students and public.
- Lion's Club Breakfast: This was held on May 1st in conjunction with the Academic/Curricular Awards. We had 68 students awarded for a cumulative yearly GPA average of 4.0 or better!

### **Personnel Updates:**

- Recommend the hire of: N/A
- Accept the resignation of: N/A

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

**JH:**



Incident Type	Total
Disrespecting Teacher/Disrupting Classroom Instruction	4

HS:

Engaging in any activity on or off campus that interferes with, disrupts, or adversely affects the school environment

Causing or attempting to cause damage to, stealing, or attempting to steal, school property or person's property

Total Incidents

Incident Type	Total
Engaging in any activity, on or off campus, that interferes with, disrupts, or adversely affects the school environment	7
Causing or attempting to cause damage to, stealing, or attempting to steal, school property or person's property	1
<b>Total Incidents</b>	<b>8</b>

### 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
January	79 (-1)	166 (-1)
February	78 (-1)	166 (+1, -1)
March	78	166
April	78	168 (+2)
May	79 (+1)	169 (+1)





**PAWNEE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #11**

810 North Fourth Street, Pawnee, Illinois 62558 Phone: 217-625-2471

**Name:** Everett Rude is Student of the Month for April

**Teacher Quote:** Everett is a hard worker and a pleasure to have in class. He is positive and takes advantage of class time on his work.

**Grade:** 12th grade

**Parents:** LaDonna Rude, Everett Rude II

**Siblings:** Alyssa Dent

**Extra-Curricular Activities:** Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Pep-Band & Concert Band, Student Council Treasurer, Interact Vice-President, FFA, Yearbook, ACES, Bass Fishing, and NHS

**Honors or Awards:** April Student of the Month, Principal's GRIT award for 2023/24

**After-school Activities:** Working at Local's as a Cook

**Future Plans:** To go to culinary school and one day own my own restaurant.

**What do you enjoy doing in your free time:** Fishing, watching TV

**The best part of being a student at Pawnee High School:** The best part is the teachers because they make the learning experience fun and interesting.



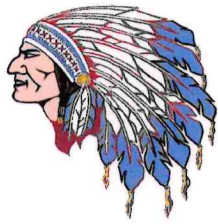
# Pawnee Grade School

## Board Report: May 20, 2025

Pawnee Grade School Enrollment									
PreK (PFA – ½ day)		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>
64		0	29	37	46	39	31	37	41
Sections:			2	2	3	2	2	3	2
Numbers shown are updated as of May 15									

### Administrative Report:

- Other:
  - We held our band and chorus concert on May 12.
  - Final day of Pre-K will be Wednesday, May 14 with a parent event held at the park.
  - Pre-K screening will be held on May 20-21.
  - PTO play day for K-6 will take place on Friday, May 23.
  - June Summer School is all set to go from May 27 - June 6.
- Discipline: To be discussed in closed session



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## **Gehrs Board Report**

### **May 2025**

- ACT / PreACT scores are in. A copy of student results will be mailed home.
- Teachers have been notified of their teaching assignments for the 2025-2026 school year. Currently, 10 teachers do not have full schedules in JH/HS.
- LLCC College Now
  - Fall 2025 tuition is \$143.50 per credit hour + \$16.00 fees= \$159.50 per credit hour. Most courses are 3 credit hours- \$478.50 for a 3 credit hour course.
- CACC
  - \$21,365.5 - Operation, Business, & Maintenance
  - \$1,500 a year per student
- Grade School Math Curriculum
  - Grade School will be utilizing Saavas EnVisions Curriculum.
  - Teachers will receive professional development and training for the new curriculum in the upcoming school year.
  - Thank you to Jenny Behrent and grade school teachers for their time in researching, trial lessons, and meetings.



