

PELLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Minutes

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

Monday, September 9, 2024

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, September 9, 2024. Members present: Jim Milbrandt, Rob Thomson, Kristin Bauer-Frye and Serenity Dankert. Members absent: Mark Zink, Bryan Searles and Stephanie Bromley.

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 – Matthew Teachout - Pellston Senior
Mrs. Kristy Schulze - Audit Presentation

Athletic Report –

Transportation Report –

Food Service Report –

Elementary Principal Report – Mrs. Tammy 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

Superintendent Evaluation Timeline – Pellston Board of Education members recently joined Mr. Seelye at a Char-Em training to learn about the new superintendent evaluation process. Since Mr. Seelye has had 5 highly effective ratings in a row, the Board of Education can now choose to complete the evaluation process every other year. Board members have decided to skip Mr. Seelye's evaluation this year.

Property Purchase – Mr. Seelye led a discussion with the Board of Education about the opportunity to purchase 20 acres of land behind the elementary school. The property owner has told us to make him an offer. The district is in great financial standing and Mr. Seelye is in full support of the district making the property owner an offer. No action was requested at this time.

Yondr Pouches – Mr. Seelye & Mr. Schlappi gave the Board of Education an update on the implementation of Yondr pouches in grades 6th-12th. The initial role out had a few kinks that needed to be worked out but the system is up and running. No action was requested at this time.

Weight Room/Band Room – Mr. Seelye led a discussion with the Board of Education about the possibility of moving the weight room back to the upper deck of the high school gymnasium and turning the band room back into what it was originally designed to be. The district continues to see a decline in the number of athletes participating in the wrestling program and an increase in the number of middle and high school students participating in Band. No action was requested at this time.

MS/HS M-STEP Reward Trip – Mr. Seelye led a discussion with the Board of Education about the current reward trips offered to students for their high achievements on the M-STEP. A day at Avalanche Bay or Northern Lights Recreation is a big deal to our younger students but our older students are not as motivated. Mr. Seelye is looking into the possibility of organizing a trip to Cedar Point for our older students. As test scores are just now becoming available, administrators are determining how many students qualify and will put together a budget to present. No action was requested at this time.

4 Bus Routes – Mr. Seelye updated the Board of Education about the lack of substitute drivers. The job posting has been active since July and Mr. Minzey has not received a single interested candidate. Due to staffing shortages and providing transportation for our athletic teams, Mr. Minzey had to cut our afternoon routes from 5 down to 4 for the foreseeable future. No action was requested at this time.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion by Serenity Dankert, supported by Kristen Bauer-Frye, “that the Consent Agenda Items for the September 9, 2024 meeting of the Board of Education be adopted, as presented.” The motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion: “that the Board of Education approve the Regular meeting minutes of the August 12, 2024 Board Meeting”.

Payment of the Bills

Motion: “that the Board of Education, pay Gross Payrolls for August 23, 2024 and September 6, 2024; Benefits and Utilities and ACH transfers for the month of August 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: \$560,652.23.”

Business and Finance Items

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve the changes to Clark Hill Title IX Policies, as recommended by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve the Hornet Health Center Agreement, as recommended by Mr. Stephen Seelye.

Personnel Items

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve the hiring of Mrs. Mariah Heinz, as a Food Service Director, as recommended by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve the Concessions Stipend for Barbie Davis, as presented by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Adjournment

It was motioned by Serenity Dankert and supported by Kristin Bauer-Frye to adjourn the meeting at 7:48PM. The motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned.