

# PELLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Minutes

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

**Monday, December 12, 2011**

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, December 12, 2011. President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Connie Dzedzie, Kathy Smith, Jim Milbrandt, John Ritter, Mark Zink and April Landon. Member(s) absent: Chris Rybinski

The *Pledge of Allegiance* and moment of reflection were led by April Landon.

It was moved by John Ritter and supported by Jim Milbrandt to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2011 Regular Meeting. The motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Connie Dzedzie and supported by April Landon to approve payment of the bills for the months of November and December, 2011 in the amount of \$139,367.75 with payment being made from the following funds: General Fund, \$121,293.92; and Food Service, \$18,073.83. The motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Connie Dzedzie and supported by Jim Milbrandt to approve the payrolls for the dates of December 16 and December 30, 2011 and payment of the benefits and utilities from December 13 through January 9, 2012, including ACH transfers. The motion carried 6-0.

### **Public Petitions**

Mrs. Molly Spencer presented a letter, as well as a petition from j.v. and varsity football players, to the Board, supporting Mr. Chris Jurek for Varsity Football Coach. The Board thanked Mrs. Spencer for her input and said it would be taken under advisement.

**21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center** site coordinator, Shari Saddison, presented a report on the recent on-site review from the MDE and a licensing review from the State licensing bureau. Both visits went very well and our new license is in place. The elementary Dibels scores show that 80% of the children that attended summer school last summer improved. There are lots of good activities going on in both buildings. Shari introduced Mrs. Sara Tisdell, new Middle School 21<sup>st</sup> Century program director, to the Board. Sara noted that enrollment is growing and kids are very plugged-in. A new performance poetry program is being introduced and the children are very excited and enjoying writing!

## **PTO Report** by Angela Russ

Baskets are wrapped and ready for the Christmas program on Wed. night. Carnival date has not been selected but will be soon. Pictures were taken of all the children as a Christmas gift for parents and will be given out at the concert.

All-Sports Boosters - None

Principal Dean reported:

- November Volunteer Hours, 255 hours
- Christmas Concert, Wednesday, December 14, begins at 6:00 p.m.
- Progress Reports going home this week
- Knights Of Columbus District Spelling Bee was held in Cheboygan last weekend, Pellston student Brianna Jutson placed fourth for students in grades 4-6
- Interviewing later this for the Title I math position, we have received 16 applications for this position
- Drama practice continues to be held on Tuesdays after school with approximately 50 students participating
- Reviewed MEAP Tested Rooster, scores should be available for administration to view prior to the end of this 2011 year
- Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra put on an assembly for our elementary students last Friday, we received many compliments about student behavior

Principal Basanese reported:

- Pellston On-Line Alternative Program is starting to really take shape. Kim is doing a great job with the students. The max starting number is 10 and we are at 10. We have had a student already complete one of his courses, well ahead of schedule. Goals are set weekly for each student, by course. This is monitored and a report is sent home.
- Part of our technology order has arrived. Installation started today is almost complete with our current technology order. Our Smartboards should be operational over Christmas break.
- We are now working with Lifetouch to create a yearbook. The cost will be around \$25 per book with little to no advertising.
- Safe Routes to Schools information has been collected from middle school students and parents. This along with information collected by observing student traffic patterns, should, hopefully bring in grant dollars to improve/add sidewalks, streetlights, etc.
- Middle/High School Faculty Talking Circle has now met twice. We are trying to improve the culture in our schools, policies, procedures, etc. Student Council has also been involved in working on ideas to improve culture and school spirit.
- A MiPHY survey will be conducted on Wed Dec 14<sup>th</sup> for all 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students. This is a requirement of our health center.
- Boys and Girls Varsity/JV Basketball is now underway.
- The Middle/High School Christmas Concert is set for Tuesday Dec 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in our Auditorium.
- All information for the ACT/MME has been sent in again for test at the Levering Community Center. Testing dates are March 6, 7, & 8.
- Four teachers: Brooke Groff, Christopher Herrmann, Christine Nothstine and Mandy Robinson will be participating in: RAISE—Reading Apprenticeship Improving Secondary Education. This is a new intensive program starting August 2012. This program is focused initially on English 9, Biology, and U.S. History, to improve reading skills at the high school level.

### **Recognitions and Remembrances**

Board president Smith congratulated Mr. Chris Myers, Girls Varsity Volleyball Coach on being named Regional coach of the Year for 2011.

### **New Business**

It was moved by Connie Dzedzie and supported by Jim Milbrandt to approve the resolution to levy 100% of the Summer Taxes in the summer of 2012. The motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by John Ritter and supported by Jim Milbrandt to approve the low bid of \$55,900 offered by Burdco, Inc. to perform the renovation work for the expansion of the Hornet Health Center. The selected contractor is not on the U.S. General Services Administration Lists of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement or Non-Procurement programs. The motion carried 6-0.

The Board reviewed the Board policy #1030, regarding Board member elections and terms and discussed options for future Board of Education elections. It was moved by John Ritter and supported by Jim Milbrandt to revise policy #1030 to extend current Board positions as follows:

Kathy Smith	Dec. 31, 2016
Chris Rybinski	Dec. 31, 2014
Jim Milbrandt	Dec. 31, 2016
Connie Dzedzie	Dec. 31, 2014
John Ritter	Dec. 31, 2012
Mark Zink	Dec. 31, 2014
April Landon	Dec. 31, 2012

and to hold elections in November, every other year. The motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Connie Dzedzie and supported by Jim Milbrandt to approve the purchase of 150 cafeteria chairs from Great Lakes Furniture Supply, at a cost of \$8,245.00, which will come from Food Service funds. The motion carried 6-0.

### **Personnel**

The Board acknowledged the letter of resignation from Mrs. Monica Kline, effective January 13, 2012 and thanked Mrs. Kline for her service to the students of Pellston Public Schools.

It was moved by Connie Dzedzie and supported by Mark Zink to approve the coaching recommendation of the Athletic Director, as follows:

Ashley Bonter	Girls Varsity Softball
Randy Bricker, Jr.	Boys Varsity Baseball
Jared Powell	Boys Track & Field

The motion carried 6-0.

### **Reports/Information**

#### **Transportation Report – English**

Mr. Adams bus repair service prefers not to have a contract but will agree to one, if necessary. He has provided GiGi English with the necessary Certificate of Liability insurance.

**Athletic Report – Andrews**  
**Food Service Report – Spsychalski**  
**Trust & Agency – Ferris**

**Committee Assignments**

Building and Grounds committee issue – Bid for removal of trees from Don Tracy, forester.  
Committee feels this should be bid.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, it was moved by Mark Zink and supported by Jim Milbrandt to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.