

PELLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Minutes

Annual Budget Hearing and Special Board of Education Meeting
Board of Education Conference Room
7:00 p.m.

Monday, June 28, 2010

Executive Secretary Judy Mitchell presided over the swearing in of newly appointed Board Member Mark Zink prior to the beginning of the Budget Hearing.

A Budget Hearing and Special meeting of the Board of Education of Pellston Public Schools were held in the Gerald E. Mallory Board of Education Conference Room on Monday, June 28, 2010.

Superintendent Tebbe reported that the Board would be asked to take action on two separate resolutions.

Mr. Tebbe was pleased to note that the budget will end in the black due to the fact that the Board took action last fall to cut expenses. That decision was based on the information that we had at the time and in the best interest of the district. The district has also realized gains in local taxes, sale of the Building Trades house, additional, unexpected Special Education state funding, and building trades program funds. In total, we anticipate nearly \$113,066 increase in fund balance this fiscal year. Thank you to the Board and principals for all of their cooperation and efforts to tighten our collective belt. Significant money was saved in heating and cooling costs. The annual audit begins July 12th and we will know the bottom line at that time. Some adjustments will most certainly be made. Taxes went up and state aid has remained the same, up to this point. The special revenue funds did better than anticipated. Food Service and Athletics were both up. The Summer Lunch program and Dalmac bicycle group helped with this gain. Free breakfast is very popular in Pellston. Food Service has an anticipated \$26,000 profit balance. Athletics Dept. reductions last fall have contributed to improved bottom line in that program. More tournaments than in previous years, which netted funds, as well. Regarding the 2010-11 budget, the heart of revenue solutions is student enrollment, which is predicted to be 637 for the upcoming year. We have lost 57.5 students. We hope to recoup some of this number. Both Schools of Choice and families moving out of the area contribute to this loss. Taxable values went down 3% this year. The Board is again proposing athlete fees for transportation. Athletics will bring in approximately \$34,000 this year. State revenues per pupil equal \$7,390. We still don't know what the State will do for funding. We may not know the per pupil funding amount until October. GSRP revenue will all come to the district. During contract negotiations we will anticipate modest increases for PEA and PESPA, with no raises for administrators.

President Smith thanked the Superintendent and administrators for their hard work on the budget.

President Kathy Smith called the special meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Kathy Smith opened with the pledge and prayer.

Members present: Kathy Smith, Connie Dzedzie, Chris Rybinski, Jim Milbrandt, Sheri Kindell, John Ritter, and Mark Zink. Member(s) absent: None

It was moved by Sheri Kindell and supported by John Ritter to approve the minutes from June 14, 2010 regular meeting. The motion passed 7-0.

Public Comment.

Steve Rick of W.W. Fairbairn Plumbing and Heating spoke to request that the Board consider having Fairbairn's review all heating and cooling equipment to be certain that the systems are working properly and up to their potential. Has offered this service at no charge. Kathy Smith pointed out that we have already gone through the bid process. Mechanical bid process is wrapped up but service/maintenance is still open for possible bids.

Old Business

New Business

It was moved by Chris Rybinski and supported by Connie Dzedzie to approve the Budget Amendment Resolutions for 2009-10, as recommended by the Superintendent. The motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Jim Milbrandt and supported by John Ritter to approve the Appropriations Resolutions for 2010-11 for General Fund, Special Revenue Fund – Food Service, as recommended by the Superintendent. The motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by John Ritter and supported by Chris Rybinski to approve the bid of \$13,539 from Doyle, Inc. for Middle School/High School roof repairs. The motion carried 7-0.

Personnel

Curriculum Report

Committee Reports

Building and Grounds Committee reported on the TEPG proposal for HVAC services, which was provided by Technical Energy Performance Group. Mr. Tebbe gave an overview of the program being proposed and its benefits to Pellston Public Schools. John Ritter explained that the air handler units and heat pump replacements were the biggest items that will net savings. Mr. Tebbe noted that additionally the money is available for this project at zero interest. Money saved will pay for the upgrades. The Board will review and vote at the July 12, 2010 meeting. Any questions, upon review may be directed to Chuck Watson at TEPG. The Board authorized Mr. Tebbe to move ahead with finance application to be ready for project start, should the Board approve on July 12th.

Athletic Committee meeting is scheduled for Mark Zink, Sheri Kindell and Chris Rybinski Tuesday, July 6 at 6:30 p.m.

With no other business to discuss it was moved by Sheri Kindell and supported by Mark Zink to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.