

Pella Community School Board of Directors  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
September 29, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Item	Item Description
1	<b>Roll Call:</b> President Elisa Klahsen called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Members answering roll call are Paul Weesner, Travis Thompson and Joan Corbin. Jesse Peterson is absent with notice.
2	<b>Receive Visitors/Public Forum:</b> President Elisa Klahsen welcomed the media attending the meeting and invited any in attendance to speak on any agenda items. Dwight Young was present to ask questions regarding the Superintendent search and High School enrollment status.
3	<b>Consent Agenda:</b>
a	<b>Approve minutes of previous meetings:</b> Board members reviewed the minutes of the September 8, 2025 meeting. <b>Vote:</b> To approve the minutes as presented. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>September 8, 2025 - Meeting Minutes</u></li> </ul>
b	<b>Approve invoices for payment:</b> Board members reviewed the invoices for September payment. <b>Vote:</b> To approve invoices as presented for payment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>September 23, 2024 Bills to Pay</u></li> <li><u>September 23, 2024 Prepaid Bills</u></li> <li><u>September Wells Fargo Charges</u></li> </ul>
c	<b>Approve personnel changes:</b> Board members reviewed personnel changes for September. <b>Vote:</b> To approve personnel changes as presented. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Leave of Absence/Resignations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Tammie Behlers</u> - HS Food Service</li> <li><u>Chelsea Hamlin</u> - LE Custodian</li> </ul> </li> <li>o New Hires <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Levi Dugger</u> - Show Choir Band Director</li> <li>Marife Leiran - District Custodian</li> <li>Ariel Beall - LDA 1:1 Associate</li> <li><u>Jace VerSteeg</u> - Video Production Coordinator</li> <li>Michelle Ellsworth - HS General Food Service</li> <li>Jenna VanderLinden - LDA 1:1 Associate</li> <li>Scott Davis - MS Boys Volunteer Wrestling Coach</li> </ul> </li> <li>o Transfers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
d	<b>Approve 2025-26 Fundraisers:</b> Board members reviewed Fundraiser Requests for September 29, 2025. <b>Vote:</b> To approve fundraisers as presented, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Fundraising Request Form</u></li> </ul>
4	<b>Consent agenda approval:</b> Motion by Corbin, Second by Thompson to approve the consent agenda as presented. All in favor, motion carried: 4-0.
5	<b>Approve Resignation Agreement and General Release:</b> Motion by Corbin, Second by Weesner to approve the Resignation Agreement and General Release as presented. All in favor, motion carried: 4-0. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Agreement</u></li> </ul>

6	<b>Grundmeyer Leadership Services:</b> Art Sathoff of Grundmeyer Leadership Services, the firm conducting the Superintendent search, was present to go over the community survey results. The board discussed make-up of interview groups for the search and will determine this at an upcoming October board meeting.
7	<b>Place additional items on agenda - adjust sequence, if necessary:</b> None
8	<b>Unfinished Business:</b> None
9	<b>New Business:</b>
a	<b>Approve National FFA Convention Proposal- Oct. 29-Oct. 31:</b> Motion by Thompson, Second by Corbin to Approve National FFA Convention Proposal for October 29 - 31 as presented. All in favor, motion carried: 4-0. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <a href="#">Link to website</a></li> <li>o <a href="#">Proposal</a></li> </ul>
b	<b>Approve Contract with Eunoia Counseling:</b> Motion by Thompson, Second by Weesner to approve the Contract with Eunoia Counseling as presented. All in favor, motion carried: 4-0. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <a href="#">Contract</a></li> </ul>
c	<b>Approve Proposal for Middle School Baseball:</b> Motion by Thompson, Second by Weesner to approve the proposal for middle school baseball as presented. All in favor, motion carried: 4-0 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <a href="#">Proposal</a></li> </ul>
d	<b>Approve 2024-25 Special Education Supplement (SES) and request Modified Allowable Growth:</b> Motion by Weesner, Second by Thompson to approve the 2024-25 Special Education Supplement (SES) and request Modified Allowable Growth as presented. All in favor, motion carried: 4-0 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o We are requesting additional “spending authority” from the School Budget Review Committee for any special education deficit that we incur. This year, our deficit is \$1,100,594.17 compared to \$1,114,203.54 for 2024. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <a href="#">FY25 SPED Balance</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
e	<b>Approve 2024-25 English Learners Excess Costs application and request Modified Allowable Growth of \$51,971.82:</b> Motion by Thompson, Second by Corbin to approve the 2024-25 English Learners Excess Costs application and request Modified Allowable Growth of \$51,971.82. All in favor, motion carried: 4-0. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o We are requesting additional “spending authority” from the School Budget Review Committee for excess costs for serving English Language Learners during the 2024-25 school year. This year we are requesting \$51,971.82. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <a href="#">FY25 EL Excess Costs Application</a></li> <li>▪ <a href="#">FY25 EL Student Weighting Calculation</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
f	<b>Approve Changes for 2026 Commencement Ceremony:</b> Motion by Thompson, Second by Weesner to approve the Changes for 2026 Commencement Ceremony as presented. All in favor, motion carried: 4-0. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <a href="#">Proposal</a></li> </ul>
g	<b>Approve contract complete and release of retainage for TK Concrete MS Parking Lot Project:</b> Motion by Weesner, Second by Corbin to approve the contract complete and release of retainage for TK Concrete MS Parking Lot Project as presented. All in favor, motion carried: 4-0 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <a href="#">TK Concrete Application</a></li> </ul>
h	<b>Approve contract complete and release of retainage for Graphite Construction for Pella Stadium Project:</b> Motion by Thompson, Second by Weesner to approve contract complete and release of retainage for Graphite Construction for Pella Stadium Project as presented. All in favor, motion carried: 4-0. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <a href="#">Graphite Construction Application</a></li> </ul>

i	<b>Appoint Delegate for IASB BoardCon (Convention):</b> Motion by Thompson, Second by Weesner to appoint Joan Corbin as delegate for IASB Convention. All in favor, motion carried: 3-0. Joan Corbin rescued herself from the vote. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <u>Delegate information</u></li> </ul>
j	<b>Board Reports:</b> Principals and Directors were in attendance to present to the board on building topics and answered any questions of the board. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Topic and Questions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Lincoln</li> <li>o Madison</li> <li>o Jefferson</li> <li>o IT/Continuous Improvement</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
10	<b>Information &amp; Discussion:</b>
a	Legislative Round Table - Plans for Oct 27th: The board discussed items to present to the legislators that plan to attend the October 27, 2025 legislative round table. There will be further discussion to create a legislative presentation at the following October board meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <u>Draft Questions</u></li> </ul>
b	<u>IASB BoardCon (Convention):</u> IASB convention is on Thursday, November 20th. Board discussed attendance.
11	<b>Receive Agenda Recommendation for future meetings:</b> The board requested to have agenda items for discussing Superintendent interview groups and legislative roundtable presentations at the upcoming meeting.
12	<b>Tentative future meetings (all in High School Media Center):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday, October 13, 2025 at 5:30 PM: Work Session</li> <li>• Monday, October 27, 2025 at 5:30 PM: Regular Meeting</li> </ul>
13	<b>Adjournment:</b> Motion by Thompson; Second by Weesner to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Board President: \_\_\_\_\_

Board Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_