White Pigeon Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, May 13, 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, Jennifer Stewart and Michele Strayer.
   b. **Absent:** Stacy Jancasz and Andy Morris.
   c. **Administrators Present:** Shelly McBride and Michelle Delarye.
   d. **Absent:** None.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, led by Michelle Delarye.

3. Athletic Director /Assistant HS Principal Brooke McClure was in attendance with Will Porter our new Varsity Football Coach and HS Social Studies Teacher, the board took a moment to welcome him.

4. Michele Strayer made a motion, supported by Jennifer Stewart to approve meeting minutes from:
   a. April 15, 2026 Board of Education Meeting

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

5. Central Elementary Interim Principal Todd Reynolds presented highlights for Central Elementary. MS/HS Principal Damien Loveless presented MS/HS highlights.

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

General Fund	$	436,882.47
Athletic Fund	$	14,350.28
Food Service Fund	$	48,259.03
2024 Debt Retirement	$	500.00
Sinking Fund "C"	$	5,102.00
2024 Capital Project	$	7,334.13
Activities	$	24,675.16

   b. Personnel Report

Relative to Employee Recommendations:

Shawn Strawser	Varsity Cross Country Coach
Melody Julien	Accounts Payable Clerk
David Wilkinson	Full Time Maintenance

Relative to New Employee Recommendations:

William Porter	Varsity Football Coach (pending background and fingerprinting)
William Porter	HS Social Studies Teacher (pending background and fingerprinting)
Maria Mares	Payroll and Human Resource Specialist (pending background & fingerprinting)

Relative to Employee Reassignments (For informational purposes only)

Melody Julien	Change from sub driver status to route driver

Relative to Employee Resignations (For informational purposes only)

Pam Shenk	School Counselor
Jacob Keck	HS Science Teacher

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

Relative to Employee Retirements (For informational purposes only)

c. Recognition and Acceptance of Gifts:
MET Liquidation Game

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

7. Michele Strayer made a motion, supported by Jennifer Stewart to approve the ISD General Fund budget resolution.

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

8. Dan Cropsey made a motion, supported by Michele Strayer to approve the White Pigeon graduating seniors for 2026 pending completion of White Pigeon and State of Michigan requirements.

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

9. Michele Strayer made a motion, supported by Jennifer Stewart, 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 5:47pm. Ayes: Dan Cropsey, Nicole Hagenbuch, Leonard Hinkson, Jennifer Stewart and Michele Strayer. Nays: None.

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

11. Announcements were made regarding the following:
    a. Graduation for the class of 2026 is at 7:00 p.m., Friday, May 22, 2026, board member will meet in room 27 prior to the ceremony by 6:45p.m.
    b. The next work session of the Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 6:00p.m., in the high school, gymnasium, please note the location change due to the construction project.
    c. A public reception will be held in honor and to recognize this year's retirees on Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 5:30 p.m., in the high school, gymnasium prior to the regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting, please note the location change due to the construction project.
    d. A meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., in the high school, gymnasium, please note the location change due to the construction project.

12. President Sigler reminded board members of graduation on May 22, 2026 and to meet in room 27 by 6:30 pm.

13. President Sigler mentioned if there wasn't anything pressing on the agenda for the work session scheduled for Wednesday, June 3, 2026 this will be cancelled, the decision will be determined closer to the meeting date.

14. Superintendent McBride mentioned the upcoming parade and ideas for this year.

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

Jennifer Stewart, Secretary