

# News Release of the Board of Education Independent School District, No. 1001 Pawnee, OK 74058

The Board of Education of Pawnee Independent School District, No. 1001, met in regular session, Monday, August 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., at the Pawnee High School Library Media room.

**Present:** Ms. Suzanne Spears, President  
Dr. Gene Evans, Vice President  
Mr. Vic Bruns, Member  
Mr. JC Higgins, Member  
Mr. Ned Williams, Superintendent  
Mr. Bobby Miller, HS Principal  
Mrs. Stacy Womack, MS Principal  
Mrs. Cheryl Ryan, Treasurer  
Mrs. Velvet Thurber, Minutes Clerk

**Guests:** Chuck Crooks, CBEW  
Laura Morgan, CBEW

## A. Open Meeting and Roll Call

Motion to call meeting to order.	Bruns
Motion seconded by:	Higgins
Roll Call Vote:	
Yes	Bruns, Spears, and Higgins
No	None

## B. Review and approval of the June 25, 2018, minutes (Regular Board Meeting)

Motion to approve the May 7, 2018, board meeting minutes.	Higgins
Motion seconded by:	Bruns
Roll Call Vote:	
Yes	Bruns, Evans, Spears, and Higgins
No	None

### C. Public Addresses the Board.

None

### D. Letters: Open, discuss, and vote on matters enclosed.

State Department of Education: All three schools received accreditation with no deficiencies.

### E. Unfinished Business

1. Discussion and vote to hire an elementary teacher, Kara Kirkendall.

Mr. Williams stated that he was pleased to welcome Mrs. Kirkendall back to Pawnee and recommended that the board approve the hire.

Motion to hire Mrs. Kirkendall	Bruns
Motion seconded by:	Evans
Roll Call Vote:	
Yes	<i>Bruns, Evans, Higgins, Spears</i>
No	None

2. Discussion and vote to hire 1-2 teaching assistants.

Mrs. Burnett made the following recommendations:

Holly Leforce

Ida Schuermann

Motion to hire Holly LeForce.	Higgins
Motion seconded by:	Bruns
Roll Call Vote:	
Yes	<i>Bruns, Evans, Higgins, Spear</i>
No	None

### F. Business.

1. Discussion and possible vote to approve the 2017-2018 audit.

Chuck Crooks, CBEW, presented the 2017-2018 audit and reported that all funds are in balance and a clean audit report was presented, with no audit findings.

Motion to approve the audit report	Bruns
Motion seconded by:	Evans
Roll Call Vote:	
Yes	<i>Bruns, Evans, Higgins, and Spears</i>

No	None
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## **2. Discussion and review of summer improvements and curriculum additions.**

Mr. Williams detailed the improvements that were being made this summer with funds generated by the most recent bond issue passage. He said the school strives to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars with the approval of the school board.

The following improvements are on target to be completed prior to the first day of school. Mr. Williams expressed the school's gratitude to the voters who passed the bond issue.

The improvements include the following:

1. New computers in the middle school computer lab, as well as some teacher computers.
2. New presentation boards to replace the old Promethean Boards. New boards have been installed in all regular elementary classrooms, the middle school and high school math classrooms, and one additional middle school classroom. Twenty-six boards have been installed and we hope to add more of these boards as money and time allows.
3. New math curriculum and textbooks, new textbooks for government, social studies, AP Language and computers. Additional science books were also purchased.
4. Restroom addition and remodeling at the high school gymnasium.
5. ADA ramp from the gymnasium to the landing room.
6. New carpet in the elementary music room.
7. Addition of 5<sup>th</sup> grade band, Jazz band, and Speech/Debate to the schedule.
8. Also, added to the schedule will be an advanced placement computer programming class that will give students three hours of college credit at the University of Oklahoma, as well as credit on the high school transcript.
9. Since the Oklahoma State Department of Education has discontinued the PLAN Test and the EXPLORE Test, Pawnee Schools has decided to use an additional preparation prior to the Juniors (11<sup>th</sup> Graders) taking the ACT Test. The new precursor will be a method preparation for the English, math, and science portions of the ACT Test. This precursor will be offered to Sophomores and Juniors through the counselor's office.

10. New water fountain with filtered water and bottle refill capabilities outside the high school auditorium.
11. Additional security doors.
12. New phone system.

**3. Discussion and possible vote for the 2018-2019 school year to contain a minimum of 1080 hours.**

Mr. Williams recommended that the board approve the 1080 hours method of calculating the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion to approve the 1080 hours method of calculating the 2018-2019 school year.	Higgins
Motion seconded by:	Evans
Roll Call Vote:	
Yes	<i>Bruns, Evans, Higgins, and Spears</i>
No	None

**4. Discussion and possible vote on approving the contract agreement between Pawnee Public Schools and the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education for the Vocational Agriculture and Family and Consumer Sciences Program.**

The Board voted to approve the contract agreement.

