Board Meeting Summary
June 24, 2026
Dr. Russ Tepen

The Pikeland Board of Education conducted its June board meeting on June 24, 2026. This was a regularly scheduled meeting. It started at 6:30 PM and ended at 8:12 PM.

1. Six board members were present.

2. FY 26 Amended Budget Hearing
   C. The board approved the FY 26 Amended Budget.

3. The board approved the May 20, 2026 Regular Board Meeting minutes, and the June 2, 2026 Special Meeting minutes.

4. Public Participation: None

5. A. The board approved bills, financial statements, and activity funds.

6. A. FOIA
   B. FMLA
   C. Summer Projects Update
   D. Pikeland Strategic Planning Update
   E. Policy Updates: First Reading
   F. Facility Naming Committee
   G. School Nutrition Programs for the 2026-2027SY

7. The board entered closed session at 7:29 PM for the following purposes: Employment, Collective Negotiating Matters, and Special Education Programs/Students. Closed session ended at 8:06 PM.

8. The board approved the following:
   A. Approved FY27 bids for Prairie Farms for Dairy and Kohl Wholesale for Perishable and Non-Perishable and Bakery.
   B. Approved the transfer of $49,754.00 from the Debt Service Fund to Education Fund to satisfy Lease Payments.
   C. Approved the Non-Certified Staff Starting Wage Rates: SY 2026-2027.
   D. Approved the FY27 Property Casualty Liability Insurance Renewals with Prairie State Insurance Cooperative
   E. Approved Overnight Field Trips for PHS Band and PHS Wrestling.
   F. Approved the General Employment and Extra Curricular Matters. See attached.

This is simply a summary. The official board minutes will be approved at the July regular board meeting.

Dr. Russ Tepen
Pikeland 10 Superintendent

9. Action Items

F. Personnel Addendums

1. General Matters

Jennifer Ruzich - retirement resignation as a Bus Driver for the 11:00 a.m. Pre-School route as well as the 12:00 p.m. Pre-School route effective May 21, 2026

Brandon Radford - resignation as a Principal (Grades 3-5) at Pikeland Community School effective June 22, 2026

John Heafner - Assistant Principal at South Elementary School for the 2026-2027 school year

Austin Mendenhall - Social Studies Teacher for Pikeland School District for the 2026-2027 school year, upon completing all license requirements

Mary Pursley - Part-Time Library Paraprofessional for Pikeland School District for the 2026-2027 school year

Kadence Haskins - Full-Time, Short-Term Substitute Teacher for the Pikeland School District for the 2026-2027 school year

Lindsey Dunham - voluntary transfer to Title I Teacher for Pikeland School District for the 2026-2027 school year

Danny Skelton - Full-Time Custodian for Pikeland School District effective June 4, 2026

Barb Ballinger - Chaddock Bus Route Driver for the 2026-2027 school year

Becky Amann - Full-Time Paraprofessional for Pikeland School District for the 2026-2027 school year

Tammy Butler - Full-Time Paraprofessional for Pikeland School District for the 2026-2027 school year

Brenda Conkright - Full-Time Paraprofessional for Pikeland School District for the 2026-2027 school year

Brittany Dain - Full-Time Paraprofessional for Pikeland School District for the 2026-2027 school year

Amy Harris - Full-Time Paraprofessional for Pikeland School District for the 2026-2027 school year

Kacie Lipcaman - Full-Time Paraprofessional for Pikeland School District for the 2026-2027 school year

Eric Naughton - Full-Time Paraprofessional for Pikeland School District for the 2026-2027 school year

Chloe Opitz - Full-Time Paraprofessional for Pikeland School District for the 2026-2027 school year

Lauryn Shipley - Full-Time Paraprofessional for Pikeland School District for the 2026-2027 school year

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2. Extra-Curricular

Mason Pherigo - resignation as an Assistant Coach (.5) for the Pittsfield High School Football Team, effective June 4, 2026

Mason Pherigo - resignation as an Assistant Coach for the Pittsfield High School Boys Track and Field Team, effective June 4, 2026

Zach Ferguson - Head Coach for the Pittsfield High School Baseball Team for the 2026-2027 school year

Eric Naughton - Assistant Coach for the Pittsfield High School Baseball Team for the 2026-2027 school year

Jerred Heinz - Volunteer Assistant Coach for the Pittsfield High School Baseball Team for the 2026-2027 school year

Dodson McPherson - Volunteer Assistant Coach for the Pittsfield High School Baseball Team for the 2026-2027 school year

Michael Starman - Head Coach for the Pittsfield High School Softball Team for the 2026-2027 school year

John Neupauer - Assistant Coach for the Pittsfield High School Softball Team for the 2026-2027 school year

Jill Cook - Volunteer Assistant Coach for the Pittsfield High School Softball Team for the 2026-2027 school year

Matt Henry - Volunteer Assistant Coach for the Pittsfield High School Softball Team for the 2026-2027 school year

Brooke Pfeiffer-Gandy - Assistant Coach for the Pittsfield High School Girls Basketball Team for the 2026-2027 school year

Danny Skelton - Volunteer Assistant Coach for the Pittsfield High School Football Team effective June 25, 2026

Konner Allen - Assistant Coach for the Pikeland Community School Baseball Team for the 2026-2027 school year