

White Pigeon Board of Education Regular Meeting

Wednesday, August 24, 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, Michael Swinehart, and Cindy Tippman.
 - b. **Absent:** None.
 - c. **Administrators Present:** Shelly McBride and Connie Wright.
 - d. **Absent:** None.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, led by Fred Barclay.
3. Sheila Robinson made a motion, supported by Cindy Tippman to approve meeting minutes from:
 - a. July 27, 2022 Board of Education Meeting.

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

4. Elementary Principal Eric Kistler introduced the following visitors: Newly hired office clerk Samantha Bailey, Paraprofessional McKenna Mercer, Paraprofessional Kaitlyn Westcomb, Paraprofessional Sheena Hoover. Also present was Special Education teacher Alyssa Henneman who will be making a presentation later.
5. Middle School/High School Principal Todd Reynolds introduced his new hires by name, although none were present tonight.
6. Superintendent Mc Bride introduced Cody Back, the newly hired Facilities Director who is on the agenda for board approval tonight.
7. Elementary Principal Eric Kistler presented highlights for Central Elementary. Middle School/High School Principal Todd Reynolds presented MS/HS highlights.
8. Superintendent McBride gave an update on construction projects.
9. Business Manager Wright explained to board members the approval of CEP for our students to receive free breakfast and lunch during 2022-2023.
10. Business Manager Wright updated the board with a pay rate change for sub secretaries and sub paraprofessionals. Board members gave a “thumbs up” to this change from minimum wage to \$12.00 per hour effective immediately.
11. Superintendent McBride updated the board regarding the purchase of the ELA curriculum for Central Elementary using prior approved ESSER III funds.
12. Superintendent McBride introduced Alyssa Henneman who explained the grant she applied for from the Sturgis Community Foundation. She was awarded \$3000 for the creation of a Sensory Room at Central Elementary.
13. Superintendent McBride discussed the need to reinstate a previous position at the district for part time Grounds/Facilities.
14. Cindy Tippman made a motion, supported by Leonard Hinkson, to approve the following addition/deletion to the agenda:

- a. **Addition to Agenda, Action Item - 1.** Recommendation to approve the quote from imagine learning in the amount of \$22,000.00 for the site license of the digital libraries for grades 6-12.
- b. **Consent Agenda**, in the Personnel Report, under “Relative to New Employee Recommendation,” add the hire of Cody Back – Facilities Director

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

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

- a. Approval of Payment of Bills:

General Fund	\$ 417,369.32
Athletic Fund	\$ 5,490.54
Food Service Fund	\$ 129,615.66
Activity Fund	\$ 12,719.74
2019 Capital Project	\$ 12,121.50

- b. Personnel Report

Relative to Employee Recommendations:

Samantha Bailey	Clerk
McKenna Mercer	Special Ed Para Pro – 7-hour position

Relative to New Employee Recommendations:

Gavin Kopf	HS Special Education Paraprofessional
Sarah McGowan	5 th Grade Teacher (long term sub)
Sheena Hoover	Title 1 Para Pro
Kaitlyn Morris	Special Ed Para Pro – 5-hour position
Gavin Kopf	Assistant JV Football Coach
Lisa Gremore	7 th Grade Volleyball Coach
Jessica Neill	Bus Driver
Heather Greydanus	Bus Driver - pending background/fingerprint results and full endorsements
Matt Wiley	Bus Driver - pending background/fingerprint results and full endorsements
Cody Back	Facilities Director

Relative to Employee Reassignments (For informational purposes only)

Billy McClure	Last day as Facilities Director (9-3-22) will continue as a substitute
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Relative to Employee Resignations (For informational purposes only)

Laura Gordon	Bus Driver
Braxton Samson	HS PE Teacher

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 7-0. Ayes: Fred Barclay, Leonard Hinkson, Sheila Robinson, Nicole Sigler, Michele Strayer, Michael Swinehart and Cindy Tippman. Nays: None


16. Fred Barclay made a motion, supported by Cindy Tippman, to approves the quote from image learning for the purchase of the site license in the amount of \$22,000.00 for the digital libraries for grades 6-12.

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

17. Announcements were made regarding the following:

- a. The next work session of the Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 6:00p.m., in the high school, room 15.
 - b. A meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., in the high school, room 15.
18. Board Trustee Barclay inquired about the status of bus route start and end times. Superintendent McBride updated the board regarding the number of drivers and routes and how that will impact those times.
 19. Board Trustee Strayer inquired about the use of the Trails Program to assist with mental and emotional health concerns. Superintendent McBride shared that we are already utilizing this program and that our two counselors had just gone through Tier I and Tier II training in August.
 20. Superintendent McBride shared the current happenings with the Volleyball program and distributed bracelets, in support of the team, to all board members.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.



Cindy Tippman, Secretary