Motion to approve the contract agreement with ODCTE.	Bruns
Motion seconded by:	Evans
Roll Call Vote:	
Yes	<i>Bruns, Evans, Higgins, Spears</i>
No	None

**5. Discussion and possible vote on approving career tech classes at Meridian Technology Center.**

Mr. Williams recommended the board approve these classes.

Motion to approve classes and contract agreement with MTC.	Bruns
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Motion seconded by:		Higgins
<b>Roll Call Vote</b>		
Yes	<i>Bruns, Evans, Higgins, Spears</i>	
No	None	

## 6. Review and adoption of grant funds for gym bleachers and restrooms.

Mr. Williams recommended the board approve a resolution to accept USDA grant funds for both projects, the bleachers and the restrooms. The grants will pay for 35% of the cost of the two projects.

Motion to approve a resolution to accept USDA grant funds for the two projects.		Evans
Motion seconded by:		Bruns
<b>Roll Call Vote</b>		
Yes	<i>Bruns, Evans, Higgins, Spears</i>	
No	None	

## 7. Discussion and vote on a transfer into the district.

The board voted to approve the transfer.

Motion to approve the transfer from Stillwater.		Evans
Motion seconded by:		Higgins
<b>Roll Call Vote</b>		
Yes	<i>Bruns, Evans, Higgins, Spears</i>	
No	None	

## 8. Review of Back to School Workshops

Mr. Williams provided the board with a schedule of all planned in-services for the week of August 20.

## G. Financial Report and Claims

1. Report on collections and status of building and general funds.

The Board review the report.

2. Review collections and expenditures from the activity fund. Vote to approve the activity fund report.

The Board reviewed the report and voted to approve.

Motion to approve the activity report.		Higgins
Motion seconded by:		Bruns
<b>Roll Call Vote</b>		
Yes	<i>Bruns, Evans, Higgins, Spears</i>	
No	None	

Motion to approve an activity fund transfer from the Cubbettes Football to Bearettes Football in the amount of \$250 for cheer camp.		Bruns
Motion seconded by:		Evans
<b>Roll Call Vote</b>		
Yes	<i>Bruns, Evans, Higgins, Spears</i>	
No	None	

3. Vote to approve purchase order encumbrances and vote to approve claims from the general and building funds. Other invoices will be paid to complete the year.

Motion to approve encumbrances in the general fund, #1-41.	Evans
Motion seconded by:	Bruns
Roll Call Vote:	
Yes	<i>Bruns, Evans, Higgins, Spears</i>
No	None

## H. School Reports

### Mrs. Burnett

1. Mrs. Burnett attended the 5-Star Interlocal Coop annual summer meeting. Coop member schools were presented with information regarding new cases impacting special education law and coordination among school resources.
2. Pawnee Elementary enrollment will be Tuesday and Wednesday, August 7 & 8, from 9:00 – 3:00. Parents of all students in grades PK-5 should attend one of the enrollment sessions. Parents with students who are new to the district should bring a copy of the child's birth certificate and shot records.

3. Pawnee Elementary will also host a Title I parent meeting on both enrollment days. Parents will be presented with information regarding how to help their students succeed in both reading and math.
4. Beginning in the 2018-19 school year, Pawnee fifth graders will have the opportunity to participate in a Beginning Band class as part of the elementary music program. Information will be presented to parents at enrollment.
5. Those wishing to be on the Pawnee Public School substitute list should plan to attend the substitute workshop on Wednesday, August 15 at 10:00 in the high school media room. Substitutes who attend the workshop will earn an extra \$5.00 for each day of substituting.
6. Parents may bring their elementary students to visit their classrooms and meet teachers from 1:30 – 3:30 on Thursday, August 23. We encourage parents and students to bring supplies that day so that students do not have to carry them on their first day of school.
7. Classes begin on August 24. The first elementary bell rings at 8:10 and students are considered tardy after the second bell at 8:20. Students should never be dropped off at school before 7:45 a.m.
8. Elementary parent nights will be held on Monday and Tuesday, August 27 & 28 on the following schedule:  
Monday: Pre-K 6:00 – 6:30  
Kindergarten 6:30 – 7:00  
First Grade 7:00 – 7:30  
  
Tuesday: Second Grade 6:00 – 6:30  
Third Grade 6:30 – 7:00  
Fourth Grade 7:00 – 7:30

**Mrs. Womack**

- \* Teacher and Student schedules have been finalized.
- \* The MS Advisory Fund has purchased some yard games for students to play during lunch.
- \* A fence is scheduled to be built along the perimeter of the lot east of the middle school building with MS Advisory Funds.

