

**White Pigeon Community Schools**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 20, 2021**  
**Virtual via Zoom**

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Nicole Sigler.
  - a. **Board Members Present:** Jeff Baechler, Fred Barclay, Leonard Hinkson, Sheila Robinson, Nicole Sigler, Cindy Tippman and Michael Swinehart.
  - b. **Absent:** None.
  - c. **Administrators Present:** Carrie Erlandson, Jon Keyer and Connie Wright.
  - d. **Absent:** None.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, led by Sheila Robinson.

3. Sheila Robinson made a motion, supported by Cindy Tippman to approve meeting minutes from:
  - a. January 6, 2021 Organizational Work Session.

*Roll call vote; the motion carried 7-0. Ayes: Jeff Baechler, Fred Barclay, Leonard Hinkson, Sheila Robinson, Nicole Sigler, Cindy Tippman and Michael Swinehart. Nays: None*

4. Associate Superintendent Erlandson provided information from the COVID Transparency Report to board members regarding:
  1. COVID Dashboard
  2. January Case Counts
  3. Cumulative Cases by Date
  4. Teacher-Student Interaction for 12/17/20-1/12/21
5. Superintendent Keyer took a moment to recognize the board member as part of Board Member Appreciation Month.
6. Elementary Principal Shelly McBride presented highlights for Central Elementary. MS/HS Principal Todd Reynolds presented MS/HS highlights.
7. Associate Superintendent Erlandson updated the board regarding the State requesting a waiver for standardized testing this year.

8. Jeff Baechler made a motion, supported by Leonard Hinkson, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

- a. Approval of Payment of Bills:

General Fund	\$ 410,263.80
Athletic Fund	\$ 1,702.97
Food Service Fund	\$ 43,691.45
Activity Fund	\$ 2,896.05
2019 Capital Project	\$ 2,248.85

b. Personnel Report  
Relative to Employee Recommendations:

Relative to New Employee Recommendations:  
Kyle Black            MS Wrestling Coach  
Braydon Steeb        MS Wrestling Co-Coach

Relative to Employee Reassignments (For informational purposes only)

Relative to Employee Resignations (For informational purposes only)

Relative to Employee Leave of Absence (For informational purposes only)

Relative to Employee Retirements (For informational purposes only)

Lori Jenks                      Central Elementary Teacher (effective June 3, 2021)

c. Recognition and Acceptance of Gifts:

First Presbyterian Church	Monetary
Shirley Erlandson	Monetary
Janis Jones	Monetary
Margaret Bishop	Monetary
Sharlyn Craig	Monetary
LaMar Miller	Monetary

***Roll call vote; the motion carried 7-0. Ayes: Jeff Baechler, Fred Barclay, Leonard Hinkson, Sheila Robinson, Nicole Sigler, Cindy Tippman and Michael Swinehart. Nays: None***

9. Associate Superintendent Erlandson shared information about a future purchase we will need to make for battery backup of our computer network. This is waiting for E-Rate approvals which will discount the pricing.
  
10. Associate Superintendent Erlandson shared with the board that we purchased additional seating for our courtyard area that will increase social distancing as the additional seating allows more room to spread out. This was purchased with Coronavirus Relief Funds.
  
11. Jeff Baechler made a motion, supported by Sheila Robinson, to approve the bank resolution.  
***Roll call vote; the motion carried 7-0. Ayes: Jeff Baechler, Fred Barclay, Leonard Hinkson, Sheila Robinson, Nicole Sigler, Cindy Tippman and Michael Swinehart. Nays: None***
  
12. Cindy Tippman made a motion, supported by Michael Swinehart, to approve and reaffirms the district's Extended Continuity of Learning Plan.  
***Roll call vote; the motion carried 7-0. Ayes: Jeff Baechler, Fred Barclay, Leonard Hinkson, Sheila Robinson, Nicole Sigler, Cindy Tippman and Michael Swinehart. Nays: None***
  
13. Michael Swinehart made a motion, supported by Cindy Tippman, to approve the second reading of policy manual changes recommended by NEOLA.  
***Roll call vote; the motion carried 7-0. Ayes: Jeff Baechler, Fred Barclay, Leonard Hinkson, Sheila Robinson, Nicole Sigler, Cindy Tippman and Michael Swinehart. Nays: None***
  
14. Announcements were made regarding the following:
  - a. There is not a work session scheduled for February.
  - b. The St. Joseph County School Board Association meeting will be held via google meet on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 from 6:00-8:00. Meeting link was sent.
  - c. The meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., virtual Zoom.

The regular meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.