

PELLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Minutes

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

Monday, February 10, 2025

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, February 10, 2025. Members present: Jim Milbrandt, Rob Thomson, Kristen Bauer-Frye, Bryan Searles, Serenity Dankert and Amanda McCafferty. Members Absent: 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 – Miss Courtney Whittaker

Athletic Report – Nick Mesnard (Report Enclosed)

Transportation Report – Lee Minzey (Report Enclosed)

Food Service Report –Mrs. Mariah Heinz (Report Enclosed)

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 ParentSquare update

Public Commentary

Correspondence

Old Business

New Business

Bus Update and Gridlinx- Mr. Seelye gave the Board of Education an update on the status of our EV buses. He also provided details about a grant with Gridlinx to deploy charger management software in the district. Mr. Seelye will provide an additional update once representatives from Gridlinx have been on site. No action was requested at this time.

Roofs and Solar Projects- Mr. Seelye provided the Board of Education with an update after meeting with an architect this afternoon about replacing both the Elementary and MS/HS roof. The district's Sinking Fund account has enough money for both major projects. Mr. Seelye shared his plan of

action, will put the projects out for bid and look for approval next month. He also shared an update regarding the possible solar project. No action was requested at this time.

USDA Technology Grant- Mr. Seelye provided the Board of Education with an update on the work that has been done to pursue the USDA Technology Grant. Mr. Seelye feels very optimistic about our chances of being awarded. No action was requested at this time.

Up North Advocacy Meeting- Mr. Seelye shared with the Board of Education that we hosted a meeting last Saturday for this group and shared some outcomes from it. No action was requested at this time.

Athletic Programs- Mr. Seelye led a discussion with the Board of Education about the idea of putting together a work group that would consist of administrators, board athletic committee members, varsity coaches and possibly others to brainstorm ideas and necessary funding to get our sports teams back on track and in the winning column. No action was requested at this time.

Pro Image MS/HS Rebranding- Mr. Seelye shared an email regarding this and led an initial discussion with the Board of Education. Mr. Seelye and Mr. Schlappi both agree this project would best be completed during the summer in order to limit disruptions to learning and also have a fresh rebrand for students when they return next fall. No action was requested at this time.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion by Serenity Dankert, supported by Rob Thomson, “that the Consent Agenda Items for the February 10, 2025 meeting of the Board of Education be adopted, as presented.” The motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion: “that the Board of Education approve the Regular meeting minutes of the January 13, 2025 Board Meeting”.

Payment of the Bills

Motion: “that the Board of Education, pay Gross Payrolls for January 10, 2025 and January 24, 2025; Benefits and Utilities and ACH transfers for the month of January 2025.”

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: \$759,450.78.”

Business and Finance Items

Personnel Items

Adjournment

It was motioned by Serenity Dankert and supported by Kristen Bauer-Frye to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. The motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned.