

# PELLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Minutes

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

**Tuesday, February 15, 2022**

A Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Pellston Public Schools was held in the Gerald E. Mallory Board of Education Conference Room on Tuesday, February 15, 2022. Members present: Jim Milbrandt, Rob Thomson, Kristen Bauer-Frye, Mark Zink, Bryan Searles, Serenity Dankert and Stephanie Bromley.

President Milbrandt called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm.

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

### **Information/Presentations**

Spotlight Presentation – Middle/High school students regarding a change in the handbook to the current hat policy.

Athletic Report – Matt Sheick (Report Enclosed)

Transportation Report – Matt Sheick (Report Enclosed)

Food Service Report – Sherry Sedore (Report Enclosed)

Elementary Report – Mrs. 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.

### **Administrator Highlights**

#### **Public Commentary**

#### **Correspondence**

#### **Old Business:**

#### **New Business:**

Sinking Fund – Mr. Seelye led a brief discussion about the proposed sinking fund and plans for community conversations in the near future. No action was requested at this time.

Referee Pay Increase – Discussion was had regarding increasing the rate of pay for basketball referees for the 2022-2023 season from \$110 to \$125/\$130 to stay competitive with area schools. Mr.

Sheick provided the Board of Education with rates from surrounding districts. Motion was made by Bryan Searles, supported by Rob Thomson, to increase basketball referee pay to \$125 per game for the 2022-2023. The motion carried 6-0 (Bromley's vote was not in favor of this pay increase).

Band Hire – Mr. Seelye has shared with board members and administrators, his desire to bring a K-5 Music Teacher & a 6-12 Band Instructor back to the district for the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. Seelye would like to see the district ready to fill this position in the spring so the new candidate has time to get the program set up for success. No action was requested at time.

Avalanche Bay Reward Trip – Mr. Seelye previously shared this idea with the Board of Education but plans were put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Administrators and staff set the bar for all students to either be proficient or show improvement on their MSTEP score from the previous year. The reward trip to Avalanche Bay would be for all 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students who achieve this personal goal. No action was requested at this time.

MS/HS Minor System – Mr. Seelye and Mr. Bacon shared about the recent implementation of the MS/HS behavior tracking system. Staff have bought into the system and it is working with the majority of our student population. Student behaviors have already greatly improved. Like expected with any change, some parents and students are not happy. No action was requested at this time.

Night Locks – Mr. Seelye is still waiting to hear back from the company and will share more information as he receives it. No action was requested at this time.

### **Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

Motion by Serenity Dankert, supported by Mark Zink, “that the Consent Agenda Items for the February 15, 2022 meeting of the Board of Education be adopted, as presented.” The motion carried 7-0.

### **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Motion: “that the Board of Education approve the regular meeting minutes of the January 10, 2022 Board Meeting”.

### **Payment of the Bills**

Motion: “that the Board of Education, pay Gross Payrolls for January 14, 2022 and January 28, 2022; Benefits and Utilities and ACH transfers for the month of January 2022.”

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: \$648,335.14.”

### **Business and Finance Items**

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve increasing the catastrophic insurance coverage to \$6,000,000 for an additional annual cost of \$1,599.00 as recommended by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve the purchase of a Lynx Track timing system for the cost of \$17,215.00, as recommended by Mr. Matt Sheick.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve splitting the cost of having the Robotics trailer wrapped for a cost of \$1,400.00, as recommended by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

**Personnel Items**

**Adjournment**

It was motioned by Mark Zink and supported by Serenity Dankert to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 PM. The motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned.