

PELLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Minutes

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

Monday, May 10, 2021

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, May 10, 2021. Members present: Jim Milbrandt, Rob Thomson, Mark Zink, Kristen Bauer-Frye, 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 Kristen Bauer-Frye.

Information/Presentations

Spotlight Presentation: Public Safety Instructor, Mr. Duane St. Amour shared details about the \$50,000 FLAIM Grant.

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 7-0.

Pioneer Park Improvements

Mr. Seelye previously discussed the district's financial support of two projects at Pioneer Park that

will positively impact our high school softball and baseball teams at the last board workshop. Motion by Rob Thomson, supported by Mark Zink, “that Pellston Public Schools provides financial support in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the remodeling and new roof on the press box and \$1,500.00 towards the moving of the softball field fence, as presented by Mr. Stephen Seelye.” The motion carried 7-0.

Alexandra Brisson Landscaping

Alex has done a tremendous job as a MS/HS Interventionist this year. She also has an extensive background in landscaping. She is working on a beautification plan for the district with cost of flowers/plants she would like to use. Alex has agreed to work at her normal rate of \$15.00. This landscaping project will be covered using Sinking Funds. Motion by Kristen Bauer-Frye, supported by Stephanie Bromley, “that Pellston Public Schools employ Alex Brisson on a part time basis during the summer for landscaping and beautification of the school grounds, as presented by Mr. Stephen Seelye.” Motion carried 7-0.

Elementary Principal

Mr. Seelye had discussion with the board last summer about changing Mrs. VanAntwerp’s title from School Success Director to Elementary Principal but due to funding allocations for Tammy’s 2020-2021 contract a change was never requested. Mrs. VanAntwerp brings nothing but positivity to the district and it is time to give her the proper title of Elementary Principal for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion by Stephanie Bromley, supported by Kristen Bauer-Frye, “that Pellston Public Schools officially name Mrs. Tammy VanAntwerp as Elementary Principal, effective July 1, 2021, as presented by Mr. Stephen Seelye.” Motion carried 7-0.

Elementary Library Presentation

Mrs. VanAntwerp has been part of an elementary team collaborating together to create a library for PreK-5th grade students. Mrs. VanAntwerp has a design to present that will transform the elementary great room into a new elementary library. Motion by Serenity Dankert, supported by Stephanie Bromley, “that Pellston Public Schools approve the creation of a new elementary library using ESSER funding in the amount of \$21,811.79, as presented by Mr. Stephen Seelye.” Motion carried 7-0.

Elementary Playground Improvements

Mr. Seelye wants the board to move forward and approve the elementary playground improvement plan. The playground renovations are necessary and will be a great improvement to the district. Motion by Stephanie Bromley, supported by Bryan Searles, “that Pellston Public Schools approve elementary playground improvements using Sinking Fund revenue in the amount of \$41,863.43, this cost does not include excavation work by Spierling’s Excavating and new sand around equipment, as presented by Mr. Stephen Seelye.” Motion carried 7-0.

Dorothy Gerber Strings Program

Mr. Seelye shared an update with the board about the relationship he is building with David Reimer. Moving forward, it could be possible for Pellston Public Schools to have an orchestra using Regional Enhancement Millage Funding to support the rental of equipment for the program. No action was requested at this time.

Athletic Complex Construction Update

Mr. Seelye and Mrs. Dankert shared an update with the board on the progress happening at the Athletic Complex. Things are moving along and it looks incredible. No action was requested at this time.

Middle/High School Sprinkler Update

Jim VanAntwerp has been in to diagnose the MS/HS sprinkler system. Jim found a crack in the main line and a broken connector underground that he can repair. Jim says the district has a top of the line system and that should be operational soon. No action was requested at this time.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion by Mark Zink, supported by Rob Thomson, “that the Consent Agenda Items for the May 10, 2021 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 April 13, 2021 Board Meeting.”

Payment of the Bills

Motion: “that the Board of Education, pay Gross Payrolls for April 23, 2021 and May 7, 2021; Benefits and Utilities and ACH transfers for the month of April 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: \$475,890.30.”

Business and Finance Items

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve the CTE Public Safety vehicle wrap installation by Handwerk Sign and Design in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00.”

Personnel Items

Adjournment

It was motioned by Mark Zink and supported by Serenity Dankert to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 PM. The motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned.