

# PELLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Minutes

**Truth & Taxation Hearing and Regular Board of Education Meeting  
Board of Education Conference Room  
7:00 p.m.**

**Monday, June 10, 2024**

The Truth & Taxation Hearing of the Board of Education of Pellston Public Schools was held in the Gerald E. Mallory Board of Education Conference Room on Monday, June 10, 2024. Members present: Jim Milbrandt, Rob Thomson, Kristen Bauer-Frye, Serenity Dankert and Mark Zink. Members Absent: Bryan Searles and Stephanie Bromley.

The public hearing on the Truth & Taxation 2024-2025 hearing was called to order at 7:00pm.

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

The Pellston Board of Education proposes the following tax rates for the 2024 tax year of 18.000 operational mills (17.2441 & .7559) levied on non-homestead and non-qualified agricultural property and Sinking Fund mills of 1.4901 levied on all properties.

### **Public Commentary**

#### **Adjournment**

It was motioned by Mark Zink and supported by Rob Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 7:08pm. The motion carried 5 - 0.

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, June 10, 2024. Members Present: Jim Milbrandt, Rob Thomson, Kristen Bauer-Frye, Serenity Dankert and Mark Zink. Members Absent: Bryan Searles and Stephanie Bromley.

President Milbrandt called the Regular Board of Education meeting to order at 7:09pm.

### **Information / Presentations**

Athletic Report: Nick Mesnard provided a written report to the Board. Report on file.

Transportation Report: Lee Minzey provided a written report to the Board. Report on file.

Food Service Report: Amy Beach provided a written report to the Board. Report on file.

Elementary Principal Report – Tammy VanAntwerp provided a written report to the Board. Report on file.

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

### **Administrators’ Highlights** –

### **Public Commentary**

### **Correspondence/Communication**

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

#### **2023-2024 Year End General Fund Budget Amendment Resolution – Version C**

It was motioned by Serenity Dankert and supported by Mark Zink, “that the Board of Education, approve the 2023-2024 year end amendment to the General Fund Budget; and therefore adopt the amended budget, as recommended administratively.” The motion carried 5- 0.

#### **General Fund Original Budget Resolution for the 2024-2025 School Year**

It was motioned by Serenity Dankert and supported by Mark Zink, “that the Board of Education, approve the 2024-2025 tax rates of 18.0000 operational mills (17.2441 & .7559) and sinking fund rate of 1.4901 levied on all properties and adopt the 2024-2025 Original Budget resolution, as recommended administratively.” The motion carried 5 - 0.

MS/HS Roof and Solar Update – Mr. Seelye updated the Board of Education on the status of the MS/HS roof replacement and installation of a solar array. Our school lawyers are waiting on answers about the schools ability to borrow money with or without voter approval and have requested some updates to the language in the contract. Mr. Seelye also has a meeting with Ameresco next week. No decision was requested at this time.

Parking Lot Resurfacing – Mr. Seelye led a discussion with the Board of Education about our parking lots and the need to create an on-going rotational schedule to get them resurfaced. Mr. Seelye is meeting with Mike Spierling next week to discuss what this schedule would look like as well as cost per parking lot. No decision was requested at this time.

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

Motion by Mark Zink and supported by Kristen Bauer-Frye, “that the Consent Agenda Items for the June 10, 2024 meeting of the Board of Education be adopted as presented.” Motion carried 5 - 0.

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

Motion: “that the Board of Education approve the regular meeting minutes of the May 13, 2024 Board Meeting.”

### **Payment of the Bills**

Motion: “that the Board of Education, pay Gross Payrolls for May 17, 2024 and May 31, 2024; Benefits and Utilities and ACH transfers for the month of May 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: \$883,905.59.”

### **Personnel Items:**

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve the hiring of Mr. Jack Carter as the Varsity Football Coach, as presented by Mr. Nick Mesnard.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve the hiring of Mr. Mikey Swiderek as our High School Physical Education and Health teacher, as presented by Mr. Chris Schlappi.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve the hiring of Mrs. Hayley Dodd as an Elementary or Middle School teacher, as presented by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

### **Business and Finance Items:**

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve the membership renewal for MASB at a cost of \$1,813.35, as presented by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve our membership renewal for MHSAA, as presented by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve the contract with Davis Irrigation and Lighting LLC for the installation of an irrigation system at the elementary school and for hydro seeding in the amount of \$20,500, as presented by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

### **Closed Session: Superintendent Evaluation**

Motion: “that the Board of Education, move to closed session at 8:07pm for the purpose of conducting the Superintendent Evaluation, as recommended by Mr. Stephen Seelye, Superintendent.”

### **Open Session:**

Motion: “that the Board of Education, move back to open session at 8:29pm, as recommended by Mr. Stephen Seelye, Superintendent.”

### **Superintendent Rating**

It was motioned by the Board of Education, to rate Superintendent, Stephen Seelye’s 2023-2024 annual evaluation as Highly Effective.” Motion carried 5 - 0.

**Adjournment**

It was motioned by Mark Zink and supported by Rob Thomson to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. The motion carried 5 - 0.