

**White Pigeon Board of Education Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 21, 2026**  
**White Pigeon High School Room 15**

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Nicole Hagenbuch.
  - 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 Stacy Jancasz.
3. Superintendent McBride took a moment to recognize the board members for their years of service as part of Board Member Appreciation Month.
4. Michele Strayer made a motion, supported by Jennifer Stewart to approve meeting minutes from:
  - a. January 7, 2026 Organizational Work Session
  - b. January 7, 2016 Closed Session

*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.*

5. Elementary Principal Kati Thomas presented highlights for Central Elementary.
6. Finance Director Connie Wright presented to the board members the 2025 fiscal year audit from Gabridge & Company as well as the 2025-2026 January budget revision.
7. Dan Cropsey made a motion, supported by Stacy Jancasz to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
  - a. Approval of Payment of Bills:

General Fund	\$ 582,948.72
Athletics	\$ 3,710.59
Food Service Fund	\$ 61,139.02
'19 Debt Retirement	\$ 5,311.54
Activities	\$ 35,481.19
  - b. Personnel Report
    - Relative to Employee Recommendations:

Amanda Mercer	Teacher Substitute
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    - Relative to New Employee Recommendations:
    - 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 7-0. Ayes: Dan Cropsey, Nicole Hagenbuch, Leonard Hinkson, Stacy Jancasz, Andy Morris, Jennifer Stewart and Michele Strayer. Nays: None.*

8. Andy Morris made a motion, supported by Dan Cropsey to approve the proposed 2025-2026 revised budget as presented.

*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.*

9. Announcements were made regarding the following:
  - a. There is not a work session scheduled for February.
  - b. The St. Joseph County School Board Association meeting will be hosted by Mendon Community Schools on Tuesday, February 3, 2026. 5:30 Hors d'oeuvres & Social Time, 6:00-8:00 SBA Program. Please RSVP to [mdelarye@wpcschools.org](mailto:mdelarye@wpcschools.org) by Thursday, January 22, 2026.
  - c. A meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., in the High School, Room 15.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



Jennifer Stewart, Secretary