

PELLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Minutes

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

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

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 Tuesday, April 13, 2021. Members present: Jim Milbrandt, Mark Zink, Kristen Bauer-Frye, Bryan Searles, Serenity Dankert and Stephanie Bromley. Members absent: Rob Thomson.

President Milbrandt called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm.

The *Pledge of Allegiance* and a moment of reflection were led by Jim Milbrandt.

Information/Presentations

Athletic Report: Matt Sheick provided a written report to the Board. Report on file.

Transportation Report: Matt Sheick provided a written report to the Board. Report on file.

Food Service Report: Sherry Sedore provided a written report to the Board. Report on file.

Elementary Report – Tammy VanAntwerp and Mr. Seelye provided a written report to the Board. Report on file.

MS/HS Principal Report – Mr. Bacon provided a written report to the Board. Report on file.

Public Commentary

Correspondence

Old Business:

New Business:

Confirmation of Learning Plan

This is the state requirement that must be completed at each monthly board meeting. Mr. Seelye's recommendation to the Board of Education is to approve the districts Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan. Motion by Mark Zink, supported by Serenity Dankert. Motion carried 6-0.

2020-2021 Budget Update

Finance Director, Mrs. Kris Vizina presented an updated budget for the 2020-2021 school year. Pellston Public Schools finances look great. The district is set to add \$180,000 to our fund balance. No action was requested at this time.

Playground Improvements Presentation

Mr. Seelye has been working with a large group of elementary staff on the playground improvement committee. Ashley Bickes has taken the lead on this project and presented the playground improvements the committee would like to pursue. No action was requested at this time.

Bond Renewal

Mr. Seelye shared communication regarding a bond that is set to expire this year. If the district has a large project to complete, discussion would be had about taking it to voters again. Mr. Seelye's recommendation would be to let the bond expire, which will improve the districts chances of renewing our sinking fund in another 2 years if needed. Topic was up for discussion. No action was requested at this time.

MS/HS Equipment Purchase

Ms. Blust and Ms. Crockett have been working on a list of supplies they would like to have in their middle/high school Physical Education classes. The Board of Education agreed to purchase equipment to support our middle/high school physical education department using available ESSER funds.

Title I Financial Audit Findings

Mr. Seelye shared with the Board about the Title I audit that was just completed. The audit is a great deal of work which Kris Vizina did a tremendous job. Mr. Seelye met with the auditor this morning to discuss findings of the audit. The auditor found two employees in our 3-year-old preschool program who were paid from Title I funds that did not meet all of the Title I criteria even though they hold the degrees needed for their positions. The district has the ability to appeal the decision, which we will do. There is no financial penalty to the district for these findings. Kris will just need to cover those wages with a different allocation. No action is requested at this time.

Cost of CTE Building Update

Mr. Seelye gave an update on the planning stages of the CTE building. No action was requested at this time.

Char-Em ISD Budget

Mr. Seelye shared the preliminary proposed Char-Em ISD budget for the 2021-2022 school year to the Board. Motion by Mark Zink, supported by Bryan Searles, "that the Board of Education, confirms the Char-Em ISD budget as presented." The motion carried 6-0.

Solar Array Project Award

The district had 5 interested contractors and received 4 bids. Utopian Power was the lowest bid but also checked all of the boxes that the district is looking for. Most importantly, they are the only company that can complete the project this year. This entire project is covered by fundraising and donations. Mr. Seelye is recommending to the Board of Education, to move forward on this project with Utopian Power LLC. Motion by Serenity Dankert, supported by Kristen Bauer-Frye, "that the Board of Education, award the Solar Array Project to Utopian Power LLC for the amount of \$47,995.00, as presented by Mr. Stephen Seelye. Motion carried 6-0.

Athletic Construction Project Award

The district had a bid opening today at 3:00pm that was open to the public. Bids were then reviewed and taken through a rubric. Mr. Seelye is recommending to the Board of Education, to move forward

on this project with Ironwood Construction. Motion by Mark Zink, supported by Kristen Bauer-Frye, “that the Board of Education, award the Athletic Construction Project to Ironwood Construction for the amount of \$1,548,737.00, as presented by Mr. Stephen Seelye. Serenity Dankert abstained from voting. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion by Serenity Dankert, supported by Mark Zink, “that the Consent Agenda Items for the April 13, 2021 meeting of the Board of Education be adopted, as presented.” The motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion: “that the Board of Education approve the regular meeting minutes of the March 8, 2021 Board Meeting.”

Payment of the Bills

Motion: “that the Board of Education, pay Gross Payrolls for March 12, 2021, March 26, 2021 and April 9, 2021; Benefits and Utilities and ACH transfers for the month of March 2021.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education of Pellston Public Schools pay all fund bills paid by checks as listed in the enclosed board packet totaling: \$637,291.07.”

Business and Finance Items

Motion: “that the Board of Education, award the bid of \$2,042.00 to Mr. Dave Freed for body work and painting needed on the CTE Public Safety Program’s 2007 Chevrolet Impala.”

Personnel Items

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve the hiring of Kathleen Blust as the Middle School Track coach, as presented by Mr. Matt Sheick, Athletic Director.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve the hiring of Keahna DePauw as the Varsity Softball coach, as presented by Mr. Matt Sheick, Athletic Director.”

Adjournment

It was motioned by Mark Zink and supported by Serenity Dankert to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 PM. The motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned.