

White Pigeon Board of Education Meeting

Wednesday, September 24, 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:** Stacy Jancasz, Andy Morris, Nicole Sigler, Jennifer Stewart, and Michele Strayer(arrived at 6:01p.m.).
 - b. **Absent:** None.
 - c. **Administrators Present:** Shelly McBride and Connie Wright.
 - d. **Absent:** None.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, led by Stacy Jancasz.

3. Jennifer Stewart made a motion, supported by Stacy Jancasz to approve meeting minutes from:
 - a. August 11, 2025 Board of Education Meeting

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

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

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

Addition to Agenda XI Action Item, #1 Recommendation to approve the leave of absence requested by Jaime Ibbotson.

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

6. Principal Damien Loveless discussed the application for early graduation.

7. Superintendent Shelly McBride discussed the flip chart and changes that will be happening.

8. Michele Strayer made a motion, supported by Jennifer Stewart, to conduct a closed session pursuant to Section 8(f) of the Open Meeting Act.

Roll call vote; the motion carried 5-0 and the regular meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:50pm. Ayes: Andy Morris, Nicole Sigler, Jennifer Stewart, Michele Strayer and Stacy Jancasz. Nays: None.

9. Open session resumed at 8:06 p.m.

10. Michele Strayer made a motion, supported by Stacy Jancasz to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

a. Approval of Payment of Bills:

General Fund	\$ 343,851.67
Athletics	\$ 24,249.69
Food Service Fund	\$ 102,774.13
'19 Debt Retirement	\$ 25,049.40
Sinking Fund "C"	\$ 50,596.00
2024 Capital Project	\$ 313,764.29
Activities	\$ 22,339.58

b. Personnel Report

Relative to Employee Recommendations:

Rebecca Allinger Sub Custodian (pending background checks and fingerprinting)
25/26 MS/HS Schedule B
25/26 HS/MS Extra Duty and Sponsors
25/26 District Extra Duty and Sponsors

Relative to New Employee Recommendations:

Chloe Garr	Sub Paraprofessional
Debra Wilson	Sub Paraprofessional
Chris Griffith	Sub Teacher
Ralph Borkholder	FT Custodian
Jamielynn Delarye	Driver

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 5-0. Ayes: Andy Morris, Nicole Sigler, Jennifer Stewart, Michele Strayer and Stacy Jancasz. Nays: None.

11. Andy Morris made a motion, supported by Michele Strayer to appoint Dan Cropsey and Leonard Hinkson to fill the current vacancies on the White Pigeon Board of Education.

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

12. Stacy Jancasz made a motion, supported by Andy Morris, to approve the contract for the student engagement and resource coordinator for the 2025-2026 school year at the middle school/high school as presented.

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

13. Andy Morris made a motion, supported by Jennifer Stewart to approve the leave of absence requested by Jaime Ibbotson.

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

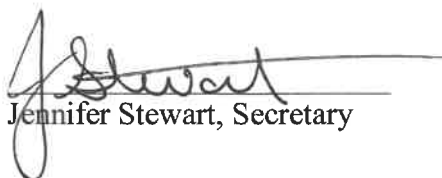
14. Announcements were made regarding the following:

- The next work session of the Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, October 8, 2025 at 6:00p.m., in the high school, room 15.
- The fall St. Joseph County School Board Association meeting is Thursday, October 16, 2025 at Constantine Community School. Social time starts at 5:30p.m., SBA Program is from 6:00-8:00p.m.
- A meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., in the high school, room 15.

15. Board President Sigler mentioned board assessment, officers and committee members will be addressed at the October 8, 2025 work session.

16. Superintendent McBride mentioned there have been a few applicants interested in driving bus.

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.


Jennifer Stewart, Secretary