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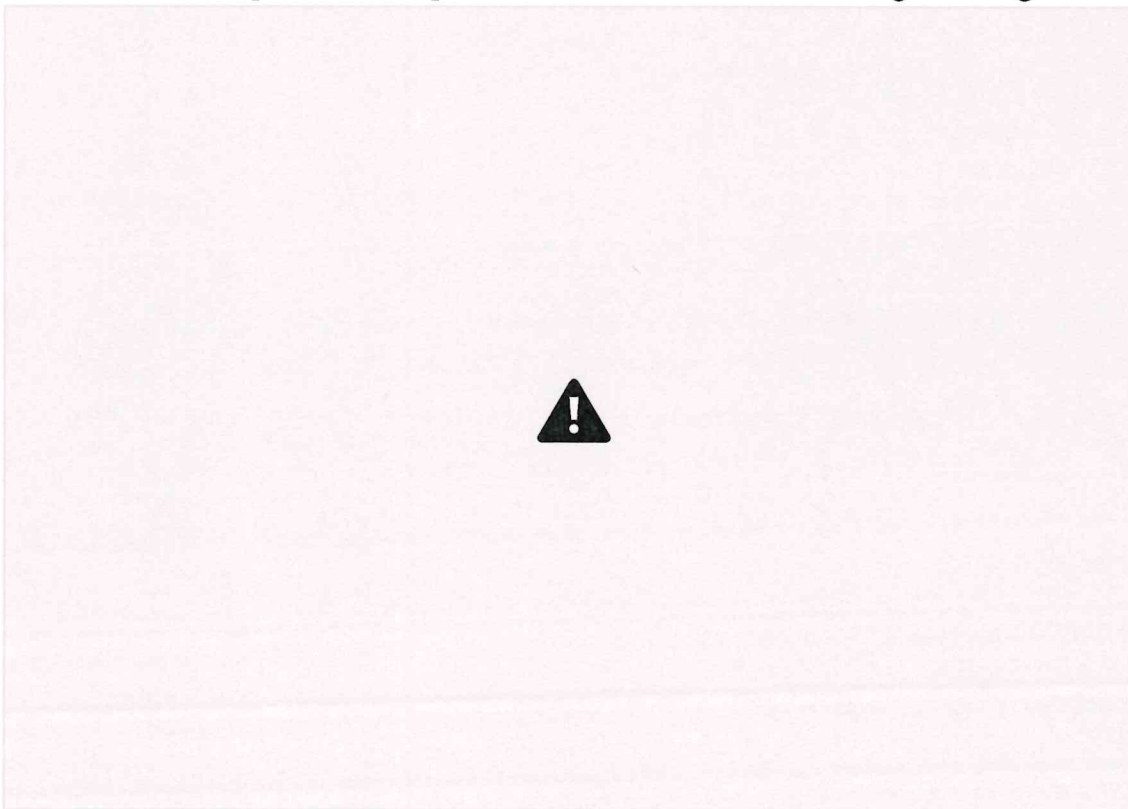
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## **Board Report**

**May 2024/25**

**Technology Director, Brandon Goodall**

-A second WIFI transmitter has been added to the concessions, supplying access to the Softball field. Below is a speed-test comparison. The effect of distance on signal strength is evident.



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-i-sac active directory adjustments for enhanced security

-inventor - comprehensive inventory is underway; step 1 to CIS security compliance

-printer master list - prevents loss of staff data due to systems failure -2 factor

authentication preliminary steps

- rollout new google authentication for backups and copiers

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## **Superintendent's Report**

**May 2025**

### **2025/26 Staffing Update**

All staffing positions for next school year have been filled. Through attrition, positions that may open during the summer can be filled internally. Based on special education numbers, there may be a need to add one, additional aide. This will be decided in June.

### **2025-26 Senior Trip**

The Senior Trip is tentatively set for August 22<sup>nd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. Over the summer, we would like to have a conversation with the Board and Parent Committee to discuss the option of adding parent chaperones.

### **TeacherEase Financial**

By July 1<sup>st</sup>, Pawnee CUSD #11 will be streamlined to CommonGoal Financial Solutions as opposed to using SDS. This financial software is approximately \$5000 cheaper and easier to maneuver. There are rumblings that SDS will no longer be a software option for districts in the next couple of years. In order to get ahead of this change and utilize software that is understood by our unit staff, this is a necessary change.

### **Summer Projects**

- A-Building Electrical, HVAC, and Plumbing Work (Outsourced)
- Pre-K Renovation (Outsourced)
- Library Door Painting (Outsourced)
- High School Awning Painting (Outsourced)
- A-Building Painting, Reorganizing, and Deep Cleaning (Summer Crew/Scott Day)
- Classroom Deep Cleaning and Floor Waxing (Summer Crew/Jim Underwood)
- Classroom and Hallway Painting (Summer Crew/Jim Underwood/Scott Day)
- Exterior Door Painting (Summer Crew/Tyler Underwood)
- Landscaping (Summer Crew/Tyler Underwood)
- Cleaning out basement and all storage rooms (Summer Crew/Jim Underwood/Scott Day)
- Assigning Parking Spots and Painting Numbers in Student Parking Lot (Student Request)  
Summer Crew/Scott Day/Tyler Underwood
- Cleaning Trophies and Reorganizing Trophy Cases (Summer Crew/Jim Underwood)

### **Community Eligibility Program**

Our district qualifies for the free breakfast and lunch program. This program does have more restrictions on what and how we serve food. Kedra attended a meeting regarding joining this program. This would end up costing the district more money and could negatively impact the food offering. We will not do CEP for the 2025-26 school year. We can reevaluate for the 2026-27.

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