

PELLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Minutes

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

Monday, September 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, September 14, 2009. President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Connie Dzedzie, Kathy Smith, Jim Milbrandt, John Ritter, and Sheri Kindell.
Member(s) absent: Chris Rybinski, Ron Wolford

The *Pledge of Allegiance* and prayer were led by Kathy Smith.

It was moved by Connie Dzedzie and supported by Jim Milbrandt to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held on August 10, 2009 and the Special Meetings held on August 17, 2009 and August 30, 2009. The motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Connie Dzedzie and supported by Sheri Kindell to approve payment of the bills for the months of August and September, 2009 in the amount of \$107,226.25 with payment being made from the following funds: General Fund, \$95,770.51; Athletics, \$4,042.26; and Food Service, \$7,413.28. The motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Connie Dzedzie and supported by Jim Milbrandt to approve the payrolls for the dates of September 25 and October 9, 2009 and payment of the benefits and utilities from September 15 through October 12, 2009. The motion carried 5-0.

Public Petitions

Mary Jo Freed asked whether or not there was a family rate for ball games. She felt that this might increase attendance at the games. Superintendent Tebbe noted that this has been discussed before but can be considered again.

PTO Report – from Tiffany Milbrandt (See attached)

All Sports Boosters Report – from Connie Dzedzie

The boosters are trying to recover from two break-ins at the football concession stand. Repairs will take some money and this has cut into our profits. The building will be repaired and locking shutters installed on the windows to prevent further occurrences.

Principal's Reports

Tony Basanese reported a great start with very few problems.

- ✓ There has been an unusually large turnover of students this year. Although we cannot officially count until Sept. 21st but it appears that we will have lost 33 former students and have gained 25 new students.
- ✓ Homecoming will be Friday, Oct. 2nd (dance will be after the game). Spirit Week will be Sept. 28th through October 2nd.
- ✓ The ACT will be given the same week as the boys' district basketball tournament takes place so we are looking at having the testing elsewhere.
- ✓ Academy Block has been a topic of discussion with staff due to the changing enrollment. Principal Basanese is proposing changing the two-week rotation. The faculty would like to try more mentoring with student/teacher relationships. The Board asked for a report at the end of the first 9 weeks, in order to evaluate the success of this program.
- ✓ Lockers are in a state of disrepair. 42 lockers are not workable at this time even though maintenance has continually worked on fixing them.

New elementary principal, Monique Dean reported

- ✓ "Core Democratic Values" is the theme for Grandparents' Day on Friday, Sept. 18th.
- ✓ Positive Behavior Support is going well. Teachers have been reinforcing the rules and referring students to the Principal.
- ✓ Field Day "Going Buggy" on Sept. 22nd from Mrs. Weitzel-Bailey.
- ✓ MEAPS weeks 2 & 3 of Oct. Grades 5 & 7 are piloting new writing test. Adjusting the testing in the elementary school through work with Tracy Hales, Literacy Consultant.
- ✓ One teachers' meeting per month will focus on curriculum.
- ✓ First child study meeting will be held at the end of the month.
- ✓ Would Board members like to be adopted by the elementary school? 100% of Board members.
- ✓ Dennis Halverson of Char-Em will be at a staff meeting to go over lock-down and tornado drill procedures.

Superintendent Tebbe noted that the Office of Civil Rights wants to get the issue of gender specific classes off the table. We have provided them with master schedule and letter, which shows that we do not have any such classes this year. They are considering what to do with the complaint. They will most likely close out the complaint and open a new case. We still believe this is a valuable tool.

Recognitions & Remembrances - None

Old Business

It was moved by John Ritter and supported by Jim Milbrandt to employ Mrs. Sherry Sheldon, as a MEAP consultant on a time and materials basis for a short time to help with fall testing. The motion carried 5-0.

New Business

It was moved by Connie Dzedzie and supported by Sheri Kindell to approve the Cooperative

Agreement with the Boyne City Public Schools for the Alternative Education Program at Boyne Valley Education Center. The motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by John Ritter and supported by Connie Dzedzie to approve the cooperative agreement with Habitat for Humanity for the construction of a home in Pellston during the 2009-10 school year. The motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Jim Milbrandt and supported by Sheri Kindell to approve the resolution allowing a purchase agreement between Kurt & Christine Nothstine and the Pellston Public Schools for a land contract for 6 months on the building trades home on White Pine Drive, Pellston. The motion passed 5-0.

Personnel

It was moved by Connie Dzedzie and supported by John Ritter to approve the recommendation of the A.D. to move Donald Thorn to the J.V. Assistant Football coaching position and Scott Hamlin to the 7 & 8 grade head coaching position with Sam Schlosser and James Boelter approved at volunteer coaches. The motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by John Ritter and supported by Jim Milbrandt to approve the general employment contacts with Jeanne Fletcher as part-time elementary custodian, Pat Bassett as high school cook, Oscar Overholt as bus mechanic and Ron Cook as bus driver for the 2009-10 school year. The motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by John Ritter and supported by Jim Milbrandt to approve the extension of Food Service Supervisor contract for Mr. Bruce Spsychalski for 2009-10. The motion carried 5-0.

Committee Reports/Assignments

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

Superintendent Tebbe noted his concern about numbers in the football program. The team suffered an injury last week and this puts more stress on the players remaining. J.V. is unable to field a team this week, as a result of moving several boys up to varsity.

Superintendent Tebbe reported a significant incident on one of the buses on Friday. There will be a hearing as soon as the needed parties can be brought together.

There being no further business, it was moved by John Ritter and supported by Sheri Kindell to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:17 P.M.