

PELLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Minutes

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

Monday, February 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, February 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 and John Ritter. Member(s) absent: Sheri Kindell

The *Pledge of Allegiance* and prayer were led by Connie Dzedzie.

It was moved by Ron Wolford and supported by Jim Milbrandt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 11, 2010 and the Special Meeting held on January 25, 2010. The motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Connie Dzedzie and supported by Jim Milbrandt to approve payment of the bills for the months of January and February 2010 in the amount of \$123,434.81 with payment being made from the following funds: General Fund, \$105,294.46; Athletics, \$2,077.68; and Food Service, \$16,062.67. The motion carried 6-0. Kathy Smith noted that Supt. Tebbe had provided an explanation in the agenda packet for some of the bills this month that contributed to the high expenditure.

It was moved by Connie Dzedzie and supported by Christopher Rybinski to approve the payrolls for the dates of February 12 and February 26, 2010 and payment of the benefits and utilities from February 9, 2010 through March 8, 2010. The motion carried 6-0.

Public Petitions

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

All Sports Boosters Report – from Connie Dzedzie—Sports Boosters will again offer a scholarship to two graduating seniors and encourage seniors to apply for this scholarship, Sports Boosters will allow persons helping raise money to fund the baseball program to run concessions at Pioneer Park this spring, the Boosters approved donating \$100 to Jessica Williams and for the purchase of a flute for \$300.

Principal's Reports

Tony Basanese reported:

- ✓ High School staff are completing the Comprehensive Needs Assessment survey (former Ed YES! report) for 2009-10. This report is due in early March.
- ✓ A meeting is planned with seniors to initiate the scholarship application process for 2010.
- ✓ A new dust collection system purchased by Vocational Education funds has been installed and is now in operation. The new system is much larger than the previous one and will keep the shop environment cleaner.
- ✓ Lock-down drills are planned for later this week. The Sheriff's Dept. and local Fire Dept. will assist with the drill.

Monique Dean reported (see attached)

- ✓ Valentine day luncheon is planned for grandparents on Thursday, Feb. 12. Over 100 grandparents have signed up to eat lunch with their grandchild. The art department is assisting with decorations.
- ✓ Nancy Kohler will be working with para-professional staff at the Friday, Feb 12 in-service training.
- ✓ Teachers will be working on the Positive Behavior Support disciplinary plan on February 12. Monique gave a presentation on elementary discipline referrals and their correlation to reading achievement.
- ✓ 21st Century is funding a field trip for their students to Traverse City.

Health Department of Northwest Michigan—Erika Van Dam was present to update the Board of Education on recent activity in preparation for the opening of the Pellston Hornet Health Center in April 2010. She announced that the center will officially be open on Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at the conclusion of Spring break. Erika is partnering with the Pellston PTO to assist her with planning. She will meet with the PTO monthly to get their input and to assist with an outreach program. Mental Health services began in January. Counselors are very busy already. Erika also informed the Board that Grants including matching State funds for renovation of the center equal approximately \$48,000. Finally she advised the Board that a Community Advisory Board will meet semi annually for input on policies, implementation and types of services rendered t the Hornet Health Center.

Jan Fowler—Jan informed the Board that the 2010 Census will begin in April 2010. She is looking for 500 good workers to work between 2 weeks and 2 months to assist with the Census. Interviews are being conducted daily. In order to get good representation in Congress, it is important that we have a good count of citizenry in our area.

Recognitions & Remembrances

Ron Wolford read a proclamation from Governor Jennifer Granholm recognizing the week of February 14, 2010 as Michigan Principals Week. This week is dedicated to recognizing the significant contributions of Michigan's elementary, middle and high school principals and the

dedication they have for providing quality education experiences and guidance to their staff and students. Kathy Smith thanked principals Tony Basanese and Monique Dean for their hard work. She acknowledged Tony's 10 years of service to Pellston Public Schools.

The Board accepted with appreciation the generous donation of \$1000 from the Wal-Mart Foundation. Supt. Tebbe reported that this money has been deposited into a Trust and Agency fund and will be used to purchase technology equipment.

Old Business

None

New Business

It was moved by Christopher Rybinski and supported by John Ritter to approve the 2009-10 1st Amendment Budget Resolution as recommended by Supt. Tebbe. The motion carried. 6-0

Personnel

Motion by Ron Wolford supported by Jim Milbrandt to approve the following spring coaching recommendations of the Athletic Director--Randy Bricker Jr. Varsity Baseball; Tim McNitt, Varsity Softball; Jared Powell, Varsity Girls and Boys Track. Motion carried. 6-0

Motion by Connie Dzedzie supported by Jim Milbrandt to reinstate to the 2009-10 General Fund budget all Schedule B positions except, 7/8 track, Varsity track (Girls). Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Connie Dzedzie supported by Jim Milbrandt to reinstate JV Baseball and JV Softball for the Spring 2010 season and to appoint Aaron Bradley as JV Baseball coach and Ashley Bonter as JV Softball coach. Financial contributions to the Board to offset the expense of this program will be accepted throughout the season. Concerns were raised regarding the precedent being set by reinstating a program previously cut from the budget. Expressions of support were offered by various board members if the program is funded. The motion carried 5-1. Ron Wolford voted nay.

Curriculum Report

The District School Improvement Committee has approved a Parent and Community School Satisfaction Survey instrument to be posted on the district's web site. The deadline for parent input will be Friday, March 12, 2010. Results of the survey will be discussed at the April School Improvement Meeting as well as with the Board of Education. It is hoped that information from parents will be useful in planning programs and services for 2010-11.

Committee Reports/Assignments

Transportation Report—The Board acknowledged receipt of the transportation report submitted by Gigi English. They noted the struggles she has been having with bus route changes this winter and student requests for bus changes.

Athletic Report—The Board acknowledged receipt of the Athletic Report from Tom Litzner. The Pellston Schools will be hosting the girls MHSAA District Basketball Tournament the week of March 1. We will also host the Regional Boys Basketball Tournament on Monday and Wednesday, March 15 and 17. Tom Litzner also reported that in the future Middle School basketball seasons will be reduced to 10 games. Presently there are 12 games. This change will allow for more practice time and less travel expense for teams. Finally Tom noted that Frank Zuluski and Mark Wagenschutz will be volunteers with the Varsity Baseball program. Maria Pelaccio and will volunteer with the Track program and Jill McNitt and Steve Kirsch will assist with the Varsity Softball program.

Food Service Program—Bruce Spychalski shared a food service survey that students had completed. He shared concerns that students had brought to his attention through the survey. Some of the concerns were portion sizes, a desire for more fruits and salads, temperature of food. These are all being addressed by the department. MS/HS provides 4 to 5 entrée choices daily. The Food Service will again apply to provide summer breakfast and lunch program for area students.

The Superintendent's evaluation form will be e-mailed to Board members. Board members will then forward their evaluations to Kathy Smith who will compile a report to the Superintendent.

There being no further business, it was moved by Ron Wolford and supported by John Ritter to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 9:04 P.M.

