

PELLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Minutes

**Truth & Taxation Hearing and Regular Board of Education Meeting
Board of Education Conference Room
7:00 p.m.**

Monday, June 13, 2022

The Truth & Taxation 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 13, 2022.

Members present: Jim Milbrandt, Rob Thomson, Bryan Searles, Serenity Dankert and Stephanie Bromley. Members Absent: Kristen Bauer-Frye and Mark Zink.

The public hearing on the Truth & Taxation 2022-2023 hearing was called to order at 7:00pm.

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

The Pellston Board of Education proposes the following tax rates for the 2022 tax year of 18.000 operational mills (17.4060 & .5940) levied on non-homestead and non-qualified agricultural property and Sinking Fund mills of 1.9479 levied on all properties.

It was motioned by Rob Thomson and supported by Bryan Searles to approve the above Truth & Taxation 2022-2023 tax rates.

It was motioned by Bryan Searles and supported by Serenity Dankert to adjourn the meeting at 7:04pm. The motion carried 5 - 0.

President Milbrandt called the Regular Board of Education meeting to order at 7:05pm.

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

2021-2022 Year End General Fund Budget Amendment Resolution – Version E

It was motioned by Stephanie Bromley and supported by Bryan Searles, “that the Board of Education, approve the 2021-2022 year end amendment to the General Fund Budget; and therefore adopt the amended budget, as recommended administratively.” The motion carried 5-0.

General Fund Original Budget Resolution for the 2022-2023 School Year

It was motioned by Serenity Dankert and supported by Rob Thomson, “that the Board of Education, approve the 2022-2023 tax rates of 18.0000 operational mills (17.4060 & .5940) and sinking fund rate of 1.9479 levied on all properties and adopt the 2022-2023 Original Budget resolution, as recommended administratively.” The motion carried 5 - 0.

School Bus and Truck Purchase

The purchase of a school bus and truck are paused until July. A list of schools pre-qualified for free electric buses was recently released and Pellston is on the lists. Mr. Seelye and Lee have a meeting scheduled next week to gather more information. As for the truck purchase, Lee has done a great job researching options but is running into dead ends. MiDeal currently does not have any trucks available for order at this time. No action is requested at this time.

Fire Truck Purchase for Public Safety CTE Program

Carp Lake Fire Department has a used truck for sale that Rob Thomson has researched and brought to Mr. Seelye’s attention. Our Public Safety instructor, Duane St.Amour wants to add a fire truck to the CTE program and is going to look further into it. The cost is \$10,000 and can be purchased with CTE funding. No action is requested at this time.

Hall of Fame

Mr. Seelye led a brief discussion about the frequency of Hall of Fame inductions. Our Hall of Fame application currently states new members will be inducted every two years. The Board of Education wants to continue with this timeline. No action was requested at this time.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion by Serenity Dankert and supported by Bryan Searles, “that the Consent Agenda Items for the June 13, 2022 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 9, 2022 Board Meeting.”

Payment of the Bills

Motion: “that the Board of Education, pay Gross Payrolls for May 6, 2022 and May 20, 2022; Benefits and Utilities and ACH transfers for the month of May 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: \$668,604.04.”

Personnel Items:

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve the following 2022-2023 contracts: Superintendent, Finance Director, Elementary Principal, MS/HS Secretary, Elementary Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Food Service Director and Preschool Director, as recommended by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve the hiring of Miss Kiara Fyke for our open Kindergarten teaching position, as presented by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve the hiring of Miss Katie McHugh for our open Middle School Math teaching position, as presented by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Business and Finance Items:

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 the transfer of the remaining funds in the Lucille Johnson Scholarship and the Caldwell Scholarship to the Pellston Education Foundation, as requested by the family members, as presented by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education, (due to the retirement of current finance director) remove Kristine Vizina and replace with Jared Anderson as signature on all bank accounts held at Citizens National Bank and MILAF. The following signees will be James Milbrandt-Board President, Mark Zink-Board Treasurer, Stephen Seelye-Superintendent and Jared Anderson-Finance Director, as presented by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve the following calendar adjustment to the 2022-2023 school year, to begin school one day earlier and add on additional vacation day to the start of Christmas Vacation, as presented by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education, add Graduation to the 2022-2023 calendar. Graduation for the Class of 2023 will be Friday, June 2, 2023.”

Closed Session: Superintendent Evaluation

Motion: “that the Board of Education, move to closed session for the purpose of conducting the Superintendent Evaluation, 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 the Board of Education, to rate Superintendent, Stephen Seelye’s 2021-2022 annual evaluation as 94%, Highly Effective.” Motion carried 5 - 0.

Adjournment

It was motioned by Serenity Dankert and supported by Stephanie Bromley to adjourn the meeting at 7:51pm. The motion carried 5 - 0.