

White Pigeon Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, March 18, 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 and Michele Strayer.
 - b. **Absent:** Andy Morris and Jennifer Stewart.
 - c. **Administrators Present:** Shelly McBride and Connie Wright.
 - d. **Absent:** None.

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

3. Michele Strayer made a motion, supported by Leonard Hinkson to approve meeting minutes from:
 - a. February 18, 2026 Board of Education Meeting

Roll call vote; the motion carried 5-0. Ayes: Dan Cropsey, Nicole Hagenbuch, Leonard Hinkson, Stacy Jancasz and Michele Strayer. Nays: None.

4. MS/HS Principal Damien Loveless presented MS/HS highlights. Superintendent Shelly McBride presented highlights for Central Elementary. Director of Special Programs Todd Reynolds gave an update regarding the WIDA testing and test preparation for upcoming testing through the end of the year.

5. Superintendent McBride shared with the board that she would be attending the region 7 superintendent meeting that will focus on the PA146 law and its requirements.

6. Michele Strayer made a motion, supported by Stacy Jancasz to approve the following addition/deletions to the agenda:

Addition to Agenda XL Action Item, #6 Recommendation to approve Todd Reynolds as the Interim Central Elementary Principal as presented.

Roll call vote; the motion carried 5-0. Ayes: Dan Cropsey, Nicole Hagenbuch, Leonard Hinkson, Stacy Jancasz and Michele Strayer. Nays: None.

7. Dan Cropsey made a motion, supported by Michele Strayer to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

a. Approval of Payment of Bills:

General Fund	\$ 483,268.67
Athletics	\$ 3,846.94
Food Service Fund	\$ 74,786.06
Sinking Fund	\$ 560.00
Activities	\$ 12,257.56

b. Personnel Report

Relative to Employee Recommendations:

Gavin Kopf	Assistant Varsity Boys Track & Field Coach
Gunner Bunning	Boys Middle School Track & Field Coach

Relative to New Employee Recommendations:

Relative to Employee Reassignments (For informational purposes only)

Relative to Employee Resignations (For informational purposes only)

Shawn Strawser	Boys HS Football and Basketball Coach
Brooke Baechler	Girls Varsity Basketball Coach

Relative to Employee Leave of Absence (For informational purposes only)

Relative to Employee Retirements (For informational purposes only)

Connie Wright

Director of Finance (effective 6/30/26)

c. Recognition and Acceptance of Gifts:

Roll call vote; the motion carried 5-0. Ayes: Dan Cropsey, Nicole Hagenbuch, Leonard Hinkson, Stacy Jancasz and Michele Strayer. Nays: None.

8. Stacy Jancasz made a motion, supported by Leonard Hinkson to approve the dates, times and place for monthly Board of Education meetings and work session for the 2026-2027 school year.

Roll call vote; the motion carried 5-0. Ayes: Dan Cropsey, Nicole Hagenbuch, Leonard Hinkson, Stacy Jancasz and Michele Strayer. Nays: None.

9. Dan Cropsey made a motion, supported by Michele Strayer to approve the 2026-2027 district calendar.

Roll call vote; the motion carried 5-0. Ayes: Dan Cropsey, Nicole Hagenbuch, Leonard Hinkson, Stacy Jancasz and Michele Strayer. Nays: None.

10. Stacy Jancasz made a motion, supported by Leonard Hinkson to approve the first reading of policy manual changes recommended by NEOLA.

Roll call vote; the motion carried 5-0. Ayes: Dan Cropsey, Nicole Hagenbuch, Leonard Hinkson, Stacy Jancasz and Michele Strayer. Nays: None.

11. Michele Strayer made a motion, supported by Stacy Jancasz to approve the two additions to the teacher contract that are described in the tentative agreement as presented.

Roll call vote; the motion carried 5-0. Ayes: Dan Cropsey, Nicole Hagenbuch, Leonard Hinkson, Stacy Jancasz and Michele Strayer. Nays: None.

12. Michele Strayer made a motion, supported by Dan Cropsey to approve the renewal of the cost reimbursable contract with Chartwells to provide food service management for the 2026-2027 school year.

Roll call vote; the motion carried 5-0. Ayes: Dan Cropsey, Nicole Hagenbuch, Leonard Hinkson, Stacy Jancasz and Michele Strayer. Nays: None.

13. Michele Strayer made a motion, supported by Stacy Jancasz to approve Todd Reynolds as the Interim Central Elementary Principal as presented.

Roll call vote; the motion carried 5-0. Ayes: Dan Cropsey, Nicole Hagenbuch, Leonard Hinkson, Stacy Jancasz and Michele Strayer. Nays: None.

14. Announcements were made regarding the following:

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

15. Superintendent McBride mentioned the parent meeting that was held with MS parents in regards to athletics.

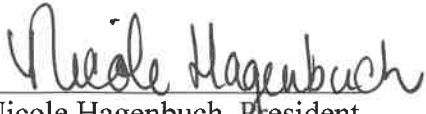
16. Superintendent McBride updated the board regarding the approval for snow days 7, 8 and 9 the plan to make up day 10 with the shift in the calendar.

17. Michele Strayer made a motion, supported by Leonard Hinkson, to conduct a closed session pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meeting Act.

Roll call vote; the motion carried 5-0 and the regular meeting adjourned to closed session at 6:27pm. Ayes: Dan Cropsey, Nicole Hagenbuch, Leonard Hinkson, Stacy Jancasz and Michele Strayer. Nays: None.

18. Open session resumed at 6:56 p.m.

* The regular meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.



Nicole Hagenbuch, Resident