

Pana CUSD #8
February, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

Board President Kyle Anderson called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Roll Call: Board Members Present: Anderson, Dorn, Blackwell, Moon, Hadowsky, Beyers, Casner

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda inclusive of payables totaling \$435,877.49 and payrolls totaling \$921,118.01 for a total payables and payroll of \$1,356,995.50. Motion was made by Moon and seconded by Hadowsky Motion was approved.

Visitor, Teacher, & Support Staff Consideration- Media-Tom Latonis Staff: Kim Hahnekamp Jeff Stauder, Paul Donahue, Lisa Mayhall, Taylor Cothorn, Allison Swisher.

Committee Reports

Facilities- Mark Beyers, Jeff Stauder, and Dr. Lett provided an overview of the meeting held on 02.05.25. Washington School Equipment Auction closed February 23, 2025. Equipment pickup is scheduled for February 25, 2025 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. (Tentative) Next Meeting: April 22, 2025 @ 6:30 am.

Finance-James Moon and Dr. Lett provided an overview of the meeting held on 02.19.25. (Tentative) April 8, 2025 @ 6:30 am.

Curriculum-Did not meet this month. Next meeting TBD

Policy-Did not meet this month. Next meeting TBD.

Motion to approve the second reading of October 2024 PRESS Policy updates. Motion was made by Blackwell and seconded by Casner Motion was approved.

Pana Education Foundation – Mrs. Miller will provide an overview of the meeting held on 02.19.25. Next meeting: March 19, 2025 @ 7:00 am.

Administrative Reports

Principals: Lisa Mayhall from PJH was present and gave an update on her building.

Jr High: Lisa Mayhall and Taylor Cothorn discussed the positive role the library has had on students, and promoting reading.

Buildings and Transportation: Jeff Stauder provided an update on all schools and their projects. Building Demo and abatement, the letter of intent to demo the buildings was sent to IDPH on 2.5.25 we do have a 90 day waiting period, so we will be looking at May 5th. During his report he gave an update on the five year bus plan, and approval of two bus leases.

Motion to approve two bus leases from Midwest Transit. Motion was made by Moon and seconded by Beyers Motion was approved.

Curriculum and Instruction-Paul Donahue gave reports on the map scores, and the upcoming state testing.

Superintendent

Personnel Recommendations

Motion to approve the February Employment Report as reviewed and presented in Executive Session. Motion was made by Blackwell and seconded by Moon Motion was approved.

Washington and Lincoln Demolition Proposals- Courtice Grason prepared building demolition project schedule documents.

Motion to accept the Washington and Lincoln Demolition Proposals submitted by Courtice Grason. Motion was made by Hadowsky and seconded by Casner Motion was approved.

Seniority Lists- Dr. Lett has been working with the PEA and ESP to ensure that our seniority lists are accurate, Mark Beyers pointed out there was a small mistake that will be corrected and discussed at next month's board meeting.

Laker Connect Intergovernmental Agreement-This agreement with Lake Land College is in reference to their Laker Connect Dual Credit Program. The benefits to our students and staff include a flat rate and reduced costs for our students (some courses are as low as \$50 per credit hour), additional career counseling for our students, improved mentorship for our high school teachers who are teaching dual credit courses, potential tuition waivers for our students after graduation, and assistance in marketing Lake Land options to our community.

Motion to approve the Laker Connect Intergovernmental Agreement. Motion was made by Hadowsky and seconded by Dorn Motion was approved.

Intergovernmental Agreement with ROE 3 for Regional Safe Programs and Alternative High Schools-In order to utilize the programs that are available with the ROE we need a motion to approve the intergovernmental agreement. We are not required to use these programs, but if there is a need we are at least afforded the option.

Motion to approve the intergovernmental agreement with the ROE 3 for Regional Safe programs and alternative high schools. Motion was made by Casner and seconded by Blackwell Motion was approved.

High School Graduation- Mr. Kevin McDonald informed us that high school graduation announcements and plans have been made to hold graduation at Pana High School on May 16, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the gymnasium.

Consideration and approval of the location, date, and time for Pana High School Graduation to be held on May 16, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the gymnasium. Motion was made by Blackwell and seconded by Hadowsky Motion was approved.

Senior Class Trip- The itinerary for the Senior Class Trip was reviewed. They are scheduled for a 1-day trip to Chicago to visit various sites.

Motion to approve the Senior Class Trip to Chicago. Motion was made by Casner and seconded by Dorn Motion was approved.

2025-2026 Proposed School Calendar- A calendar committee consisting of representation for each building and both unions meets each year to discuss the school calendar.

Motion to approve the 2025-2026 School Calendar. Motion was made by Dorn and seconded by Moon Motion was approved.

Engagement Letter from LMHN for FY25 Audit- This is the formal engagement letter that will need to be returned to LMHN in order for us to utilize them to conduct the FY25 audit. They will be able to start the audit process the week of July 28, 2025.

Motion to approve the engagement letter for LMHN for the FY25 audit. Motion was made by Blackwell and seconded by Moon Motion was approved.

NPT Special Education Cooperative Report- Mrs. Miller provided a summary of statements in connection to the NPT Board Meeting that was held on 2.19.25.

Executive Session – 7:31pm

Motion to enter executive session for the discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District, student discipline, litigation, the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the District, and collective bargaining matters, as well as employment/compensation/resignation recommendations. Motion was made by Casner and seconded by Beyers Motion was approved.

Return from Executive Session – 8:55pm

A motion was made by Casner and seconded by Dorn to return from executive session.

Personnel Recommendations

A motion was made by Blackwell and seconded by Moon to approve the Superintendent's personnel recommendations.

Communications

ISBE Recognizes Teachers for Excellence in Education- Beth King, Award of Special Recognition, and Ellen Anselm, Award of Excellence.

Science Olympiad - February 20, 2025- Miss Kim Hahnenkamp took a group of 14 students to the Science Olympiad on February 20, 2025 at Free Methodist Church in Hillsboro. Students competed in groups of 4 in a variety of activities such as Crime

Busters, Paper Airplanes, Pictionary, Fossil Identification, Junk Cars, and Popsicle Bridges

Statements of Economic Interest- A reminder to all board members to return their statements of economic interest statements.

Concession Stands Update - Amy Christian and Jeff Stauder are in the final stages of completing plan reviews on each of our concession stands. The Christian County Health Department will review the applications and inform us of the final cost of our licensure.

Adjournment – 8:57pm

A motion was made by Hadowsky and seconded by Dorn to adjourn the February 24, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.

School Board President

School Board Secretary