

# PELLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Minutes

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

**Monday, November 14, 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, November 14, 2011. President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Connie Dzedzie, Kathy Smith, Chris Rybinski, Jim Milbrandt, John Ritter, Mark Zink and April Landon.

Member(s) absent: 0

The *Pledge of Allegiance* and moment of reflection were led by Kathy Smith.

It was moved by Jim Milbrandt and supported by Chris Rybinski to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2011 Regular Meeting. The motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Connie Dzedzie and supported by Jim Milbrandt to approve payment of the bills for the months of October and November, 2011 in the amount of \$150,295.78 with payment being made from the following funds: General Fund, \$125,966.34; and Food Service, \$24,329.44. The motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Connie Dzedzie and supported by Mark Zink to approve the payrolls for the dates of November 18 and December 2, 2011 and payment of the benefits and utilities from November 15 through December 12, 2011, including ACH transfers. The motion carried 7-0.

### **Public Petitions**

Parent, Mr. Chuck Laughbaum stated that his son was threatened via Facebook and then attacked after school and beaten up. He was choked and on the verge of passing out. Mr. Laughbaum felt that a two day suspension was not sufficient punishment. He would like to have seen the parents and student meet with the school board before being allowed to return. The Board will meet with Mr. Basanese to hear all sides.

PTO Report prepared by Christine Nothstine (included in packet) and Kathy Smith shared some highlights.

All-Sports Boosters reported by Connie Dzedzie.

There will be a dance at the elementary school on the Friday after Thanksgiving. The theme will be a Beach Party.

### Principal Dean reported:

- Fall Delta Math universal screeners completed and preparing binders for Tier II math intervention or full class intervention
- Volunteer Hours, September 352.75 hours and Oct. 213.25 hours
- Parent Teacher Conference Attendance was wonderful
- Report Card range of students below a C-, reading 2010-9-24%, 2011-9-14%, Science 2010-0-28%, 2011-0-6%, Math 2010-2-22%, 2011-2-11%, SS 2010-2-39%, 2011-0-18%, writing 2010-5-24%, 2011-9-16%, representing a nice decline in students failing to meet the expected learning targets
- New supplemental Title I books added to book room
- Newly transitioned teachers, E. Wolford and A. Bonter, held Open Houses for parents and students and the transition has gone wonderfully for all staff, students and families
- Pellston Elementary School participating in "Safe Routes to School", Mrs. Weitzel-Bailey is the GO-To person in the elementary
- Big Five Report indicates an increase in office referrals when comparing to the month of September, 0.7 per day, lower than 3 of the 5 months last year, location of problems classrooms, p.m. referrals higher than a.m. referrals, problem behavior-physical aggression and disrespect accounting for approximately 75% of referrals made
- Response to behavior problems, MiBLSi team meeting outcomes, behavior binders used at 2<sup>nd</sup> staff meeting of the month, 6 scheduled for the remainder of the school year, focus on A,B,C form, Action Plan, done in bi-grade level teams, very structured
- PD day in Boyne City went well, presenter was fabulous, many staff attended the keynote speakers afternoon session and thought it was terrific
- Library is looking wonderful-volunteers have done a nice job organizing and shelving weekly books and the newly purchased books have been shelved
- MiBLSi assembly and student recognition, names in hallway for monthly identified students, will add to the list each month
- Daily Announcements and Pledge started last week
- Fire Department shared Fire Safety with all elementary school students
- Title I reading interventionist has done a phenomenal job, helping to close the gap between where students are and where they should be
- Teachers in the elementary are also working diligently on reading interventions during the Academy Block, look for good gains on the winter screener results
- Mobile Dentist will be coming to the elementary school, exams, fluoride, cleaning and x-rays

### Principal Basanese Report (included in packet)

#### **Recognitions and Remembrances**

Board president Smith thanked Margaret Avery-Robinson for \$400 for students who are studying for medical professions.

#### **New Business**

The Board discussed the MASB SET-SEG Property/Casualty Pool participation agreement and decided to table any decision on participation until knowing when the agreement would expire. Superintendent Tebbe will contact the vendor for an answer and get back to the board.

It was moved by Chris Rybinski and supported by Jim Milbrandt to reject the bid of \$86,000

from Graham Construction for the Hornet Health Center renovation project and begin the bid process over. The motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Connie Dzedzie and supported by Jim Milbrandt to amend Board policy 4300R to reflect the Board's agreement that bus stops for preschool and kindergarten students are a priority. The policy shall be revised to state: **"...With the exception of Pre-School/Kindergarten students who live outside the limits of a community shall be picked up and delivered to the parent/guardian at the home.....Students living within a community shall be picked up at pre-designated group stops...."** The motion carried 7-0.

### **Personnel**

It was moved by Chris Rybinski and supported by John Ritter to approve the coaching recommendations of Athletic Director Cole Andrews for staffing and wages for the 2011-12 basketball season, as follows:

Girls Varsity Basketball	Barbara Ingraham	\$3,464.00
Boys Varsity Basketball	Cliff Hass	\$4,100.00
Girls JV Basketball	Jenni Fisher	\$2,425.00
Boys JV Basketball	Paul DeSimone	
Girls 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball	Steve Kirsch	
Girls 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball	Patti McNitt	
Boys 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball	Larry Cassidy	

The motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Connie Dzedzie and supported by Chris Rybinski to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt the hard cap and authorize a change in the administrative group insurance plan to the Simply Blue HSA, effective January 1, 2012. The motion carried 7-0.

The Board acknowledged the letter of resignation from Mrs. Heidi Cote, who is pregnant and dealing from complications of her pregnancy. The Board also acknowledged a letter of intent to retire as of Jan. 13, 2012 by Mrs. Sandy Manning. Sandy is currently on medical leave. The Board acknowledged the good service of both teachers to the students of Pellston. Principal Dean noted that the transition to new classroom teachers, in Mrs. Manning's and Mrs. Cote's rooms, was going very well with no problems.

It was moved by Chris Rybinski and supported by Jim Milbrandt to approve a supplemental contract with Paul DeSimone to plan and present an elementary music program on December 14, 2011. Mr. DeSimone will be paid \$1,140. for the elementary music program. In case of inclement weather the program will take place on December 19, 2011. The motion carried 7-0.

### **Reports/Information**

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

The Board suggested that we should have a signed contract for Mr. Frank Adams, diesel mechanic that is currently being used to work on our buses. Superintendent Tebbe agreed and we will get Proof of Liability insurance, as soon as possible.

**Athletic Report – Andrews**

Superintendent Tebbe noted that the athletic committee should meet fairly soon to begin the process of replacing Dave Brines, Football Coach, who has resigned.

**Food Service Report – Spsychalski**

Connie Dzedzie would like an update from Food Service. Mr. Tebbe will invite Bruce to come to the Nov. work session. Bruce Spsychalski would like to get new chairs for the Commons. It will be requested that Bruce get samples of the chairs for the Board's inspection before making a decision on which chair to order.

Mr. John Harrington will also attend the Board Work Session to discuss "Safe Routes to School."

**Trust & Agency – Ferris****Standard and Poors Report****Committee Assignments****Adjournment**

There being no further business, it was moved by John Ritter and supported by Jim Milbrandt to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.