

PELLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Minutes

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

Monday, September 12, 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, September 12, 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, April Landon and Mark Zink.

Member(s) absent: None

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

It was moved by Jim Milbrandt and supported by Chris Rybinski to approve the minutes of the August 8, 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 August and September, 2011 in the amount of \$150,642.62 with payment being made from the following funds: General Fund, \$137,550.67; and Food Service, \$13,091.95. The motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Tebbe noted that the check request to Julian HVAC included a charge for glycol to flush the heating system. This should be paid directly to the vendor. The check will be voided and a new one issued to Julian and one the vendor, as well.

It was moved by Connie Dzedzie and supported by Mark Zink to approve the payrolls for the dates of September 9, September 23, and October 7, 2011 and payment of the benefits and utilities from September 13, 2011 through October 10, 2011, including ACH transfers. The motion carried 7-0.

Public Petitions

Principal Dean reported for the PTO. PTO paid for painting the library and will paint a new mural on the wall and computers are new with card catalog system. MiBLSi banners have been ordered and will be hung. Bean bag chairs, selected by the students and placed in the library in tie-dyed colors.

Principal Basanese reported

1. Great start to the school year!! Classes are fairly balanced.
2. MEAP Testing starts in October
3. Class changes for High School have been completed.
4. Several large classes are close to 30 or over.

5. Get Stopped Program—required to park in school parking lot. Deputy Cole Brady, Pellston Schools liaison from the Emmet County Sheriff Dept. is proposing a student driver safety program called STOPPED. Parents sign up for the program and a sticker is placed in the window of a student’s car. The program allows for parents to be informed whenever law enforcement may stop a student’s vehicle (who has a sticker) will give kids a warning and a note can be sent to the parents. It is felt that this will be a good means of communication between parents and law enforcement, in order to improve the safety of our young drivers and others. The Board’s discussion centered around whether or not this would be enforceable. At this time the Board decided that offering it as a voluntary program would be acceptable.
6. Common Core Rollout Meeting on September 29 for MS/HS Dept Heads.
7. Homecoming will be on Saturday, Oct. 1 at the elementary gym. The high school gym is booked with the Alumni Reunion this year and every third year. Spirit Week begins on Monday Sept. 26th.

Principal Dean reported:

- Intervention binders turned in every 3 weeks, include: Dibels NEXT, baseline testing, Delta Math, writing prompt scores, intervention lesson plans and progress monitoring
- Staff meeting: Reading Street series, using SMART board incorporation, base line testing-based on CCSS, demographic data
- Title I-identified students based on MEAP scores and previous years Dibels NEXT scores, Academy Block interventions, skills groups and reading level groups
- LeAnne Gilbert observation on Sept. 21, tier II intervention strategies for Oct. 3 in a.m. (PD day)
- Oct. 3 in p.m. P.D. on Study Island for grades 3-5, Education City for grades 1-2 and Reading Eggs for Kindergarten
- New Hope Church- shelving for Clean Clothes initiative and Manna Food Project shelving and backpacks
- Tom Copper assembly, “No Bullying Here” on Sept. 23 in the p.m.
- Title I Informational Parent Meeting, Oct. 5th at 3:30 p.m.
- MiBLSi coaches meeting to kick off the year on September 16, all day, teaching expectations
- Hearing Screening: K-2-4 on Sept. 14

Food Service has been approved for the Supper and After-School Snack program again this year. Superintendent Tebbe shared the current enrollment report, showing that we have come in very close to what was projected last spring. Mr. Tebbe noted that he is very proud of the principals for their hard work and realistic projections.

Recognitions and Remembrances

President Smith thanked the PTO for their donation of time and money to the elementary library redecoration and the landscaping in the front of the building, as well.

Mrs. Smith also thanked The United Way, for their donation, through “Stuff the Bus”, of backpacks and school supplies.

The Board recognized and thanked the Little Traverse Association of Home Builders for their donation to Building Trades Technology program from the garage build program.

Thank you to Mrs. Reb Andrews, mother of A.D. Cole Andrews for her many hours of hard work and labor, while re-doing the football field sign.

New Business

It was moved by Chris Rybinski and supported by John Ritter to approve the energy play book provided by TEPG, as amended and to authorize the implementation of the provisions of the playbook, effective immediately. The motion carried 7-0.

Cole Andrews highlighted the changes to the Athletic Handbook for students. He shared the handbook with all teachers and requested input. After some discussion to explain the need for supervision in the locker rooms, it was moved by John Ritter and supported by Mark Zink to approve the revisions to the MS/HS Athletic Handbook, as requested. The motion carried 7-0.

The Board acknowledged the milk bid from Inverness Dairy for 1% white milk. The price was the same as the 2% white milk and no other action was required.

Superintendent Tebbe presented the District's Annual Education Report to the audience and the document was acknowledged by the Board.

Reports/Information

Athletic Report – Andrews

Mr. Andrews reported that the football teams have kicked off their season. Volleyball teams are off to a good start. Middle School football and volleyball start this week.

Athletics has had a smooth start to the year. Spirit Week will be the last week of Sept. The new weight room is going to be up and running soon. The new mats will be installed very soon and the equipment will be moved to the new location.

The Concession Stand is running well and the gate receipts are up. The coaching staff is making a big effort to attend the games and pitch in. Students have suggested and discussion is taking place to plan a “white-out” for the last game of the basketball season. All fans would wear only white. Board member John Ritter suggested that we need to have a rule prohibiting pets at the games. A.D. Andrews will work on publicizing this via Facebook, signs at the gates and concession stand, and announcements to students and at the games.

Trust & Agency – Ferris

Architect Report, Basement Project – No Report

Superintendent Tebbe Thanked you the Kelly Marshall and Megon Marshall who helped cook for the Dalmac Cycling event, with nearly 500 people served for dinner and breakfast. Thanks also to Melissa Kube for her role as coordinator. The event was successful with many good comments received from the visitors.

The District is working with Beaver Island Schools to share Mr. Jared Powell for their Spanish class. Jared will teach through Skype and fly to the island 9-10 times (one day at a time) for a day with the students. Jared is very excited about the possibility and we are awaiting a response on the proposal. The Beaver Island district will pay all expenses and payroll so it will be no cost

for Pellston.

Committee Assignments

District School Improvement Team will meet on Thursday, September 15 at 3:30 for the first meeting of the year.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by John Ritter and supported by Chris Rybinski to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. Motion carried 7-0