

**Minutes of the
PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA
Board of Education
August 17, 2026
7:00 P.M. Regular Board Meeting**

President's Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Hafner at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge to the Flag and Roll Call:

Board Members Present: J. Pohl, J. Smith, J. Hafner, J. Farmer, B. Weber, P. Weber

Board Members Absent: L. Pung

Motion made by B. Weber, supported by J. Pohl, to approve the agenda, the meeting minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of July 20, 2026, and to enter into closed session for personnel reasons following New Business. Motion carried 6-0.

Administrator's Reports:

Facilities and Safety Director: J. Dygert - The football field installation is complete, with punch list items nearly finished. The high school café passed its mechanical inspection, with the fire inspection remaining. All school buildings are ready for the 2026-27 school year. Appreciation was expressed to Steve, Gary, Nickolas, Lynn, Ken, Brian, Tim, and Isaac for their hard work throughout the summer. The girls softball and boys baseball coaches also shared positive feedback regarding the condition of their fields following the summer work.

Technology and Student Specialist: J. Miller - **Technology:** Chromebook deployment is scheduled for August 17 and 18. Middle and high school students will take their Chromebooks home and are required to keep the new protective case on the device at all times. Elementary students will not take Chromebooks home unless assigned by their teacher, and each classroom will have an assigned Chromebook cart. **Student Supports:** 504 accommodations and plans are being established for the upcoming school year, including identifying incoming students and developing appropriate plans. Staff are also finalizing the carryover of MTSS supports for returning students and identifying incoming students who may need additional support. The first MTSS meeting is scheduled for mid-September. **Credit Recovery:** Five students recovered a total of five credits through summer credit recovery, with two additional credits pending.

Elementary School Principal: E. Fedewa - **PWES Memorial:** An update was provided regarding plans for a memorial pergola on the PWES playground to honor a BK student who passed away last winter. The project was discussed with the School Improvement Team and approved by the student's family. The district is currently working through the ordering process and logistics for completion of the project. **Portable/Pod:** An update was provided on the preparation of the portable for use by the special education classes. Jeff's crew cleared and organized the pod and removed unnecessary items, allowing the remaining space to be prepared. Mrs. Hill and Mr. Kramer have also moved their materials into the portable, which is nearing completion. **Professional Development:** Staff preparation and professional development are scheduled to begin the following week in preparation for the upcoming school year. **PWES Staff Recognition:** Appreciation was expressed for PWES staff members who have been working in the building during their personal time to prepare their classrooms prior to the official start date. Staff dedication and commitment to the students and school community were recognized.

Athletic Director/MHS Assistant Principal: B. Beebe - N/A

Middle-High School Principal: A. Pulling - **Student & Staff Introduction/Return:** An update was provided on preparations for the return of students and staff. Student Voice Leadership Orientation was held August 11, followed by New Family Orientation on August 12 and New Staff Orientation on August 17. Faculty Report and Professional Development are scheduled for August

18 and 19. The new turf football field has been installed, and preliminary inspections were completed successfully. An update was also provided on PWMHS facility readiness. Summer custodial staff have done an exceptional job preparing the building, including deep-cleaning classrooms, refinishing gym floors, and completing student locker assignments.

Student Board Representative Report: Student representatives were present; however, there was no report at this time as the school year had not yet begun.

Superintendent Report: We held our New Family Orientation on Wednesday, August 12, from 5:30–7:00 p.m. We had an excellent turnout, and I was able to welcome the families and introduce Mr. Pulling. Mr. Dygert provided an update regarding the possibility of converting the Common Area/Extended Learning Area back into a classroom. A dedicated space would better accommodate a teacher who is currently working from a cart and utilizing the cafeteria and library when available, particularly for work requiring privacy. A quote is being obtained before moving forward with the project. The proposed work could potentially be completed over a weekend using steel beams in place of brick. Converting the space back into a classroom would address current needs and provide additional classroom space should enrollment continue to increase.

Communications: (3 minutes per person) - N/A

Personnel:

- A. **Accept the resignation of Troy Forton, Athletic Director/Assistant Principal, effective August 16, 2026.**
- B. **Accept the recommendation to hire Brian Beebe, Full-Time Athletic Director/Assistant Principal, effective August 17, 2026.**
- C. **Accept the recommendation to hire Brad Spitzley, E-Sports Coach, effective August 17, 2026.**

President's Comments: It is an exciting time as we look forward to the start of a new school year. We are fortunate to have continuity within our district, and we are looking forward to building on that foundation and having a successful year ahead.

Old Business:

1. N/A

New Business:

1. Approve the MHS Student Parent Handbook for the 2026-27 school year. Discussion was held regarding the cell phone policy. **Discussion was held regarding Dual Enrollment. Motion made by J. Farmer, supported by B. Weber to approve the MHS Student Parent Handbook for the 2026-27 school year. Discussion was held regarding the cell phone policy. Motion carried 6-0.**
2. Approve the recommendation to issue a credit card to Andrew Pulling, Middle/High School Principal, with a credit limit of \$10,000. **Motion made by B. Weber, supported by J. Smith to approve the recommendation to issue a credit card to Andrew Pulling, Middle/High School Principal, with a credit limit of \$10,000. Motion carried 6-0.**
3. Approve the recommendation to issue a credit card to Brian Beebe, Athletic Director/Assistant Principal, with a credit limit of \$15,000. **Motion made by J. Smith, supported by B. Weber to approve the recommendation to issue a credit card to Brian Beebe, Athletic Director/Assistant Principal, with a credit limit of \$15,000. Motion carried 6-0.**
4. Approve the Shared Service Agreement with St. Mary's Parish for the 2026-27 school year. **Motion made by J. Farmer, supported by B. Weber to approve the Shared Service Agreement with St. Mary's Parish for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried 6-0.**
5. Approve the Shared Service Agreement with St. Joseph's Parish for the 2026-27 school year. **Motion made by B. Weber, supported by J. Smith to approve the Shared Service Agreement with St. Joseph's Parish for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried 6-0.**

6. Approve L-4029. **Motion made by B. Weber, supported by J. Smith to approve L-4029. Motion carried 6-0.**
7. Approve Andrew Pulling, Middle/High School Principal's Employment Contract. **Motion made by J. Farmer, supported by J. Smith to approve Andrew Pulling, Middle/High School Principal's Employment Contract. Motion carried 6-0.**
8. Approve Brian Beebee, Athletic Director/Assistant Principal's Employment Contract. **Motion made by B. Weber, supported by P. Weber to approve Brian Beebee, Athletic Director/Assistant Principal's Employment Contract. Motion carried 6-0.**

At 7:23 p.m., a motion was made by J. Farmer, supported by B. Weber to enter into closed session for personnel reasons. Motion carried 6-0.

At 7:58 p.m., a motion was made by B. Weber, supported by J. Farmer, to return to open session. Motion carried 6-0.

Financial:

Financial Summary Report, July 31, 2026, including Special Revenue
Accounts Payable Listing, July 31, 2026

Adjourn: At 7:59 pm meeting adjourned.



Approved by Preston Weber, Board of Education Secretary