

Minutes of the
PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA
Board of Education
September 21, 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, L. Pung, B. Weber, P. Weber

Board Members Absent: J. Farmer

Motion made by B. Weber, supported by L. Pung, to approve the agenda, consent agenda and meeting minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of August 17, 2026.

Administrator's Reports:

Facilities and Safety Director: J. Dygert - The PW sign out front has been repaired and is now illuminated again following the installation of new wiring. There is currently an application for a bus driver, with an interview scheduled this week; the candidate will need to complete the required training. In the meantime, the Superintendent is driving Bus Route 4 each afternoon. Tim Wieber has also offered to complete the testing to become a licensed bus driver and serve as an emergency substitute. Work continues with PSI to close out and finalize the Phase 1 bond work, including bathroom fixtures, classrooms, and lighting. Training was also completed with AstroTurf on turf field maintenance. The field needs to be swept every 100 hours of use, and AstroTurf trained Tim Wieber and the Superintendent on use of the pull-behind sweeper and planer, as well as disinfecting the turf twice each year. The pull-behind sweeper and planer were included as part of the turf project.

Technology and Student Specialist: J. Miller - Chromebook cases have been working very well, with a noticeable decrease in physical damage during the first few weeks of school. The Elementary door access system experienced an outage due to a server/software issue, which has since been resolved. The system is back up and operational, allowing staff to adjust door access times and add new users. An audit of filters was also conducted to ensure allowed websites and applications comply with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA). Extensive troubleshooting was completed to address issues with dual-enrolled students at LCC accessing required course materials that were being blocked by the district's filters, as well as issues with the sign-on process. Both the Elementary and Middle/High Schools conducted lockdown drills, during which the Centegix system successfully alerted Clinton and Ionia County Central Dispatch as designed. Four students completed credit recovery through CRASH over the summer, and three students are currently enrolled and working on their courses before school begins at 7:00 a.m. in the Library. Meetings are also underway with parents to complete annual reviews of students' 504 Plans, along with several requests for 504 evaluations for students who are not currently on a plan. Work continues with Mr. Farmer and Mr. Pulling on the district's MTSS process and student supports.

Elementary School Principal: E. Fedewa - The PWES Memorial gazebo has been delivered, and Jeff's team will begin construction in the coming weeks. Additional details are still being finalized, with coordination continuing with Jeff and Marty to ensure completion of the project. PWES has completed its Fall NWEA/DIBELS data window. Students in grades K-5 completed the Fall NWEA assessments, along with Reading DIBELS and Math Acadience screeners. The data was reviewed during meetings with interventionists and homeroom teachers to identify students needing additional support. Schoolwide, students in grades K-5 scored in the 63rd percentile in Reading and 70th percentile in Math, providing a positive baseline for the school year. Evan expressed

appreciation to the Board, staff, and parents for their support during her time at PWES and shared that it has been an honor to serve as principal over the past two years. She expressed pride in the accomplishments of the school community during her tenure.

Athletic Director/MHS Assistant Principal: B. Beebe - The athletics website, pwpiratesathletics.com, has transitioned to a new scheduling platform following a merger between the two primary scheduling companies. The website currently includes Middle and High School team schedules, with team and event photos to be added. High School football has gotten off to a strong start at both the Varsity and JV levels, with excellent player participation. The CMAC Veterans Memorial Game was also a success, with a strong turnout and appreciation expressed to everyone who helped organize and support the event. The new turf field has performed well despite significant weekday rainfall, providing greater flexibility and reducing concerns about field conditions. The High School volleyball team continues to compete at a high level with a young Varsity roster. Both the Boys and Girls Cross Country teams won the HS White Division at the Sparta Invitational, with several PW runners finishing among the top competitors. PW will host a large invitational on September 26, with 23 high school and 17 middle school teams currently registered. The High School Girls Golf team is also a young team, with only two seniors, and has a full JV team. The team will compete at the Regional tournament on October 6 at Katke Golf Course in Big Rapids.

Middle-High School Principal: A. Pulling - The Middle/High School had a positive start to the school year, with strong attendance and engagement during opening assemblies. Seventh-grade students, along with Student Voice members, participated in the first Pirates of the Month trip to Adventure Point, focusing on team-building and positive relationship building. Fall NWEA testing is underway, with staff using current data to guide targeted instruction and MTSS interventions for students in grades 6-8. Fall PSAT/NMSQT testing is scheduled for October 7. Staff have also responded positively to recent professional development, dedicated Team Time, and initial School Improvement Team meetings. Homecoming activities have been successful, including the annual Powderpuff game, with the Senior class earning a 6-0 victory. Staff also defeated students 24-22 in a basketball game during lunch. Appreciation was expressed to Mr. Dygert for bringing back Pirate Pete, which has been a popular addition to Friday night activities. The MHS front office team continues to adjust to new staffing structures, responsibilities, and schedules following several staffing changes and has adapted well while continuing to support students and families. Two required safety drills, including a fire evacuation and emergency lockdown, have been completed, with a severe weather drill scheduled next. Upcoming events include Student Picture Retakes on September 25, the MHS Blood Drive on October 1, a half day on October 7 for standardized testing for grades 8-11 and an Agro-Liquid field trip, the end of the first quarter on October 23, and Parent-Teacher Conferences on October 28 and 29.

Student Board Representative Report: Student representatives reported that Homecoming activities went well, including Dress-Up Days. They also shared updates regarding the four student committees, including the Mentorship Team, Culture Committee, and Executive Committee. TOP 10 recognition and college applications were also discussed. A discussion was held regarding the applications.

Superintendent Report: Provided an SGO presentation and led discussion regarding the use of bond fund dollars. A discussion was also held regarding conflicting offices.

Communications: (3 minutes per person) -

Alanna George: Concerns regarding technology access blocks for students and curriculum.

Personnel:

- A. Accept the resignation of Evan Fedewa, Elementary Principal, effective September 18 2026.

President's Comments: Recognized Brian Beebe for his work with the Veterans Memorial Game and complimented the strong participation from the student section. Also recognized the positive energy and involvement of the younger students in the student section during Powder Puff and expressed appreciation to those helping to build school spirit and student engagement.

Old Business:

1. N/A

New Business:

1. Approve the amended Shared Service Agreement with St. Mary's Parish for the 2026-27 school year. **Motion made by J. Smith, supported by B. Weber to approve the amended Shared Service Agreement with St. Mary's Parish for the 2026-27 school year.**
2. Approve the amended Shared Service Agreement with St. Joseph's Parish for the 2026-27 school year. **Motion made by J. Smith, supported by P. Weber to approve the amended Shared Service Agreement with St. Joseph's Parish for the 2026-27 school year. L. Pung and B. Weber abstained. Motion carried 4-0.**
3. Discussion regarding the MASB 2026 Delegate Assembly to be held October 15, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., followed by action to elect one Board member to serve as the District's delegate and elect one Board member to serve as the alternate delegate. **L. Pung was elected to serve as the District's delegate and J. Farmer was elected to serve as the alternate delegate.**

Financial:

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

Adjourn: At 7:58 pm meeting adjourned.



Approved by Preston Weber, Board of Education Secretary