

PELLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Minutes

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

Monday, October 10, 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, October 10, 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, and April Landon. Member(s) absent: Mark Zink

The *Pledge of Allegiance* and prayer were led by John Ritter.

It was moved by Jim Milbrandt and supported by Chris Rybinski to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2011 Regular Meeting. The motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Connie Dzedzie and supported by John Ritter to approve payment of the bills for the months of September and October, 2011 in the amount of \$128,289.69 with payment being made from the following funds: General Fund, \$111,185.86; and Food Service, \$17,103.83. The motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Connie Dzedzie and supported by Jim Milbrandt to approve the payrolls for the dates of October 21 and November 4, 2011 and payment of the benefits and utilities from October 11, 2011 through November 14, 2011, including ACH transfers. The motion carried 6-0.

Public Petitions

PTO Report prepared by Christine Nothstine

1. Treasury Report: Current Balance \$8181.88
2. Mary Weitzel-Bailey requested funds to cover costs for:
 - a. Red Ribbon Week
 - b. 3rd grade Ski Day
 - c. Track and field ribbons.
 - d. Total requested amount:\$50. Approved.
3. RIF Update: RIF (Reading is Fundamental) book distribution will be the last week of October. The PTO will have an estimation guessing game and 1 student from PreK-2, and 3-5 with the closest guess will win a set of books.
4. Fall Fundraiser: Little Caesar's Pizza Kits. Sold 10/7-10/21. Funds will be used to give K-5th grade teachers money to use toward the Scholastic book fair to add books to their classroom library.
 - a. Top sellers per grade: \$10 to use at the school book fair and a t-shirt.

- b. For every 10 kits sold: Student's name will go into a drawing for 4 tickets to Avalanche Bay.
 - c. Top selling teacher: \$100 into classroom account. This is for PreK-12 teachers.
5. Additional fundraising for 2011-2012 school year.
 - We have many ideas for a December fundraiser but they are contingent on Christmas holiday concert.
 - Decisions about holiday fundraiser are tabled until we get more information about the concert.
 6. PTO is considering a school store in the elementary building. This topic was tabled until the next meeting.
 7. Spring Carnival is being moved. New date will be in February. Date is being scheduled around Friday ski trips to Boyne. More details to come.

All-Sports Boosters reported by Connie Dzedzie.

- Sold Pizza, punch, ice water, glow bracelets and flashing rings at the Homecoming Dance
- Fundraising efforts continue with the sale of car air fresheners and pom-poms with candy in the handles being offered at all football games

Superintendent Tebbe asked about any agreements made with Athletics for use of the concession stand. Who is paying the electric bill? The rental of the concession stand by the boosters to the Athletics program should be cost neutral for the Boosters. Mr. Tebbe suggested that the Boosters pay the electric bill on the concession stand and then invoice the Athletics Dept.

Cole Andrews has been invited to the next meeting of the Sports Boosters to assist in clarifying some of the details.

Principal Dean reported:

- ❖ MEAP begins 10-11 with reading this week and part 1 of 4th grade writing, next week part 2 writing and mathematics along with science at grade 5
- ❖ MEAP Access is being used by a small number of students with IEPs, test designed for students between MEAP and MI-ACCESS
- ❖ Students were measured for Strings last week and lessons begin this week during lunch for both beginners and intermediates
- ❖ Weaving ESIT and MiBLSi this year, reviewed tracking behavior on BIG FIVE Report
- ❖ Staff has completed a second review and quiz for Mrs. Blossom SMART Board training
- ❖ The second scheduled staff meeting per month will focus on bi-level grade meetings, curriculum updates for pacing guides (thumb drives)i.e. 20 min. intervention logs, 20 min. Mrs. Blossom, 20 min. Mrs. Smith intervention groups
- ❖ Inputting demographic data into Pearson, DIBELS NEXT and Study Island to look more specifically at different demographic sets
- ❖ Title I Parent Meeting was last Wednesday, October 5, 2011, low attendance at meeting, but several parents have been in to check out Mrs. Smith's Title I classroom and inquire about services provided
- ❖ Received \$3,000.00 for financial support to defray costs of MiBLSi implementation year II
- ❖ Pre-school, 36 students attending 4 full days per week, off to a busy , but very organized start to the year
- ❖ All elementary school staff have turned in their SMART (**Goals** should be specific, measurable, attainable, realistic and timely)goals (math, reading, writing)with a new twist of sub-group achievement i.e. **TEACHER GOAL:** Mrs. Balinski will demonstrate positive student growth using the DIBELS NEXT screener (FSF) from an average of 14 per minute to 20 per minute by the January DIBELS date. Sub-group: Mrs. Balinski will demonstrate positive student growth using the DIBELS NEXT screener (FSF) to move 4 of 9 at risk students from intensive to some risk by the January DIBELS date.
- ❖ Shelves installed in AmeriCorp Room for Clean Clothing initiative and MANNA food project
- ❖ K-5 all students utilizing the computer lab for a minimum of 60 minutes per week, data will be collected on Reading Eggs, Study Island and Education City (training during last PD day)
- ❖ Elementary should begin to receive sample mathematics texts to preview for a possible purchase in the spring of 2012

Principal Basanese reported:

- ❖ On September 29, the department heads and myself went to the Common Core Roll Out Session. Very informative. The Department heads will be meeting to roll out the new info to the staff at our next teachers meeting.
- ❖ Spirit Week had great participation. Each day many students dressed up.
- ❖ Homecoming Dance had 166 students attend. No Problems
- ❖ MEAP Testing starts tomorrow. Grades 6 -8 will be taking part one of the Reading Test.
- ❖ Pellston On-Line Alternative Program is up and running. Five students are signed up and have started classes. Two parent meetings took place today, and I have contacted another. The max starting number is 10 and we are at 7.
- ❖ The MS/HS Teachers received SMART Board Training at our last teacher in-service. Great participation by staff as they anxiously await the delivery of our own SMART Boards. After their arrival, the trainer will return to work with staff on advanced training.
- ❖ I have started my teacher evaluations with the iPad. Still learning the software, but, more training will be held this week.
- ❖ Almost finished with classroom/energy audit. Walking in to all classrooms checking on electronic appliances.

Ms. Amber Holt, of Substance Abuse Mental Health Counseling and Prevention program, which is being run through a Federal Grant and housed at the Odawa Tribal Council offices introduced herself and explained the “Parents Who Host Lose the Most” campaign. The group, which she represents, is striving to keep a positive presence in the community and reduce teenage drinking.

Recognitions and Remembrances

Board president Smith thanked the A T & T Pioneers for their donation of 15 Back-Packs through their “Tools for Learning” program.

The Board thanked New Hope Methodist Church members for their labor in constructing new shelving for the elementary school.

New Business

A comment from a student suggested that Building Trades class members are not using the school’s transportation. However, the Board approved transportation for Construction Technology students to get to and from the Habitat for Humanity house-building site in Alanson. Mr. Basanese said occasional students drive to class because they have after school appointments in Petoskey or elsewhere. Due to the liability of having students drive themselves to class this will continue to be the policy. It was moved by Chris Rybinski and supported by John Ritter to approve the cooperative agreement with Habitat for Humanity for the construction of a home in Alanson, during the 2011-12 school year. The motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Jim Milbrandt and supported by Chris Rybinski to approve a continuation agreement with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan to provide mental health services through the Hornet Health Center, beginning on October 1, 2011 and continuing through September 30, 2012 at a cost of \$17,000 to be paid from Section 31a At Risk funds. The motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Jim Milbrandt and supported by Chris Rybinski to approve an agreement between Beaver Island Community School and Pellston Public Schools for shared Spanish teacher for the 2011-12 school year. The motion carried 6-0.

Discussion was held regarding the decrease in size of the new concession stand associated with the expansion of the Health Clinic. It was determined that the trade-off was a valuable one for our students and therefore no objection would be raised. It was moved by John Ritter and supported by April Landon to approve the bid documents and drawings for the expansion of the Hornet Health Center, as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

The Board thanked Tony Basanese for his hard work in researching and organizing the needs of and for an alternative education program option for students. At this point the program will not be cost-neutral. It was moved by Chris Rybinski and supported by John Ritter to approve the implementation of an “in house” alternative education program at Pellston High School effective October 3, 2011. The motion carried 6-0.

Personnel

It was moved by Chris Rybinski and supported by Jim Milbrandt to approve the Extra Duty contracts as recommended by Principal Basanese as follows:

6 th Grade Sponsor	Wendy Laser
7 th Grade Sponsor	Pam Kruskie
8 th Grade Sponsor	Jill Kubont
M.S. Student Council	Maria Affhalter
9 th Grade Sponsor	Miranda MacLean & Bonnie Ball
10 th Grade Sponsor	Stacy Carter
11 th Grade Sponsor	Denise Grobaski
12 th Grade Sponsor	Brooke Groff
Band Director	Paul DeSimone
Marching Band Director	Paul DeSimone
Yearbook Club (after school)	Erika Fause
H.S. Student Council	Christine Nothstine
National Honor Society	Jared Powell
Drama Club (after school)	Mandy Robinson

The motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Elementary Extra Duty positions was tabled until further information is available.

The Board acknowledged and accepted a Resignation Letter from Matilda Hoffman as of September 23, 2011. The Board wishes Tillie the very best.

Heidi Cote has requested a leave of absence from late Oct. through the end of the year. The Board did not take any action on this matter.

Reports/Information

Transportation Report – English

Athletic Report – Andrews

**Food Service Report - Spsychalski
Trust & Agency – Ferris**

Committee Assignments

The Board agreed to extend the Hall of Fame deadline to December 1, 2011. The Board will schedule a committee meeting. Connie Dzedzie and Kathy Smith volunteered to be part of the Hall of Fame selection committee.

Superintendent Tebbe noted that the State legislature is considering removing the cap on Charter Schools in Michigan. He encouraged the Board members to contact their legislators if they had strong feelings about this issue.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by John Ritter and supported by Chris Rybinski to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.