

PELLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Minutes

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

Monday, August 10, 2026

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, August 10, 2026. Members present: Jim Milbrandt, Rob Thomson, Kristen Bauer-Frye, Serenity Dankert and Amanda McCafferty. Members absent: Bryan Searles and Kim Jutson.

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 – Pellston Shooting Sports – Coach Kathleen Blust

Athletic Report – Mr. Kurt Grangood

Transportation Report – Mr. Lee Minzey

Food Service Report – Mrs. Mariah Heinz

Elementary Report – Mrs. 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

Village Well and Property – Mr. Seelye led a discussion with the Board of Education providing an update on the status of the potential land swap of 10 acres for the village well site. The district is waiting for documentation from the Village of Pellston and County Administrator to share with our legal counsel.

Motion by Serenity Dankert, supported by Kristen Bauer-Frye, “that Superintendent Stephen Seelye, may sign contract paperwork with the Village of Pellston once approved by the

District's legal counsel to move forward with the exchange of 10 acres of property for the purposes of the Village Well Project." The motion carried 5-0.

Alternative Education Building – Mr. Seelye led a discussion with the Board of Education about the possibility of an Alternative Education Building. No action was requested at this time.

Gymnasium Air Conditioning Project – Mr. Seelye provided an update to the Board of Education about the MS/HS Gymnasium Air Conditioning Project underway by Mr. Larry Julian. No action was requested at this time.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion by Rob Thomson, supported by Kristen Bauer-Frye, "that the Consent Agenda Items for the August 10, 2026 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 July 13, 2026 Board Meeting".

Payment of the Bills

Motion: "that the Board of Education, pay Gross Payrolls for July 10, 2026 and July 24, 2026; Benefits and Utilities and ACH transfers for the month of July 2026."

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: \$794,308.20."

Business and Finance Items

Personnel Items

Motion: "that the Board of Education approve the Support Staff 3 Year Contract, as recommended by Mr. Stephen Seelye."

Motion: "that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Ms. Christina Zoerhof as the K-12 Art Teacher, as recommended by Mr. Stephen Seelye."

Motion: "that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Miss Piper Phillips as the Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach, as recommended by Mr. Kurt Grangood."

Motion: "that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Mr. John Powell as the Varsity Girls' Assistant Coach, as recommended by Mr. Kurt Grangood."

Motion: "that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Mr. Trevor Closs as the Junior Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach, as recommended by Mr. Kurt Grangood."

Motion: "that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Miss Hali Williams as the 7th Grade Volleyball Coach, as recommended by Mr. Kurt Grangood."

Motion: "that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Mrs. Ashley Walker as the Middle School Cheerleading Coach, as recommended by Mr. Kurt Grangood."

Adjournment

It was motioned by Serenity Dankert and supported by Rob Thomson to adjourn the meeting at 7:29PM. The motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned.