

PELLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Minutes

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

Monday, March 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, March 10, 2025. Members present: Jim Milbrandt, Rob Thomson, Bryan Searles, Serenity Dankert, Kim Jutson and Amanda McCafferty. Members Absent: Kristen Bauer-Frye.

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

The *Pledge of Allegiance* and a moment of reflection were led by Serenity Dankert.

Information/Presentations

Spotlight Presentation – 6th Grade Science Projects

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

Public Commentary

Correspondence

Old Business

New Business

Bus Update and Gridlinx- Mr. Seelye gave the Board of Education an update on where we stand with the Lion buses and the purchase of new school buses. Purchase agreements and a short term own to return contract have been signed with Holland Bus Company for two gas buses and 5 EV buses. No action was requested at this time as both purchases will be Business and Finance topics on tonight's agenda.

Summer Roof Projects- Mr. Seelye provided the Board of Education with an update on the summer roof projects for both buildings. Mr. Seelye has been working with a representative from Duralast

who is putting the finishing touches on a bid packet and has secured the services of an architect to review and stamp the project. Once the bid packet is received and reviewed by our attorney and Mrs. Serenity Dankert, the projects will be put out for bid. No action was requested at this time.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion by Serenity Dankert, supported by Bryan Searles, “that the Consent Agenda Items for the March 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 February 10, 2025 Board Meeting”.

Payment of the Bills

Motion: “that the Board of Education, pay Gross Payrolls for February 7, 2025 and February 21, 2025; Benefits and Utilities and ACH transfers for the month of February 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: \$690,494.41.”

Business and Finance Items

Motion: “that the Board of Education approve the \$120,000.00 short term School Bus Purchase with Holland Bus Company, as recommended by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education approve the down payment of \$323,000.00 for 5 EV School Bus to Holland Bus Company, as recommended by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education approve the purchase of a new dishwasher for the MS/HS kitchen in the amount of \$7,881.61 (pending labor involved), as recommended by Mrs. Mariah Heinz.”

Personnel Items

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve the hiring of Mr. Ed O’Neil, as the Varsity Baseball Coach, as recommended by Mr. Nick Mesnard.”

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

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approves a Graduation Alliance Stipend in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the MS/HS Secretary, as recommended by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve the hiring of Mrs. Madison Shannon, as a MS/HS Interventionist and Substitute Cook, as recommended by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Adjournment

It was motioned by Serenity Dankert and supported by Kim Jutson to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 PM. The motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned.