

PELLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Minutes

**General Fund Budget Hearing & Regular Board of Education Meeting
Board of Education Conference Room
7:00 p.m.**

Monday, June 14, 2021

The General Fund Budget Hearing of the Board of Education of Pellston Public Schools was held in the Gerald E. Mallory Board of Education Conference Room on Monday, June 14, 2021. Members present: Jim Milbrandt, Mark Zink, Rob Thomson, Bryan Searles and Serenity Dankert. Members Absent: Kristen Bauer-Frye and Stephanie Bromley.

The public hearing on the general fund budget hearing was called to order at 7:05pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance and moment of reflection were led by Jim Milbrandt.

Kris Vizina, Finance Director, guided the board in reviewing the 2021-2022 General Fund Budget hearing, based on levy of 18 mils against non-homestead.

It was motioned by Mark Zink and supported by Serenity Dankert to adjourn the meeting at 7:16pm. The motion carried 5 - 0

President Milbrandt called the regular Board of Education meeting to order at 7:17pm.

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/Communication

Old Business

New Business

2020-2021 Year End General Fund Budget Amendment Resolution – Version E

It was motioned by Mark Zink and supported by Rob Thomson, “that the Board of Education, approve the 2020-2021 year end amendment to the General Fund Budget; and therefore adopt the adjusted budget, as recommended administratively.” The motion carried 5- 0.

General Fund Budget Resolution for the 2021-2022 School Year

It was motioned by Mark Zink and supported by Bryan Searles, “that the Board of Education, approve the 2021-2022 General Fund Budget resolution, as recommended administratively.” The motion carried 5 - 0.

Roll Over of Refunded Bond Debt

It was motioned by Mark Zink and supported by Rob Thomson, “that the Board of Education, approve the rolling over of the remaining 2012 refunded bond debt to the 2008 Refunded Bond Debt account and approve closure of the 2012 bank account, as recommended by Mrs. Kris Vizina, Finance Director.” The motion carried 5 – 0.

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 Mark Zink, supported by Serenity Dankert. Motion carried 5 - 0.

Pellston Education Foundation

Mr. Larry Cassidy presented to the Board of Education about the newly created Pellston Education Foundation in the wake of Pellston alumnus, Blake Wagenschutz tragic death. This non-profit foundation would have the ability to raise, hold, invest and distribute funds in the form of scholarships, grants and supporting athletics, arts and performing arts programs. No action was requested at this time.

Hall of Fame

Mr. Seelye led a brief discussion with the Board of Education in regards to the Hall of Fame applications the district has received. The application window is now closed. The Board of Education will discuss applications at a later date. No action was requested at this time.

Athletic Complex Update

Mr. Seelye presented an update on the Athletic Complex construction project. No action was requested at this time.

Land Use Discussion

Mr. Seelye presented to the Board of Education for consideration, the request by a neighbor to use some of the schools’ property. No action was requested at this time.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion by Rob Thomson and supported by Mark Zink, “that the Consent Agenda Items for the June 14, 2021 meeting of the Board of Education be adopted as presented.”
Motion carried 5 - 0.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion: “that the Board of Education approve the regular meeting minutes of the May 10, 2021 Board Meeting.”

Payment of the Bills

Motion: “that the Board of Education, pay Gross Payrolls for May 21, 2021 and June 4, 2021; Benefits and Utilities and ACH transfers for the month of June 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: \$509,371.27.”

Personnel Items:

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve the following 2021-2022 contracts: Superintendent, MS/HS Principal, Finance Director, Elementary Principal, MS/HS Counselor, Athletic Director/Transportation Director, MS/HS Secretary, Elementary Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Maintenance Director, Food Service Director and Preschool Director, as recommended by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve the hiring of Mrs. Ashley Scharf for our open Elementary Physical Education teaching position, as presented by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve the hiring of Mrs. Julie Wonnacott for our open 5th grade teaching position, as presented by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve the hiring of Mr. John Powell for our open MS/HS English teaching position, as presented by Mr. Enos Bacon.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve the hiring of Mrs. Amy Beach as our new Chef, utilizing grant funding for the position, as presented by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve the hiring of Mr. Nate Meinke as the Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, as presented by Mr. Matt Sheick.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education, give the Superintendent the ability to increase summer school pay for teachers and support staff by \$5-\$10 per hour should he conclude the budget can support the increase, as presented by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Business and Finance Items:

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve the purchase of a new reach in freezer for our MS/HS kitchen at a cost of up to \$8,000 utilizing food service revenue, as presented by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve the membership renewal for MASB at a cost of \$1,689.00, as presented by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve our membership renewal for MHSAA, as presented by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve a 2-year contract renewal with Julian’s HVAC, as presented by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve the purchase of the Darley FLAIM Trainer V2 System in the amount of \$48,930.00, as presented by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Closed Session: Superintendent Evaluation

Motion: “that the Board of Education, move to closed session for the purpose of conducting the Superintendent Evaluation and discussions about contract negotiations with the teacher and support staff unions, as recommended by Mr. Stephen Seelye, Superintendent.”

Open Session:

Motion: “that the Board of Education, move back to open session, as recommended by Mr. Stephen Seelye, Superintendent.”

Superintendent Rating

It was motioned by Bryan Searles and supported by Serenity Dankert, “that the Board of Education has rated Superintendent, Stephen Seelye as 93%, highly effective.” Motion carried 5 – 0.

Adjournment

It was motioned by Mark Zink and supported by Serenity Dankert to adjourn the meeting at 8:38pm. The motion carried 5 - 0.