

PELLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Minutes

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

Monday, March 8, 2010

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, March 8, 2010. President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Kathy Smith, Chris Rybinski, Ron Wolford, Connie Dzedzie, Jim Milbrandt, Sheri Kindell and John Ritter.

Member(s) absent: None

The *Pledge of Allegiance* and prayer were led by Sheri Kindell.

It was moved by Ron Wolford and supported by Chris Rybinski to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 8, 2010. The motion carried 7-0. (correct date)

It was moved by Connie Dzedzie and supported by Sheri Kindell to approve payment of the bills for the months of February and March 2010 in the amount of \$162,716.43 with payment being made from the following funds: General Fund, \$150,245.52; Athletics, \$2,477.22; and Food Service, \$9,993.69. The motion carried 7-0. Connie Dzedzie thanked Supt. Tebbe for providing an explanation in the agenda packet regarding some of the large expenditures..

It was moved by Connie Dzedzie and supported by John Ritter to approve the payrolls for the dates of March 12, 26 & April 9, 2010 and payment of the benefits and utilities from March 9, 2010 through April 12, 2010. The motion carried 7-0.

Public Petitions

PTO Report – Written Report read by Kathy Smith from Tiffany Milbrandt (See attached)

All Sports Boosters Report – from Connie Dzedzie— Athletes of the Month for February were Kristie Lewis and Zach Kruskie.

Principal's Reports

Tony Basanese reported:

- ✓ ACT site ready and set for testing to begin on Tuesday, March 9
- ✓ 8th Grade winners of ice cream party for participation in Parent-Teacher conferences

- ✓ March 19 ends marking period
- ✓ Bldg. improve team met regarding master schedule discussed and prioritizing in the event of more cuts for 2010-11
- ✓ Girls won District basketball and play regionals in St. Ignace beginning Tuesday, March 9th.
- ✓ Boys begin districts the week of March 15th, at Pellston.

Monique Dean reported (see attached)

- ✓ 3rd & 4th grade students to the Denno Museum Center, Friday, 3/19
- ✓ Project First Step, March 23, 5:30-7:00 for Parents and March 23 & 24 for all staff
- ✓ Lead Assessment inspection for Pre-School License good
- ✓ Day Care Licensing inspector will be here in June
- ✓ 60 participated in Title 1/21st Century Math, Science, Reading Night
- ✓ Approximately 150 attended Valentine Luncheon
- ✓ Dome Theater, May 25th
- ✓ PBS Behavior Update, including newly printed posters
- ✓ PTO Book Fair total \$2,459.77 May be used for cassette recorders for reading program
- ✓ Successful Parent-Teacher Conferences with 64% attendance
- ✓ RIF Distribution was held on Feb. 11th
- ✓ 19th Annual Jump Rope For Heart Feb. 20th
- ✓ Harbor Springs' Young Adult Theater performing at elementary school on 3/26 for all
- ✓ 5th Grade Roller Coaster Extravaganza on Friday, March 12th
- ✓ Elementary Drama Production March 12th and 14th
- ✓ Liaison Officer, Cole Brady beginning a new program with elementary students in mid-March
- ✓ MiBLSi application is due in May
- ✓ MEAP parent reports going home Friday
- ✓ Ms. Angie Woodin of Project 2nd Step is working with 2nd and 5th grade students and doing a great job!

21st Century Community learning Centers – Joe Beasley & Shari Saddison

Presented an oral report and a power point presentation regarding activities and enrollment status mid-year. The elementary has 42 members and the middle school program has 37 on the participant list.

Joe spoke regarding the middle school program goals including scholarship, learning enhancements, system of evaluation so planning for the future can happen. Good relationship forged with Miss Adams and a coaching program utilizing teachers and homework club. Amanda Adams runs before school program, as well. She has been instrumental in working with the children. She goes around and collects homework. The program has lost 2-3 students who began in the fall. Some behavior issues and misconceptions about what this second year of the program would be. Summer program will be 5 days throughout June with field trips on Fridays,

which reinforce what is going on in the classroom. Hoping to have one teacher throughout for consistency and pick up again in Aug. Geo-caching and digital photography ideas have been shared with other programs and directors.

Kristie Cloud, Char-Em Program. Director was also present and praised both program directors for their great teamwork.

Kathy Smith noted that our children seem to love the program and that the Board is very proud of the program and appreciates the hard work of the directors.

Recognitions & Remembrances

Secretary Ron Wolford read a resolution acknowledging Outstanding Person In Education Award recipients Mrs. Karen Smith and Mrs. Robyn Farkas Both will be honored at the Opie Banquet on May 6, 2010 to be held at Boyne Mountain.

Superintendent Tebbe thanked everyone for expressions of sympathy and memorial donations during the time of his father's passing.

Mark Eckhardt, Char-Em Superintendent has announced his retirement and Superintendent Tebbe suggested the Board send letter of congratulations to him.

Old Business

None

New Business

It was moved by Ron Wolford and supported by Jim Milbrandt to approve the bid submitted by "VSC, Technology for Teachers" of Novi, MI at a cost of \$17,988. for LCD projectors, wireless cards and televisions to be paid for by a combination of Federal and local Trust & Agency funds. The motion carried. 7-0

Volunteer Policy discussion was held. The current policy on volunteering in the building is appropriate and needs to be enforced across the board.

Personnel

It was moved by Chris Rybinski and supported by Jim Milbrandt to approve the following spring coaching recommendations made by Tom Litzner, Athletic Director--

JV Baseball – Aaron Bradley

JV Softball – Ashley Bonter

The motion carried 7 – 0.

Curriculum Report

Community/Parent Survey results showed a B/B- average. The survey was completed by nearly double the number of participants that we had last year. Participation from Elementary School

parents was greater than participation at the Middle School or High School. In general, people believe we are doing a good job but could be doing even better.

President Smith said we need to continue to survey annually and give people a chance to be heard. The Board agreed that Zoomerang is a very user friendly survey format.

Committee Reports/Assignments

Transportation Report— English

Athletic Report—Litzner

Food Service Program—Tippett

Trust & Agency Report – Ferris

Personnel & Negotiations Committee

Connie Dzedzie would like to meet on this during the Board work session and discuss maintenance/custodial. Will be put on March Work Session agenda. All members will get Superintendent Tebbe's analysis of these services.

The Superintendent.'s evaluation will be discussed at the March Work Session, as well.