

**White Pigeon Board of Education Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 16, 2025**

**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:** Andy Morris, Nicole Sigler, Jennifer Stewart, Michele Strayer and Michael Swinehart.
  - b. **Absent:** Stacy Jancasz and Sheila Robinson.
  - c. **Administrators Present:** Shelly McBride and Connie Wright.
  - d. **Absent:** None.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, led by Superintendent McBride.

3. Michael Swinehart made a motion, supported by Jennifer Stewart to approve meeting minutes from:
  - a. March 19, 2025 Board of Education Meeting

*Roll call vote; the motion carried 5-0. Ayes: Andy Morris, Nicole Sigler, Jennifer Stewart, Michele Strayer and Michael Swinehart. Nays: None.*

4. Elementary Principal Kati Thomas presented highlights for Central Elementary. MS/HS Principal Damien Loveless presented MS/HS highlights.

5. Michele Strayer made a motion, supported by Jennifer Stewart to approve the following addition/deletions to the agenda:

**Addition to Agenda, XI Action Item #3, Add,**

#3. Recommendation to appoint \_\_\_\_\_, to serve as the temporary secretary of the board of education.

*Roll call vote; the motion carried 5-0. Ayes: Andy Morris, Nicole Sigler, Jennifer Stewart, Michele Strayer and Michael Swinehart. Nays: None.*

6. Central Elementary Principal Kati Thomas along with Amanda Mercer, presented the plan for this summer's Boys & Girls Club

7. ESL Coordinator and Teacher Todd Reynolds presented to the board the purpose and concept of the ESL program and how it works for our students.

8. Both the Elementary and Middle School Clue Me In advisors were present along with team members to share with the board information regarding the teams competition this year.

9. Michele Strayer made a motion, supported by Jennifer Stewart to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

- a. Approval of Payment of Bills:

General Fund	\$ 240,654.40
Athletic Fund	\$ 3,235.02
Food Service Fund	\$ 47,848.13
Activities	\$ 29,004.75

- b. Personnel Report

Relative to Employee Recommendations:

Relative to New Employee Recommendations:

Relative to Employee Reassignments (For informational purposes only)

Merlin Zehr                                      Route Driver to Sub Driver Effective 3/28/25

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)

Aron Keyer	High School English Teacher
Christina Griffith	Central Elementary Teacher
Lori Shoppell	Title I Coordinator/Reading Interventionist

c. Recognition and Acceptance of Gifts:

***Roll call vote; the motion carried 5-0. Ayes: Andy Morris, Nicole Sigler, Jennifer Stewart, Michele Strayer and Michael Swinehart. Nays: None.***

10. Andy Morris made a motion, supported by Michael Swinehart, to approve the second reading of policy manual changes recommended by NEOLA.

***Roll call vote; the motion carried 5-0. Ayes: Andy Morris, Nicole Sigler, Jennifer Stewart, Michele Strayer and Michael Swinehart. Nays: None.***

11. Michele Strayer made a motion, supported by Michael Swinehart, to ratify and affirm the Superintendent's acceptance of the offer from Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., Inc. for the purchase and the sale of the bonds, and approve other details regarding the bond transaction.

***Roll call vote; the motion carried 5-0. Ayes: Andy Morris, Nicole Sigler, Jennifer Stewart, Michele Strayer and Michael Swinehart. Nays: None.***

12. Nominations were open for Temporary Board Secretary. Michele Strayer made a motion supported by Michael Swinehart, to nominate Jennifer Stewart for the position of Temporary Board Secretary. Jennifer Stewart accepted the nomination. There were no other motions and nominations were closed. A vote followed and Jennifer Stewart was elected Temporary Board Secretary.

***Roll Call Vote: 4 – 0 – 1. Ayes: Andy Morris, Nicole Sigler, Michele Strayer and Michael Swinehart. Nays: None. Abstain: Jennifer Stewart.***

13. Announcements were made regarding the following:

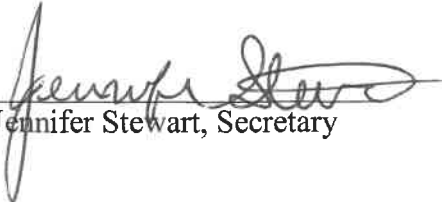
- There is not a work session scheduled for May.
- A meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., in the high school, room 15.

14. President Sigler reminded board members of graduation on May 23, 2025. She will be signing White Pigeon Community Schools up to walk in the White Pigeon Days Parade. There will not be a booth. She also briefly discussed the Superintendent evaluation process.

15. Superintendent McBride handed out board member term information. She also congratulated the Maintenance department for receiving the Field of Excellence Award.

16. Director of Finance Wright shared information regarding the upcoming Operating millage vote.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

  
Jennifer Stewart, Secretary