

Pana CUSD #8
May 19, 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, Berner, Moon, Hadowsky, Beyers, Casner

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda inclusive of payables totaling \$355, 984.50 and payrolls totaling \$988,675.89 for a total payables and payroll of \$1,344, 660.39. Motion was made by Moon and seconded by Hadowsky Motion was approved.

Visitor, Teacher, & Support Staff Consideration- Media-Susan Mcgrath Tom Latonis
Staff: Jeff Stauder, Allison Swisher, Paul Donahue, Lisa Mayhall, Angie Matthews, Adam Metzger. Visitors: CJ Cothorn.

CJ Cothorn from Pana Baseball and Softball Diamonds Club was present and discussed a proposal for upgrades to the baseball diamond.

Committee Reports

Facilities-Did not meet this month. Next Meeting TBD.

Finance- James Moon, Jessica Miller and Dr. Fuerstenau provided an overview of the meeting held on 05.15.25 at 6:30 am. Current revenue and expenditures were reviewed, the amended budget was presented, the committee discussed substitute pay, and retainage payments for PES. Next meeting TBD.

Curriculum-Did not meet this month. Next meeting TBD

Policy-Did not meet this month. (Tentative) Next meeting: June 10, 2025 @ 5:00 pm.

Pana Education Foundation – Did not meet. Next meeting: May 21, 2025 @ 7:00 am.

Technology - Kyle Anderson and Jessica Miller provided an overview of the meeting held on 05.15.25 at 5:30 pm. During the committee meeting, Sarah Jones presented her updated budget and plans for a fiber project funded by erate, pending approval. Amanda Skinner provided updates on Chromebook repairs and statistics, along with her Tech Apps class projects. Kim Hahnenkamp provided updates on technology integration at PES and her recent visit to the state capitol. Miss Hahnenkamp and a group of 5th graders shared with legislators and other guests how technology is used at PES. Next meeting TBD

Administrative Reports

Principals-Building principals have submitted reports for you to review. Adam Metzger and Angela Matthews shared an overview of restorative discipline practices at PES and how they implement them within their building.

Buildings and Transportation- The track will be resurfacing will start the week of June 1st, GRP will begin painting the fascia of the Jr. High next week. He updated the board on who won the bid for demolition of Lincoln Elementary School.

Motion to approve Steve's Trucking from Decatur, IL to move forward with the demolition of Lincoln Elementary School in the amount of \$278,750. Motion was made by Beyers and seconded by Moon Motion was approved.

Motion to approve the Henson Robinson Maintenance Contract (HVAC). Motion was made by Hadowsky and seconded by Casner Motion was approved.

Curriculum and Instruction-Mr. Donahue provided an update on the ACT. We have results back for all 3 grades. They also do not include any cut scores. ISBE is making changes to the cut scores, so we won't have those until the Fall. We can't share any results until after the Report Card Release in October. On a positive note, it looks like we will get some useful data back. Juniors do have their ACT scores. Preliminary IAR results are expected to be available on May 16th, 2025.

Superintendent

Personnel Recommendations

Motion to approve the May Employment Report as reviewed, along with Technology Director, Curriculum Director and Unit Office wage adjustment. Presented in the Executive Session. Motion was made by and seconded by NAME Motion was approved.

Recommendation to increase the substitute teacher pay- The Finance Committee recommends increasing the substitute teacher pay from \$115/day to \$125/day to align with neighboring school districts.

Motion to approve increasing the substitute teacher pay to \$125. Motion was made by Hadowsky and seconded by Berner Motion was approved.

Intergovernmental Agreement between Pana CUSD 8 and Ramsey Community Unit School District 204 for OKAW Transportation - This agreement states that Ramsey will provide transportation for our students from Ramsey to the OKAW Area Vocational Center in Vandalia.

Motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Pana CUSD 8 and Ramsey Community Unit School District 204 for OKAW Transportation. Motion was made by Hadowsky and seconded by Berner Motion was approved.

German Trip Itinerary - Pana High School students that are participating in the GAPP Exchange Program will travel to Germany this summer. They leave from Chicago O'Hare Airport on June 22, 2025 and return on July 7, 2025. A trip itinerary is included in your packet.

NPT Special Education Cooperative Report- Did not meet. Next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2025 at 9:00 am.

Executive Session – 7:15

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 Beyers and seconded by Dorn Motion was approved.

Return from Executive Session – 8:04

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

Motion to approve Executive Session minutes as read in executive session.
Motion was made by Beyers and seconded by Dorn Motion was approved.

Personnel Recommendations

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

Communications

STEM Students of the Month - We are proud to share that Parker Moore and Reign Ballew were selected as WAND STEM Students of the Month. Both will have the opportunity to assist with a weather report on a live broadcast.

Board Member Considerations

2025 Joint Annual Conference Registration Information - The Joint Annual Conference will take place November 21-23, 2025. This annual conference takes place in Chicago. Begin checking your calendars. Registration begins June 2.

Adjournment – 8:07pm A motion was made by Dorn and seconded by Moon to adjourn the May 19, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.

Board President, Kyle Anderson

Board Secretary, Anne Dorn