- \* MS teachers will participate in Grade Level meetings again this year, meeting once a quarter during the school day. Coverage is arranged for teachers to collaborate with other grade-level teachers to discuss ways to better utilize cross-curricular assignments.
- \* Thank you to the Lone Chimney Community Association, Tiffany Higgins, and the Pawnee PTO for their support and donation to Pawnee Schools. Each teacher will receive \$100 for additional classroom supplies.
- \* Enrollment for 8th, 11th, and 12th graders will be Monday, August 13; and 6th, 7th, 9th, and 10th grade enrollment will be Tuesday, August 14. All enrollment will take place in the high school from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. New students to the district will need to bring a birth certificate and proof of residency to enroll.
- \* Pawnee Middle School will be hosting an orientation night on Thursday, August 16, at 6:30 PM in the high school auditorium. We invite all incoming 6th graders, any new middle school student, and parents of these students to attend.

#### **Pawnee Middle School Calendar August 2018**

Aug 13	MS Softball @ Cleveland @ 4:30
Aug 13-14	MS & HS Enrollment
Aug 13-17	Band Camp 8:00 AM-12:00 PM
Aug 14	MS Softball (H) Perry @ 5:00
Aug 15	Substitute Teacher Workshop @ 10:00
Aug 16	New Student & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation @ 6:30
Aug 16-18	MS Softball @ Blackwell Tournament
Aug 17-18	Pawnee Local Livestock Show
Aug 20	MS Softball @ Ponca City @ 5:00
Aug 20-23	Professional Days
Aug 21	MS Softball (H) Newkirk @ 4:30
Aug 23	Meet the Bears/Cubs @ 5:30
Aug 24	First Day of School
Aug 28	MS Softball @ Chisholm @ 4:30
Aug 30	MS Softball @ Blackwell @ 5:00



Sept 3	Labor Day – No School
Sept 4	MS Softball (H) Woodland @ 4:30
Sept 4	MS FB (H) Morrison @ 5:00
Sept 4	School Board Meeting @ 7:00

**Mr. Miller**

- All components necessary to complete gym bleacher project have been delivered. Installers will be here tomorrow to have project completed by the end of this week.
- The gym restroom and handicap access renovation project is making progress. Mrs. Ryan is complimented for her guidance and assistance getting grants approved.
- August 6 – Band Camp begins, Football Practice begins, 4:00 (H) HS Softball game w/ Barnsdall.
- August 13, 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 - Middle School/High School enrollment for 8<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- August 14, 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 - Middle School/High School enrollment for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- August 15 - Meridian Technology classes begin.
- Substitute Teacher Meeting, 10:00 A.M., HS Library Media Room.
- August 17 – Football Scrimmage @ Stroud
- August 17 & 18 – Pawnee Local Livestock Show
- August 20 thru 23 – Teachers Report
- August 23 – Meet the Bears/Football Scrimmage (H) vs Crooked Oak
- August 24 – First Day of School
- August 31 – HS Football @ Wellston
- Annual Athletic Pass Prices for 2018-2018

Annual Athletic Pass (All sports HS/MS)	Adult=\$125, Student=\$75
Annual Softball Pass (MS/HS)	Adult=\$55, Student=\$35
Annual Football Pass (MS/HS)	Adult=\$25, Student=\$20
Annual Basketball Pass (MS/HS)	Adult=\$50, Student=\$25

For a complete list of all up to date school activities and events please visit the calendar on the school website at [www.pawnee.k12.ok.us](http://www.pawnee.k12.ok.us) or contact the head sponsor.

**Mr. Williams**

Mr. Williams addressed State Question 801 that is being placed on the November ballot by Governor Fallan. **He said that passage of State question 801 would shift the responsibility of funding teacher pay from the State of Oklahoma to local district taxpayers.** If State Question 801 passes, the State Constitution would be amended to transfer the responsibility to local districts.

He complimented Stage Right on their excellent performance this past weekend in the production of Cinderella.

**New Business (Items not known when the agenda was published.)**

None

**Report from Members.**

Mr. Higgins stated that he was excited about the improvements being made at the school.

Mr. Bruns stated that he was excited that teachers and employees are receiving raises.

Adjourned: 8:07 pm and toured the facilities to see the improvements.

Motion made by Mr. Bruns and seconded by Mr. Higgins to adjourn. The motion carried.

**STATE OF OKLAHOMA+++++**

COUNTY OF PAWNEE:

SS:

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Board of Education of Pawnee Public Schools, District I001, of Pawnee County, Pawnee, Oklahoma do hereby certify that notice of this meeting was given in writing to the County Clerk of Pawnee County, Oklahoma, forty-eight (48) hours prior to such meeting and public notice of this meeting with an agenda was posted in a prominent view on the inside of the front window of the high school building, in said School District, twenty-four (24) hours prior to this meeting, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, all in compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

Approved by board vote:

Gary Vance, Clerk of the Board

09/04/2018