

**Board of Education
Pawnee Community Unit School District #11
Wednesday, November 19, 2025
6:00 p.m. – Closed Session, Unit Office
7:00 p.m. – Regular Session – Library**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Clarke called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

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

Members absent: Guess

Administrators Present: Edmonds, Hennemann, Goodall, Hamilton, Goodall, Gehrs and Recording Secretary Brown

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-please stand if able

Info: 3. Communications

- 3.1 Student Council Updates - Jungle Fever for Winter Carnival, hosting trivia night in April
- 3.2 Recognition of the 2025 Pawnee Indian Football Team - Recognized for post season play with 9-2 record - Caden Ward was recognized for I8FA Passing record
- 3.3 Recognition of the 2025 Illinois State Scholars - 7 students
- 3.4 Carson Contreras-LLCC College Now - Thanked the Board for paying for this opportunity and considered it an advantage. Took 1-2 classes per semester. Carson felt this was a positive experience. He recommended more guidance in the freshman/sophomore years as to what should be taken. Boblitt recommended that maybe high schoolers talk to 8th graders. Carson said half days were needed to be able to complete all assignments along with high school homework.
- 3.5 Public Comment - Heather Sammonds spoke on the importance of taking the Tax Levy money. The school needs renovations, the students are in need, and it is needed for the long-term health of the district.
Take the levy money - not 0.

Action 4. Consent Items

- 4.1 Adoption of Consent Agenda Items (Action)
- 4.2 Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, October 15, 2025
- 4.3 School District Accounts Payable (Bill List)
- 4.4 School Activity Account Reports - Megginson questioned Student Activity Accounts Art/PE accounts. Should these be district-funded - Administration will discuss and get back to the Board.

Motion: Approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion: Ward

Second: Megginson

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

Action 5. Personnel Consent Agenda Items

- 5.1 Adoption of Personnel Consent Agenda Items (Action)
- 5.2 Resignation of Pawnee CUSD #11 Superintendent (Molly Edmonds) Effective June 30, 2026
- 5.3 Resignation of JH/HS Art teacher (Amy Woods) Effective December 20, 2025
- 5.4 Resignation of District Office Administrative Assistant (Staci Rosebery) Effective October 14, 2025

- 5.5 Hiring of JH/HS Art teacher (Kinze Greer)
- 5.6 Hiring of Assistant Boys Basketball Coach (Earl Green)
- 5.7 Hiring of District Office Administrative Assistant (Kedra Brown)
- 5.8 Hiring of Assistant Musical Director (Izzy Anspaugh)

Motion: Approve Personnel Consent Agenda as Presented.

Motion: Morell

Second: Megginson

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

INFO 6. Treasurer's Report

- 6.1 Update on district finances - Jill stated that 98.8% of the taxes have been collected. Ward asked about fixing paychecks and benefits, and Jill said she's working on it, and then explained things.

7. New Business

- 7.1 Presentation of 2025 Tentative Tax Levy - Edmonds presented 0% or 4.95% increase whereas neither will capture all. Top 3 expenses: salaries, special ed, and transportation. Top 3 revenues: local tax, CPPRT, SFT. Then discussed the annual increases. The known increases: 5% salary increases, curricular improvements, and approved building projects. The unknown increases: building repairs, an increase in insurance rates, and special education outplacement facility costs. Jill - 11.6 million and explained the Levy process. Will vote on next month.
- 7.2 Presentation on Illinois School Report Card - Leanne presented a snapshot of the IAR scores for grades 3-8 and the ACT scores for grades 9-11 and ROE 51 (to be emailed).
- 7.3 Discussion on High School Gym Renovation and Softball Dugouts - HS Gym: without new floor - 30k, with new everything - 147k. Discussion on how many bleacher seats there are and what will be. Also discussed the thickness of the floor. Morell doesn't believe the floor is safe. Ward would like to do both the gym and the dugouts. Getting bids.

ACTION 7.4 Approval of Request for Qualifications for Architect (10-year Health Life Safety Survey) 10-year facility plan

Motion: Ward

Second: Simpson

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

- 7.5 Post-Season Gate Entry and Usage of Funds - Football - 1st round-charge, 2nd round-staff and students free entry. Gate entry money went to the IHSA account. The IHSA account is for banquets and state tournaments. They would like the interest account be used for coach appreciation dinners. Megginson felt we should recognize others besides coaches. We should recognize all extracurriculars, not just athletics.
- 7.6 Discussion on staff payroll and transfer to TeacherEase Financial
- 7.7 Discussion on extracurricular activities pay calendar - When to pay ticket takers, halfway through the season or at the end of the season.

8. Administrative Reports (Enclosed in Packet) - Simpson questioned when we decided on a new bus. The report stated it is the same bus just a new motor. It's not considered a lemon. Board is wondering if the warranty starts fresh since it's new.

- 8.2 JH/HS Principal's Report

- 8.3 Grade School Principal's Report
- 8.4 Director of Student Services Report
- 8.5 Athletic Director's Report
- 8.6 Technology Director's Report

9. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Morell

Second: Simpson

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

Next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for—
Wednesday, December 17, 2025
Pawnee School Cafeteria
6:00 p.m.—executive session
7:00 p.m. - regular session