

PELLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Minutes

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

Monday, December 14, 2009

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 14, 2009. President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Connie Dzedzie, John Ritter, Kathy Smith, Ron Wolford, Jim Milbrandt, Chris Rybinski, Sheri Kindell
Member(s) absent: None

The *Pledge of Allegiance* and prayer were led by Jim Milbrandt.

It was moved by Jim Milbrandt and supported by Ron Wolford to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 2, 2009. The motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Connie Dzedzie and supported by Sheri Kindell to approve payment of the bills for the months of November & December, 2009 in the amount of \$131,167.46 with payment being made from the following funds: General Fund, \$110,151.82; Athletics, \$4,715.72; and Food Service, \$16,299.92. The motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Connie Dzedzie and supported by John Ritter to approve the payrolls for the dates of December 18 and January 1, 2009 and payment of the benefits and utilities from December 15 through January 11, 2010. The motion carried 7-0.

Public Petitions

Chris Myers, representing Beyond the Scoreboard, asked the Board and audience to be thinking about nominees for awards in sportsmanship, etc. Nominee's names will be needed in January.

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 October were Katie Dzedzie and Brandon Coffell, Athlete of the Month for November was Maggie Mikus. Boosters have been busy supporting the Volleyball Team with \$100 for pizza party, parade and celebration at the Levering Community Center and meals at the State Tournament. Boosters raised funds on Saturday, Dec. 12 by providing concessions for an event held at the Middle School/High School Gym and Auditorium.

Principal's Reports

Tony Basanese reported:

- ✓ Drama production was held on Dec. 4 & 5
- ✓ Middle School and High School Band Concert was held on Dec. 13
- ✓ A former Harlem Globetrotter presented an assembly for all students on Friday, Dec. 11. Very well done and the students were very attentive and engaged.
- ✓ Building Improvement Team will meet this week to discuss the school improvement plan.
- ✓ Faculty members are putting the finishing touches on a proposal to host the ACT. The proposal would utilize the Levering Community Center for the testing site.

Monique Dean reported:

- ✓ The Positive Behavior system has been updated and is looking good. New posters are being created by Char-Em for use in the elementary building. The posters will high-light the positive "B's".
- ✓ Teachers will be re-teaching behaviors on January 4th as a refresher.
- ✓ Most of the new materials, which were ordered with Title I funds have arrived and will be in use during Academy Block.
- ✓ Elementary Christmas programs will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 16.
- ✓ Dennis Halverson of Char-Em made a visit to review safety plans and the elementary will also be working with Emmet County School Safety Officer, Cole Brady to be sure that our students are safe in school.
- ✓ Dibels testing will be done during the second week in January to measure students' growth.
- ✓ The Child Study Team has met twice and is making progress.
- ✓ Mr. Bill Aten will be visiting during the month of January to discuss the Pierson Form and the writing committee will be discussing the challenges and changes to the MEAP Writing test.
- ✓ The 50/50 fundraiser for PBS is continuing to be successful.

Recognitions & Remembrances

- A. Exxon Mobil Corporation Educational Alliance Program for \$750. grant. The grant application was submitted by Ralph Kredell, Country General Store, Van.
- B. Pellston ARFF, Gaylord ARFF, Citizen's National Bank, Burt Home Service, Pellston General Store, Brown Motors, Dave Kring car dealership, Pellston PTO & Northern Michigan Dental Group - \$1,150 for transportation expenses to Volleyball State Finals.
- C. The Board presented certificates of recognition to Mr. Tim McNitt and the Varsity Girls Volleyball Team. Also recognized was Mr. Heath Welch for his Cross Country success of 2009.

Old Business

It was moved by Connie Dzedzie and supported by Jim Milbrandt to approve the following Schedule B positions for 2009-10.

Elementary Schedule B Positions:

Kdg.	Laura Balinski	
	Ashley Bonter	
1 st	Lisa Kruzel	
	Mindy Crawford	
2 nd	Karen Welch	
	Dianne Wolford	
3 rd	Chris Keene	
	Kim Wagenschutz	
4 th	Karen Smith	
	Aaron Bradley	
5 th	Liz Southwell	
	Sandy deCastro	
Drama Club	Lisa Kruzel	
Jump Rope Club	Mary Weitzel-Bailey	

Middle School/High School Schedule B Positions:

6 th		
7 th		
8 th	Maria Affhalter	
9 th	Stacy Carter	
10 th	Brooke Groff	
11 th	Jared Powell	
12 th	Denise Grobaski	
Band Director	Jessica Williams	
Marching Band	Jessica Williams	
Yearbook		
High School Student Council	Chris Herrmann	
National Honor Society	Laura Chaney	
Drama	Mandy Robinson	

New Business

It was moved by Ron Wolford and supported by Chris Rybinski to approve the resolution authorizing a 100% summer tax levy effective on July 1, 2010 on 100% of all annual school property taxes, including debt service. The motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Jim Milbrandt and supported by Connie Dzedzie to approve a contract with Bear Cub Early Child Care Center for \$81,700 to be split among three payments, beginning December 15, 2009. The motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Ron Wolford and supported by Jim Milbrandt to approve the purchase of a Donaldson Torit, UMA 750 Explosion-Protected Dust Collection System at a cost of \$22,910.00. The motion carried 7-0.

Local vendors will remove the old system and install the new system with the cost being reimbursed by Char-Em.

It was moved by Ron Wolford and supported by John Ritter to approve the agreement between Anthony Esson Architect, Gaylord to retain his services for the Child and Adolescent Health Care Center renovation project at Pellston High School, as a cost of \$5,500. The motion carried 7-0.

Personnel

It was moved by Connie Dzedzie and supported by Sheri Kindell to approve an indefinite leave of absence for Larry Kilpatrick, elementary custodian, due to health reasons. The motion carried 7-0. The Board wishes Larry the best with his health and recovery.

It was moved by Chris Rybinski and supported by Jim Milbrandt to approve a letter of agreement with the PEA to change the 2009-10 school calendar in order to make up a student instruction day, due to cancellation of school on Thursday, November 19, 2009 (see attached). The motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Ron Wolford and supported by Jim Milbrandt to approve the recommendation of the Personnel Committee for Blue Cross Blue Shield Flex Blue 3 HSA health insurance coverage, provided through Set-Seg, for administrators and executive secretary for 2010. The motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Connie Dzedzie and supported by John Ritter to approve the recommendation of the Personnel Committee for reduction of hours of professional staff members for elementary music (.91 FTE) and physical education (.90 FTE) programs, due to reduction of three sections. The motion carried 7-0.

Curriculum Report

Superintendent Tebbe shared a Memorandum of Understanding from the Michigan Department of Education, regarding the "Race to the Top" grant program being offered through the U.S. Dept. of Education. The Board tabled any action on this MOU until a special meeting on Monday, January 4, 2010. This will allow the Board to gather more information and for the DSIT to meet, as well, before committing Pellston Public Schools to this grant program application.

Committee Reports/Assignments

The regular monthly reports were reviewed as submitted by departmental supervisors including Athletics, Transportation, Food Service and Trust & Agency.

There being no further business, it was moved by Ron Wolford and supported by John Ritter to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:23 P.M.

