

PELLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Minutes

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

Monday, March 11, 2024

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 Monday, March 11, 2024. Members present: Jim Milbrandt, Rob Thomson, Mark Zink, Kristen Bauer-Frye, Serenity Dankert and Bryan Searles. Members absent: 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 Serenity Dankert.

Information/Presentations

Spotlight Presentation – M-Step Perfection – Mr. Zachariah Nicholls – 5th grade student

Athletic Report – Nick Mesnard (Report Enclosed)

Transportation Report – Lee Minzey (Report Enclosed)

Food Service Report – Mrs. Amy Beach (Report Enclosed)

Elementary Principal Report – Mrs. Tammy VanAntwerp provided a written report to the Board. Report on file.

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

Administrator Highlights

Public Commentary

Correspondence

Old Business

New Business

Pellston Public Schools Trauma Project with Dr. Mark Sloane – Mr. Seelye shared an update on the continued positive impact Dr. Sloane is having for our Pellston students, families and staff. No action was requested at this time.

Trust Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) with Susan Collins – Mr. Seelye shared the addition of Susan Collins adding TBRI training and coaching to K-12 staff with an emphasis on connections. No action was requested at this time.

M-STEP Reward Trip – Mr. Seelye celebrated with the Board of Education about sending 31 elementary students and 71 MS/HS students on the 2023 M-Step Reward Trip last Friday. Students were able to choose between a field trip to Northern Lights Recreation or Avalanche Bay. A great time was had by all students and staff who attended. No action was requested at this time.

Pellston Ice-Bots Robotics Team – Mr. Seelye proudly shared standings for our Ice-Bots who placed 12th at the Berrien Springs competition earlier this month. They also received the Autonomous Award, which is a testament to their precision and innovation in programming. The team is looking forward to their next competition at LSSU on March 14th. No action was requested at this time.

Grand Valley State University Direct Credit Program – Mr. Seelye shared details about the Grand Valley State University Direct Credit Program with the Board of Education. No action was requested at this time.

Beyond Basics Literacy Tutoring Program – Mr. Seelye shared an update with the Board of Education about the continued progress the Beyond Basics program is having on student’s district wide. No action was requested at this time.

Junior/Senior Chicago Field Trip – Mr. Seelye shared an update with the Board of Education about the upcoming Chicago Field Trip. No action was requested at this time.

National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) – Mr. Seelye presented to the Board of Education details about our 4th grade students being selected to participate in this National Assessment of Educational Progress. NAEP gathers important information about student academic achievement and learning experiences in math and reading. These results are then used to improve dictation policies and practices. No action was requested at this time.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion by Mark Zink, supported by Kristin Bauer-Frye, “that the Consent Agenda Items for the March 11, 2024 meeting of the Board of Education be adopted, as presented.” The motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion: “that the Board of Education approve the Regular meeting minutes of the February 12, 2024 Board Meeting”.

Payment of the Bills

Motion: “that the Board of Education, pay Gross Payrolls for February 23, 2024 and March 8, 2024; Benefits and Utilities and ACH transfers for the month of February 2024.”

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: \$723,722.64.”

Business and Finance Items

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve the bid from Shannon Excavation and Landscape for spring cleanup around the elementary, MS/HS and bus garage/CTE building in the amount of \$4,265.00, as presented by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Personnel Items

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve the hiring of Mr. Jared Anderson as the

Varsity Baseball Coach, as presented by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve the hiring of Mr. Nate Meinke as the assistant Varsity Baseball Coach, as presented by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve the hiring of Mrs. Dena Moore as the Varsity Softball Coach, as presented by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Adjournment

It was motioned by Mark Zink and supported by Serenity Dankert to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. The motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned.