

White Pigeon Board of Education
Organizational Work Session
Wednesday, January 7, 2026
White Pigeon High School Room 15

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Shelly McBride.
 - a. **Board Members Present:** Dan Cropsey, Nicole Hagenbuch, Leonard Hinkson, Stacy Jancasz, Andy Morris, Jennifer Stewart and Michele Strayer.
 - b. **Absent:** None.
 - c. **Administrators Present:** Shelly McBride and Connie Wright.
 - d. **Absent:** None.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, led by Nicole Hagenbuch.

3. Michele Strayer made a motion, supported by Nicole Hagenbuch to approve meeting minutes from:
 - a. December 10, 2025 Board of Education Meeting

Roll call vote; the motion carried 7-0. Ayes: Dan Cropsey, Nicole Hagenbuch, Leonard Hinkson, Stacy Jancasz, Andy Morris, Jennifer Stewart and Michele Strayer. Nays: None.

4. Superintendent McBride was appointed temporary chairperson of the meeting for the purpose of beginning the election process of officers.

5. Nominations were open for the Board President. Michele Strayer nominated Nicole Hagenbuch for the position of Board President. Nicole Hagenbuch accepted the nomination. There were no other motions and nominations were closed. A vote followed and Nicole Hagenbuch was elected Board President.

Roll Call Vote: 6 – 0 – 1. Ayes: Dan Cropsey, Leonard Hinkson, Stacy Jancasz, Andy Morris, Jennifer Stewart and Michele Strayer. Nays: None. Abstain: Nicole Hagenbuch.

6. Board President Hagenbuch resumed her duties and proceeded with the rest of the officer positions.

7. Nominations were open for Board Vice President. Jennifer Stewart nominated Michele Strayer for the position of Board Vice-President. Michele Strayer accepted the nomination. There were no other motions and nominations were closed. A vote followed and Michele Strayer was elected Board Vice President.

Roll Call Vote: 6 – 0 – 1. Ayes: Dan Cropsey, Nicole Hagenbuch, Leonard Hinkson, Stacy Jancasz, Andy Morris and Jennifer Stewart. Nays: None. Abstain: Michele Strayer.

8. Nominations were open for Board Treasurer. Andy Morris nominated Leonard Hinkson for the position of Board Treasurer. Leonard Hinkson accepted the nomination. There were no other motions and nominations were closed. A vote followed and Leonard Hinkson was elected Board Treasurer.

Roll Call Vote: 6 – 0 – 1. Ayes: Dan Cropsey, Nicole Hagenbuch, Stacy Jancasz, Andy Morris, Jennifer Stewart and Michele Strayer. Nays: None. Abstain: Leonard Hinkson.

9. Nominations were open for Board Secretary. Michele Strayer nominated Jennifer Stewart, for the position of Board Secretary. Jennifer Stewart accepted the nomination. There were no other motions and nominations were closed. A vote followed and Jennifer Stewart was elected Board Secretary.

Roll Call Vote: 6 – 0 – 1. Ayes: Dan Cropsey, Nicole Hagenbuch, Leonard Hinkson, Stacy Jancasz, Andy Morris and Michele Strayer. Nays: None. Abstain: Jennifer Stewart.

10. Dan Cropsey made a motion, supported by Jennifer Stewart, to conduct a closed session pursuant to Section 8(1)(b) of the Open Meeting Act.

Roll call vote; the motion carried 7-0 and the regular meeting adjourned to closed session at 6:06pm. Ayes: Dan Cropsey, Nicole Hagenbuch, Leonard Hinkson, Stacy Jancasz, Andy Morris, Jennifer Stewart and Michele Strayer. Nays: None.

11. Open session resumed at 6:30 p.m.

12. Andy Morris made a motion, supported by Leonard Hinkson, to approve that student 3601261 be suspended from school for 101 school days, allowing the student to return for the 2026-2027 school year.

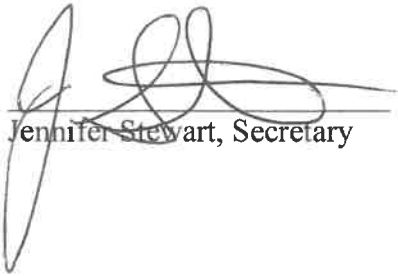
Roll call vote; the motion carried 7-0. Ayes: Dan Cropsey, Nicole Hagenbuch, Leonard Hinkson, Stacy Jancasz, Andy Morris, Jennifer Stewart and Michele Strayer. Nays: None.

13. Superintendent McBride gave an update on 31aa funding.

14. Announcements were made regarding the following:

- a. A meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., in the high school, room 15.
- b. There is not a work session scheduled for February

The regular meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.



Jennifer Stewart, Secretary