

**White Pigeon Board of Education Regular Meeting**

**Wednesday, March 23, 2022**

**6:00 p.m.**

**White Pigeon High School Room 15**

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

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, led by Michele Strayer.

3. Michael Swinehart made a motion, supported by Sheila Robinson to approve meeting minutes from:
  - a. February 16, 2022 Board of Education Meeting

*Roll call vote; the motion carried 6-0. Ayes: Fred Barclay, Leonard Hinkson, Sheila Robinson, Nicole Sigler, Michele Strayer and Michael Swinehart. Nays: None*

4. Freshmen Luke Hinkson was present, attending the board meeting as part of his participation with the Boy Scouts.
5. Elementary Principal Shelly McBride presented highlights for Central Elementary. MS/HS Principal Todd Reynolds presented MS/HS highlights.
6. Associate Superintendent Erlandson briefly discussed an initiative driven by Betsy DeVos called Let MI Kids Learn, which is a voucher system for Michigan which would ultimately pull money from the State School Aid Fund. Associate Superintendent Erlandson encouraged board members to learn more about this so they could discuss it with people if asked.

7. Sheila Robinson made a motion, supported by Michele Strayer, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

- a. Approval of Payment of Bills:

General Fund	\$ 471,897.91
Athletic Fund	\$ 2,432.35
Food Service Fund	\$ 35,591.26
Activity Fund	\$ 12,693.57
Sinking Fund	\$ 41,908.81
2019 Capital Project	\$ 52,778.67

b. Personnel Report

Relative to Employee Recommendations:

Bill McClure	MS Boys' Track Coach
Natalie Saunders	Varsity Volleyball Coach
Karen Marbaugh	JV Golf Coach

Relative to New Employee Recommendations:

Merlin Zehr	Substitute Bus Driver
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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)

c. Recognition and Acceptance of Gifts:

*Roll call vote; the motion carried 6-0. Ayes: Fred Barclay, Leonard Hinkson, Sheila Robinson, Nicole Sigler, Michele Strayer and Michael Swinehart. Nays: None*

8. Superintendent Keyer and Associate Superintendent Erlandson shared information regarding getting a School Resource Officer on site. More information will be shared as it becomes available. They have a meeting with St. Joseph County Sheriff Mark Lillywhite next week.

9. Leonard Hinkson made a motion, supported by Michele Strayer, to approve the dates, times and place for monthly Board of Education meetings and work session for the 2022-2023 school year.

*Roll call vote; the motion carried 6-0. Ayes: Fred Barclay, Leonard Hinkson, Sheila Robinson, Nicole Sigler, Michele Strayer and Michael Swinehart. Nays: None*

10. Sheila Robinson made a motion, supported by Michael Swinehart, to approve the 2022-2023 district calendar.

*Roll call vote; the motion carried 6-0. Ayes: Fred Barclay, Leonard Hinkson, Sheila Robinson, Nicole Sigler, Michele Strayer and Michael Swinehart. Nays: None*

11. Fred Barclay made a motion, supported by Sheila Robinson, to approve the addition of Lawrence Public Schools into the Southwest 10 Conference.

*Roll call vote; the motion carried 6-0. Ayes: Fred Barclay, Leonard Hinkson, Sheila Robinson, Nicole Sigler, Michele Strayer and Michael Swinehart. Nays: None*

12. Fred Barclay made a motion, supported by Sheila Robinson, to approve the first reading of policy manual changes recommended by NEOLA.

*Roll call vote; the motion carried 6-0. Ayes: Fred Barclay, Leonard Hinkson, Sheila Robinson, Nicole Sigler, Michele Strayer and Michael Swinehart. Nays: None*

13. Announcements were made regarding the following:

- a. There is not a work session scheduled for April.
- b. A meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., in the high school, room 15.

14. Associate Superintendent Erlandson shared that she and High School Principal Todd Reynolds met with representatives from the Boys and Girls Club of Southwest Michigan about establishing a chapter here in White Pigeon at the school. More details to come in the future.

15. Board Vice President Sheila Robinson shared information regarding Paws for a Cause and the use of comfort dogs in surrounding schools.

16. Board Trustee Mike Swinehart discussed information pertaining to a concession stand and restroom at the Baseball and Softball fields.

17. Internet Safety and Vape Sensors were briefly discussed.

The regular meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.