**White Pigeon Board of Education Meeting**
**Wednesday, September 16, 2026**
**White Pigeon High School Room 15**

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

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, led by Fred Barclay.

3. Stacy Jancasz made a motion, supported by Michele Strayer to approve meeting minutes from:
   a. August 10, 2026 Board of Education Meeting

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

4. Elementary Principal Haley Houtz presented highlights for Central Elementary and for the MS/HS on behalf of Principal Loveless.

5. President Nicole Hagenbuch discussed the superintendent evaluation timeline and training needed for new board members. MASB trainers can train on site in Jan. or Feb. It was decided after being discussed to do an informal review in December or January.

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

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| General Fund | $ | 277,260.51 |
| Athletics | $ | 16,788.47 |
| Food Service Fund | $ | 52,766.86 |
| 2024 Capital Project | $ | 498,410.59 |
| Activities | $ | 12,211.57 |
| **TOTAL** | $ | 857,438.00 |

   b. Personnel Report

Relative to Employee Recommendations:

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| Dave Griffin | Varsity Football Assistant |
| Emma Wogoman | Third Grade Teacher |
| Damien Loveless | Middle School Football |
| Steve Gates | Middle School Football |
| Shelby Bennett | 4th Grade Teacher |

26/27 Central Schedule B
26/27 HS/MS Extra Duty and Sponsors
26/27 District Extra Duty and Sponsors

Relative to New Employee Recommendations:

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| Therese Schwartz | 5th Grade Teacher |
| Caitlin Baldwin | Sub Paraprofessional |
| Kent Pletcher | 7th Grade Basketball Coach |

Relative to Employee Reassignments (For informational purposes only)

Relative to Employee Resignations (For informational purposes only)

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| Todd Reynolds | Central Elementary Principal |
| Todd Reynolds | Middle School Football Coach |
| Cole Decker | Varsity Baseball |
| Spencer Howe | Assistant Varsity Baseball |

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

Relative to Employee Retirements (For informational purposes only)

c. Recognition and Acceptance of Gifts:

7. Leonard Hinkson made a motion, supported by Stacy Jancasz, to approve the stipend for Haley Houtz as interim principal of Central Elementary for 202-2027 school year as presented.

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

8. Announcements were made regarding the following:
   a. The next work session of the Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, October 7, 2026 at 6:00p.m., in the high school, room 15.
   b. The fall St. Joseph County School Board Association meeting is Tuesday, October 6, 2026 at St. Joseph County ISD. Social time starts at 5:30p.m., SBA Program is from 6:00-8:00p.m.
   c. A meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., in the high school, room 15.

9. Board President Hagenbuch mentioned updating committees due the departure of Jennifer Stewart and the SBA would be a great time to meet the new ISD superintendent.

10. Superintendent McBride mentioned there are 5 applicants interviewed for the Central principal vacancy out of 10 applications submitted.

The regular meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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Stacy Jancasz, Secretary