

PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

The Board of Education for Pewamo-Westphalia Community Schools is in search of a new superintendent. This is an outstanding opportunity to lead a first-class, rural school system with a long history of meaningful relationships in service to the community.

Pewamo-Westphalia Community Schools is in Clinton and Ionia Counties, approximately 15 minutes east of Ionia and 30 minutes northwest of Lansing. From the district it is a short drive to the I-96 corridor and the Portland exit. The district includes the communities of Pewamo, Matherton, and Westphalia. These small, close-knit communities support the school system and provide a value-based environment which is embedded in the district.

Pewamo-Westphalia is renowned for its success in academics, athletics, and fine arts for all students. The community embraces a high quality of life and is very supportive of its schools. In 2023-2024, U.S. News and World Reports named the high school on its list of BEST HIGH SCHOOLS, while the elementary received BEST ELEMENTARY PUBLIC SCHOOLS designation in 2024.

District Data:

- Enrollment-636
- Teachers - 37
- Administrators - 8
- Counselors/social workers - 1
- Paraprofessionals - 11
- Office Staff - 6
- Support Staff/Other Staff - 18
- Other staff - 1
- School buildings - 2
- Foundation grant per pupil - \$8,111
- Annual operating budget
 - o Revenue-\$10,369,281
 - o Expense-\$10,826,863
- Projected fund balance-\$2,143,685
- Non-Homestead Levy - 18 mills
- Debt Retirement
 - The total amount of long-term debt as of 6/30/2020 was \$12,880,460

Board of Education

Jason Hafner, President 13 years
 Jim Pohl, Treasurer 11 years
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 Julie Farmer, Trustee 1 year
 Lori Pung, Trustee 3 years
 Jared Smith, Trustee 1 year
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Salary and Contract Information

The Board will offer a comprehensive, multi-year contract. Compensation will be commensurate with experience of the successful candidate and requirements of the position. A preliminary salary range of \$120,000-\$150,000 has been established.

Application Procedure

Interested candidates should complete and submit an online application by clicking on the “Apply Now” button.

Completed online applications must be submitted no later than 4:00 pm on March 24, 2026. No “hard copy,” fax or emailed copies accepted. IF requested by the candidate, materials will be treated confidentially through the screening process. Candidate names will become public at the time an interview is scheduled.

All questions regarding the search should be directed to Mark Dobias, Consultant, Michigan Association of School Boards, at (269) 532-0543 or mrdobias@gmail.com.

Search Timeline

Action	Date
Application deadline	March 24
Selection of candidates to interview	April 6
First round interviews	April 13, 14
Second round interviews/First Opportunity for Board Selection of Superintendent	April 21, 22
Board visitation (if necessary)	TBD
Second Opportunity for Board Selection of Superintendent	TBD
Start date	July 1, 2026