White Pigeon Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, April 15, 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 and Michele Strayer.
   b. **Absent:** Jennifer Stewart.
   c. **Administrators Present:** Shelly McBride and Connie Wright.
   d. **Absent:** None.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, led by Michele Strayer.

3. Michele Strayer made a motion, supported by Stacy Jancasz to approve meeting minutes from:
   a. March 18, 2026 Board of Education Meeting
   b. March 18, 2026 Board of Education Closed Session

Roll call vote; the motion carried 6-0. Ayes: Dan Cropsey, Nicole Hagenbuch, Leonard Hinkson, Stacy Jancasz, Andy Morris and Michele Strayer. Nays: None.

4. Director of Special Programs Todd Reynolds gave an update to the board regarding this week's testing progress. Central Elementary Interim Principal Todd Reynolds presented highlights for Central Elementary.

5. Superintendent McBride shared with the board legislative updates pertaining to 31aa funding.

6. Dan Cropsey made a motion, supported by Michele Strayer to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
   a. Approval of Payment of Bills:

General Fund	$	514,335.38
Food Service Fund	$	69,717.59
2024 Debt Retirement	$	394,070.84
2024 Capital Project	$	29,772.63
Activities	$	4,284.18

   b. Personnel Report
   Relative to Employee Recommendations:
   Summer School Appointments as presented:

Courtney Conrod	Elementary Summer School Teacher
Heather Schmeling	Elementary Summer School Teacher
Kaci Wilkinson	Elementary Summer School Teacher
Jennifer Outlaw	Elementary Summer School Teacher
Shelby Bennett	K-5 Summer School Teacher-Sub
Randi George	K-5 Summer School Teacher-Sub
Laura Walker	K-5 Summer School Teacher-Sub
Amanda Mercer	K-5 Summer School Teacher-Sub
Renee Lane	K-5 Summer School Paraprofessional
Hannah Outlaw	K-5 Summer School Paraprofessional
Rebecca Allinger	K-5 Summer School Paraprofessional
Paula Bedard	K-5 Summer School Paraprofessional
Samantha Saunders	K-5 Summer School Paraprofessional
Amanda Mercer	K-5 Summer School Paraprofessional
Jennifer Taylor	6-8 Summer School Teacher SPS
Heather Greydanus	6-8 Summer School Teacher
Jeremy Reingardt	6-8 Summer School Teacher

Kelly Gates	9-12 Credit Recovery Teacher
Shiela Boodt	Summer School Paraprofessional-Sub
Jamie Thomas	Summer School Paraprofessional-Sub
Ellie McBride	K-5 Summer School ESL Instructional Paraprofessional

Relative to New Employee Recommendations:

Relative to Employee Reassignments (For informational purposes only)

Roxana Hall	Sub Driver Effective 3/25/26

Relative to Employee Resignations (For informational purposes only)

Jeff Baechler	Girls Varsity Basketball Coach
Tyler Royce	Assistant Football Coach
Michael Gropp	Assistant Football Coach
Gavin Kopf	Assistant Football Coach
Jaime Ibbotson	2nd Grade Elementary Teacher
Mindy William	Varsity Cross Country Coach
Holly Leister	Varsity Sideline Cheer Coach

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

Relative to Employee Retirements (For informational purposes only)

Carrie Miracle	Central Elementary Teacher (effective May 31, 2026)
Nina Freese	Payroll and Human Resource (effective June 30, 2026)
Michael Gropp	High School Teacher (effective May 29, 2026)

c. Recognition and Acceptance of Gifts:

Tim Keck	Monetary

Roll call vote; the motion carried 6-0. Ayes: Dan Cropsey, Nicole Hagenbuch, Leonard Hinkson, Stacy Jancasz, Andy Morris and Michele Strayer. Nays: None.

7. Michele Strayer made a motion, supported by Stacy Jancasz to approve the second reading of policy manual changes recommended by NEOLA.

Roll call vote; the motion carried 6-0. Ayes: Dan Cropsey, Nicole Hagenbuch, Leonard Hinkson, Stacy Jancasz, Andy Morris and Michele Strayer. Nays: None.

8. Andy Morris made a motion, supported by Leonard Hinkson to approve the resolution for an election on Tuesday, August 4, 2026 for the sinking fund millage replacement proposal for five years.

Roll call vote; the motion carried 6-0. Ayes: Dan Cropsey, Nicole Hagenbuch, Leonard Hinkson, Stacy Jancasz, Andy Morris and Michele Strayer. Nays: None.

9. Stacy Jancasz made a motion, supported by Michele Strayer to approve and appoint the district wide professional development advisory committee as presented.

Roll call vote; the motion carried 6-0. Ayes: Dan Cropsey, Nicole Hagenbuch, Leonard Hinkson, Stacy Jancasz, Andy Morris and Michele Strayer. Nays: None.

10. Michele Strayer made a motion, supported by Leonard Hinkson to approve the White Pigeon Community Schools PAC membership with Sarah Beckle as our representative for the term of May 1, 2026 – April 30, 2028.

Roll call vote; the motion carried 6-0. Ayes: Dan Cropsey, Nicole Hagenbuch, Leonard Hinkson, Stacy Jancasz, Andy Morris and Michele Strayer. Nays: None.

11. Announcements were made regarding the following:
    a. There is not a work session scheduled for May.
    b. A meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., in the high school, room 15.

12. President Sigler reminded board members of graduation on May 22, 2026 and here by 6:30 pm.

13. President Sigler mentioned senior exit interviews and if any board members want to be involved reach out to Cassie Conrod.

14. Discussion took place regarding the next board meeting and senior awards night being on the same date, it was decided to move the meeting to 5:30 pm, on May 13, 2026.

15. Superintendent McBride mentioned the athletic fields receiving the Field of Excellent award as well as updated the board on the installation of night locks.

The regular meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Nicole Hagenbuch

Nicole Hagenbuch, President