

# PELLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Minutes

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

**Monday, October 14, 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, October 14, 2024. Members present: Jim Milbrandt, Rob Thomson, Kristin Bauer-Frye, Serenity Dankert and Stephanie Bromley. Members absent: Mark Zink and Bryan Searles.

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

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

### **Information/Presentations**

**Spotlight Presentation** –

**Athletic Report** – Mr. Nick Mesnard provided a written report to the Board. Report on file.

**Transportation Report** –

**Food Service Report** – Mrs. Mariah Heinz provided a written report to the Board. Report on file.

**Elementary Principal Report** –

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

### **Administrator Highlights**

#### **Public Commentary**

Marty Chaney – Burt Lake

#### **Correspondence**

#### **Old Business**

#### **New Business**

**Wand Use Policy** – Mr. Seelye led a discussion with the Board of Education and shared the approved Wand Use Policy. This Wand Use Policy would allow administration to use a hand held magnetic wand in the search of students in the MS/HS when vapes and/or phones are suspected. It was motioned by Rob Thomson and supported by Kristen Bauer-Frye, “that the Wand Use Policy

to be utilized during searches be adopted as presented by Mr. Stephen Seelye, Superintendent.” Motion carried 5 to 0.

Donation via Stock Using LDL – Mr. Seelye led a discussion with the Board of Education about the continued annual donation of \$12,500 by a generous donor for teacher mini grants. The donor transfers stock to the district name three times a year, then her banker sells the stock and gives the profits to the district. The banker needs board approval to continue these transactions with a new company.

It was motioned by Serenity Dankert and supported by Stephanie Bromley, “that the Board of Education approve the acceptance of stock donation to be immediately sold and funds transferred, utilizing the company LDL, as recommended by Mr. Stephen Seelye, Superintendent.” Motion carried 5 to 0.

Nation Blue Ribbon Spending Update – Mr. Seelye led a discussion with the Board of Education about items to be purchased in celebration of the National Blue Ribbon Award. Mr. Seelye met with Carters Image Wear on Friday and is working on a budget to purchase student and staff shirts, banners, flags, bumper stickers, wall emblems and window decals. No action was requested at this time.

MILAF Investment Transfer – Mr. Seelye led a discussion with the Board of Education about transferring funds from PPS checking account into a MILAF investment account. Jared Anderson would like to transfer \$2,750,000 into our current zero risk MILAF investment account. Funds can be taken back out when needed to ensure the district has the proper cash flow needed for monthly expenses.

It was motioned by Serenity Dankert and supported by Kristen Bauer-Frye, “that the Board of Education approve the transfer of \$2,750,000 from our checking account to our MILAF investment account, as recommended by Mr. Stephen Seelye, Superintendent.” Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Motion by Stephanie Bromley, supported by Serenity Dankert, “that the Consent Agenda Items for the October 14, 2024 meeting of the Board of Education be adopted, as presented.” The motion carried 5-0.

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

Motion: “that the Board of Education approve the Regular meeting minutes of the September 9, 2024 Board Meeting”.

### **Payment of the Bills**

Motion: “that the Board of Education, pay Gross Payrolls for September 20, 2024 and October 4, 2024; Benefits and Utilities and ACH transfers for the month of September 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: \$658,980.86.”

### **Business and Finance Items**

#### **Personnel Items**

**Adjournment**

It was motioned by Serenity Dankert and supported by Kristin Bauer-Frye to adjourn the meeting at 7:23PM. The motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned.