

PELLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Minutes

Regular Board of Education Meeting Board of Education Conference Room Zoom Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Monday, February 8, 2021

A Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Pellston Public Schools was held via Zoom on Monday, February 8, 2021. Members present: Jim Milbrandt, Rob Thomson, Bryan Searles, Kristen Bauer-Frye and Stephanie Bromley. Members absent: Mark Zink and Serenity Dankert.

President Milbrandt called the regular meeting to order at 7:04pm.

The *Pledge of Allegiance* and a moment of reflection were led by Stephanie Bromley.

Spotlight Presentation

Mr. Seelye wanted to publicly recognize Mr. Ron Cook for his 45 years of service to the district as a bus driver. Mr. Seelye has ordered a plaque for the school and will present him with an award at graduation.

Information/Presentations

Athletic Report: Matt Sheick provided a written report to the Board. Report on file.

Transportation Report: Matt Sheick provided a written report to the Board. Report on file.

Food Service Report: Sherry Sedore provided a written report to the Board. Report on file.

Elementary Report – Tammy VanAntwerp and Mr. Seelye provided a written report to the Board. Report on file.

MS/HS Principal Report – Mr. Bacon provided a written report to the Board. Report on file.

Public Commentary

Correspondence

Old Business:

New Business:

Confirmation of Learning Plan

This is the state requirement that must be completed at each monthly board meeting. Mr. Seelye's recommendation to the Board of Education is to approve the districts Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan. Motion by Bryan Searles, supported by Rob Thomson. Motion carried 5-0.

Alanson Food Service Agreement

The current food service agreement between Pellston and Alanson will be fulfilled at the end of the current school year. Mrs. Sedore, Food Service Director and Mrs. Cook, Alanson Superintendent are in favor of extending the agreement with another two-year contract. Kris Vizina will provide financial input before the board makes a final decision. No action was requested at this time.

Drost Landscaping Lawn Treatment Plan

Drost Landscaping has provided the district with a quote for setting the district up on a regular schedule for lawn treatment. This quote includes lawn maintenance for the Elementary, MS/HS and the football field. No action was requested at this time.

Ironwood Construction Company Affidavit

Mrs. Serenity Dankert's company, Ironwood Construction, is interested in submitting a bid for Pellston's athletic complex project. Mr. Seelye has done some research and has confirmed this partnership is allowable. Mrs. Serenity Dankert has provided the Board of Education a notarized affidavit regarding this potential partnership. Motion by Kristen Bauer-Frye, supported by Bryan Searles, "that the Board of Education, officially accepts the affidavit submitted by board member, Mrs. Serenity Dankert on behalf of Ironwood Construction Company, to make publicly known the company's interest in submitting a bid for our football field construction project." Motion carried 5-0.

Athletic Complex Construction Bid Approval

FAH Architects have provided Mr. Seelye with final plans for the Athletic Complex. Motion by Stephanie Bromley, supported by Kristen Bauer-Frye, "that the Board of Education, approve putting the plans provided from FAH Architects out for bid on the state website, as recommended by Mr. Stephen Seelye, Superintendent." Motion carried 5-0.

After School Program Planning Overview

Mr. Seelye shared an update on the K-5th and 6th-12th grade After School Programs starting for the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Seelye and Sara Broman had a conference call with Codie Mayhew from state licensing. Sara Broman created and shared a parent survey to gather initial parent interest/student participation. No action was requested at this time.

New Teacher Hire

As our special education enrollment numbers continue to increase, Mr. Seelye would like to add an additional teacher using COVID funding. This additional teacher would free up a special education teacher during the morning at the elementary building and would be extra support for the middle school in the afternoon. No action was requested at this time.

EIFS Repair to MS/HS

Mr. Seelye met with Scott who completed work on the elementary building last summer. The MS/HS building has some work that needs to be completed this summer. Mr. Seelye will share the bid as soon as he receives it from Scott. No action was requested at this time.

District Exterior Signs

Mr. Bacon gave the Board an update on some potential designs for exterior signs throughout the district. No action was requested at this time.

COVID Funding Update

Kris Vizina gave an update on additional COVID funding coming to the district. No action was requested at this time.

Hall of Fame Induction

Pellston has several very deserving candidates to induct into the Hall of Fame. Due to the COVID pandemic/restrictions, Mr. Seelye has held off on Hall of Fame inductions in hopes the candidates could be recognized and celebrated properly. Mr. Seelye is thinking of inducting some new members at the first home football game. The Hall of Fame committee will meet to review candidates. No action was requested at this time.

MI Works Program

Pellston is working to submit a grant for Roger Armantrout to run an eight-week long summer program through MI Works. The program would allow 15 students to be paid \$13-\$15 per hour to work on a school project for 6 weeks. Then those students would go into the field and complete a job shadowing experience with a construction company for 2 weeks. Potentially these students could build a building by our bus garage to house our van, police vehicle and be the new home to our potential new Powersports Tech CTE program. No action was requested at this time.

MS Coaching Pay

There are still a lot of unknown answers regarding the 2020-2021 winter sports season. MHSAA/MDHHS guidelines are currently set to allow winter sports to resume on February 21st. Mr. Sheick is not optimistic on the ability to get a regular middle school season in. The conference league is looking at the possibility of playing a travel ball/weekend schedule but the biggest concern is lack of officials due to the compressed high school season. Mr. Seelye recommends we continue to pay our middle school coaches like we paid our spring coaches last year during shut down. Board members were in support of continuing to pay our middle school winter coaches.

NWEA Reporting

Mrs. VanAntwerp and Mr. Bacon gave detailed NWEA updates from our winter testing. These reports include all of the students currently enrolled. As a district, at home learners' scores were much lower than in person student scores. After comparing our test scores with other districts, Mr. Seelye is pleased with our student scores. No action was requested at this time.

Powersports Tech CTE Programming

Mr. Seelye gave a Powersports Tech CTE programming update. No action was requested at this time.

Facebook Boost

Mr. Bacon shared details about a Boost feature that is available through Facebook. When you pay to Boost a post, Facebook will blast that post so it reaches more viewers. No action was requested at this time.

Fish Tanks

Mr. Seelye is part of a strategic planning committee with the Health Department which in turn will award the district with a \$5,000 'no strings attached' stipend. Mr. Seelye would like to use part of this stipend to purchase fish tanks to make our district even more incredible. He has met with Tropic Cove to discuss 3 fish tank locations. Elementary building - a glow in the dark tank to fill the hole left in the hallway wall after the kitchen remodel. MS/HS building – a saltwater tank upstairs by the library and one in the main entrance area by the office. No action was requested at this time.

Sex Education Advisory Board

Mr. Bacon informed the Board that the district needs to have an approved Sex Education Advisory Board committee. Motion by Rob Thomson, supported by Bryan Searles, “that the Board of Education appoint Mr. Seelye as Supervisor and Mrs. VanAntwerp and Mr. Bacon as Co-Chairs for the SEAB Advisory Board.” Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion by Stephanie Bromley, supported by Kristen Bauer-Frye, “that the Consent Agenda Items for the February 8, 2021 meeting of the Board of Education be adopted, as presented.” The motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion: “that the Board of Education approve the regular meeting minutes of the January 11, 2021 Board Meeting.”

Payment of the Bills

Motion: “that the Board of Education, pay Gross Payrolls for January 15, 2021 and January 29, 2021; Benefits and Utilities and ACH transfers for the month of January 2021.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education of Pellston Public Schools pay all fund bills paid by checks as listed in the enclosed board packet totaling: \$520,942.92.”

Business and Finance Items

Personnel Items

Motion: “that the Board of Education of Pellston Public Schools approve the hiring of Mr. James McGee, as a bus driver as recommended by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Adjournment

It was motioned by Stephanie Bromley and supported by Rob Thomson to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 PM. The motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned.