

PELLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Minutes

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

Monday, November 14, 2016

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, November 14, 2016. Members present: Jim Milbrandt, Kristen Bauer-Frye, Mark Zink, Rob Thomson, Paul Taylor, and Jennifer Woods.

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

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

Information/Presentation(s):

Spotlight Presentation:

Shari Saddison and four of her 3rd grade students presented their “Maker Fridays” projects. Shari explained the technology that they have been using and the projects that they have been building using it. Emily Matelski and Ashley Vieau had three of their kindergarten students read aloud a piece of their paper quilt that they are making for a family quilt.

Athletic Report: prepared by Matt Sheick. Mr. Sheick explained that fall sports are wrapping up and went into detail on the successes of each team. He noted that numbers for upcoming boys and girls high school basketball are better than expected and that Pellston will be hosting both boys and girls districts, as well as the girls regional tournament. Mr. Sheick also explained that pellstonhornets.org is up and running. Emma Doss, Jared Anderson, and Mr. Sheick interviewed for an ice machine at the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation for \$1,500 to purchase a new ice machine.

Transportation: prepared by Matt Sheick. Mr. Sheick explained that we are cycling through some buses going to Gaylord for repair.

Food Service Report: prepared by Bruce Spychalski. Mr. Spychalski absent. Mrs. Dean explained that Mr. Spychalski will be at the next meeting and noted that smoothie sales are going well. Students will hopefully participate in a survey.

Trust & Agency prepared by Michelle Ferris (report filed with minutes).

PTO Report: Barbie Davis/April Landon absent. Mrs. Dean explained that PTO had just completed a book fair and distributed Little Caesar’s pizza kits and a PTO newsletter to homes.

Administrator's Highlights

Attendance, Behavior, & Online Learning Report: Mr. Kruzal provided the Board with information regarding discipline and absences. He updated the Board on some struggles online schooling is experiencing but noted that it is all manageable.

Elementary Report: Mrs. Tami Pichla provided the Board with information regarding parent-teacher conferences and a Veterans Day celebration.

Middle/High School Report: Mr. Bacon elaborated on responses to the parent survey and professional development. He noted that there have been 148 total contacts between teachers and parents and that a peer mentoring program will be funded by the Baiardi Foundation.

Public Commentary

Brandy Billings-PRIDE Group and Performing Arts Group Update

Brandy informed the Board regarding how the groups were formed and the activities they have been doing. She noted that seven students are currently writing their own play about preventing bullying and suicide and also that her son Jared had an idea to host a zombie run, which made \$400 for the cross country team.

Robotics-Team 10474

Members of the Robotics team explained the results of the competition the previous weekend, noting that they placed second. The kids also demonstrated the robot that they had designed, which collects and shoots plastic balls.

Correspondence

DTE Energy's Energy Efficiency Program

Mrs. Dean acknowledged Larry Julian's HVAC services for submitting rebates on behalf of the elementary and middle/high school. Mrs. Dean thanked him for saving the district a total of \$1,150.

Gene Haas Scholarship

Mrs. Dean explained that the Gene Haas scholarship out of Canada gives \$1,000 to a student going to a trade school or college where he/she will take classes in the area of trades.

Baiardi Family Foundation, Inc.

Mrs. Dean explained that Mr. Bacon wrote a grant for \$3,500 for the peer mentoring initiative and secured that amount for training for staff and students.

Health Department of Northwest Michigan

Mrs. Dean explained a grant that was applied for with the Health Department regarding a health evaluation of staff. She explained that we received \$5,000 and screened 47 staff members of two days and are using the money to purchase fitbits and infuser water bottles.

Aviation Science & Technology

Mrs. Dean spoke regarding a letter received from Mr. Froede, who commented on how well our students are doing in the program.

Additional Instructional Time & Intervention Grant

Mrs. Dean explained that Mrs. Pichla completed a plan for additional money from the state of Michigan. The secured funds will be used to help identify students.

Old Business

New Business

Board of Education Member, Resignation

Mrs. Dean explained the letter of resignation from Sheila Moran. She acknowledged Sheila for the time she served and effort she put forth and wished her luck moving forward.

Board of Education Candidate Interview

Mrs. Dean explained that there is one candidate to interview to fill the vacated seat until his elected position begins in January.

President Milbrandt conducted the interview.

It was motioned by Kristin Bauer-Frye and supported by Mark Zink to appoint Bryan Searles to the Board of Education. The motion carried 6-0.

Resolution to Authorize 100% Summer Tax Levy

It was motioned by Rob Thomson and supported by Mark Zink to approve the resolution to levy 100% Summer Taxes in the summer of 2017. The motion carried 7-0.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion by Mark Zink, supported by Kristin Bauer-Frye, “that the Consent Agenda Items for the November 14, 2016 meeting of the Board of Education be adopted, as presented.” The motion carried 7-0.

Motion: “that the Board of Education approve the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the October 10, 2016 board meeting.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education pay Gross Payrolls for November 11, 2016, November 25, 2016, and December 9, 2016; Benefits and Utilities and ACH transfers from November 14, 2016 – December 9, 2016.”

Personnel Items

Schedule B Assignments and Assigned Mentor & Mentees

Motion: “that the Board of Education approve the attached lists of Schedule B and Mentor/Mentee, Duty Assignments 2016-2017 as recommended administratively.”

Winter Sports Schedule B Assignments, 2016-2017.

Motion: “that the Board of Education approve the attached lists of Schedule B Athletic Assignments, 2016-2017 as recommended administratively.”

- Randy Bricker Jr.-Eighth Grade Boys Basketball
- Terry McNitt- Boys Junior Varsity Basketball

Bruce Spychalski, Food Service Director, Contract 2016-2017

Motion: “that the Board of Education approve the attached 2016-2017 contract for Bruce Spychalski, Food Service Director.”

Curriculum Reports/Assignment

Board of Education Policy 9730

Motion: “that the Board of Education approve the first reading of Board of Education Policy 9730.”

Adjournment

It was motioned by Mark Zink and supported by Rob Thomson to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 PM. The motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned.