

PELLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Minutes

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

Monday, March 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, March 14, 2016. Members present: Kristen Bauer-Frye, Jim Milbrandt, Mark Zink, Rob Thomson, Sheila Moran, and Jennifer Woods. Paul Taylor absent.

President Milbrandt called the regular meeting to order at 7:08pm.

The *Pledge of Allegiance* and moment of reflection were led by Mark Zink.

Information/Presentation(s):

“Spotlight” Presentation: Karen Smith explained a reading program being implemented at the elementary school called “Reading Gives Me Superpowers.”

Mrs. Wagenschutz explained Parenting Awareness Month at Pellston Elementary. Her and two students, Sophie and Aubrey, shared with the Board what makes a family strong and also read aloud their two submissions to the writing contest. This year there were 300 admissions and Pellston had two winners and four honorable mentions. The contest was judged by Petoskey High School honors classes.

Mrs. Weitzel-Bailey explained to the Board Jump Rope for Heart with the American Heart Association. This year was Pellston’s 25th year participating in which they raised \$10,000, for a total of over \$98,000 the past 25 years. She mentioned 59 students participated with over 31 volunteers and that they were just shy of the \$10,000 mark until the Parent Teacher Organization generously donated to the effort to reach their goal. Mrs. Weitzel-Bailey highlighted some of her top money raising students and noted that Megan Bricker raised over \$2,200 this year.

Presentation Information, “Young Americans”: Prepared by Lisa Kruzel and Emma Doss, shared with the Board information on the background of the Young Americans and the possibility of having a workshop in March of 2017. Emma explained the history and benefits of this program as well as the draw for the area. Mrs. Kruzel also noted that she wrote a grant to Education Excellence to help the drama department cover costs and update their materials.

Athletic Report: prepared by Enos Bacon, shared with the Board information regarding coaching recommendations and schedules for fall sports. He also noted that MHSAA and Ski Valley voted to approve 6th grade participation in sports, which will help fill vacancies on 7th and 8th grade teams. See report on file.

Transportation Report: prepared by Monique Dean, shared information with the Board regarding labor costs and the State of Michigan bus inspections, of which all buses passed. She also mentioned that there are now two substitute drivers with a third pending. See report on file.

Food Service Report: prepared by Bruce Spsychalski, Mrs. Dean shared with the Board the sale of the old convection oven for purchase of the new double convection oven. See report on file.

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

Sports Boosters: prepared by Lynn Robinson, Lynn shared with the Board information regarding the three banners Sports Boosters purchased as well as information regarding concessions. She noted that the volleyball program has made roughly \$1,500 from concessions. Lynn also mentioned that the Sports Boosters gave \$300 each to multiple athletic programs within the school to help with sustainability. They are also looking into purchasing and stocking first aid kits for the buildings.

PTO Report: prepared by April Landon, Mrs. Landon shared information regarding the upcoming events the PTO has planned for the school.

Administrator's Highlights

Tamara Pichla presented information to the Board regarding elementary happenings and future events. Mrs. Pichla highlighted that Joe Charlevoix, meteorologist from 7&4 News, came to Pellston Elementary to do classroom salutes. See report on file.

Enos Bacon gave a MS/HS Principal Report. Mr. Bacon shared with the Board that testing for the Middle/High School will begin immediately after spring break. See report on file.

Assistant Principal Tyler Kruzel provided the Board with both attendance, behavioral, and teacher's classroom management information. See report on file.

Public Commentary

Correspondence

Northern Lakes Economic Alliance Mobile Lab Donation

Mrs. Dean explained to the Board the funding that through paperwork completed by Mr. Bacon, \$500 has been secured from NLEA. Mrs. Dean thanked Mr. Bacon for his effort.

Old Business

New Business

Hall of Fame Inductees

Sheila Moran read aloud a short biography of each of the 2016 Hall of Fame inductees.

Resolution of Recognition, Outstanding Person in Education Aware (OPIE)

Sheila Moran read aloud the Resolution of Recognition awarded to Diane Wolford as the 2016 OPIE.

Principal Appreciation Week

President Milbrandt called for Mrs. Pichla and Mr. Bacon to stand as he read the announcement of Principal Appreciation Week, March 13-19 2016.

Tentative Letter of Resignation

Sheila Moran read aloud the letter received from Mrs. Kim Wagenschutz regarding her retirement in June of 2016.

Superintendent Evaluation and Contract

President Milbrandt explained that Superintendent Dean achieved the rating of “Highly Effective” in her evaluation.

It was motioned to approve Mrs. Dean’s rating and length of contract by Sheila Moran and supported by Rob Thomson. The motion carried 6-0.

Last Day of School for Seniors

Mrs. Dean explained that some senior students are finding the curriculum challenging and may not complete in time to walk at the graduation ceremony. She acknowledged that Thursday, May 26th will be the last day of school for seniors who have completed all appropriate work in order to graduate on Sunday, June 5th. Students who are finding it difficult to meet the requirements will have all correspondence between themselves, teachers, and parents documented to help with the process.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion by Jennifer Woods, supported by Mark Zink, “that the Consent Agenda Items for the March 14, 2016 meeting of the Board of Education be adopted, as presented.” The motion carried 6-0.

Motion: “that the Board of Education approve the March 14, 2016 regularly scheduled meeting minutes.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education pay Gross Payrolls for March 18, 2016, April 1, 2016, and April 15, 2016; Benefits and Utilities and ACH transfers from March 4, 2016-April 15, 2016.”

Personnel Items

Spring Sports Coaching Recommendations

Motion: “That the Board of Education, approve as recommended by Enos Bacon, Athletic Director, High School Track- Chelsey Herrmann, Middle School Track- Hunter Kilpatrick.”

Paraprofessional Short-term Leave of Absence Request

Motion: “That the Board of Education, acknowledge as recommended by Monique Dean, Superintendent, that Tanner Armantrout, district paraprofessional and transportation driver be granted a two-week Leave of Absence to complete his Mission Trip to Israel.”

Transportation Driver Leave of Absence Request

Motion: “That the Board of Education, acknowledge as recommended by Monique Dean, Superintendent, that Charles Laughbaum, district transportation driver, be granted a Leave of Absence to attend a family event outside of the state.”

Curriculum Reports/Assignment

School Systems Review-EdYes! Reporting-nearing completion (March 18, 2016)

District Systems Review-nearing completion (April 22, 2016)

Consolidated Application Award Notification

Upcoming Dates:

Hall of Fame Dinner, Wednesday, May 18, 2016 (6:00 PM)

Regular Board Meeting, April 18, 2016 (7:00 PM)

District School Improvement Meeting, Wednesday, April 20, 2016 (3:30 PM)

Graduation 2016, June 5, 2016 at 2:00 PM

March 28th Board of Education workshop cancelled

Closed Session

Adjournment

It was motioned by Mark Zink and supported by Sheila Moran to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 pm.
The motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned.