

PELLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Minutes

**Truth & Taxation Hearing and Regular Board of Education Meeting
Gerald E. Mallory Board of Education Conference Room
7:00 p.m.**

Monday, June 8, 2026

The Truth & Taxation Hearing of the Board of Education of Pellston Public Schools was held in the Gerald E. Mallory Board of Education Conference Room on Monday, June 8, 2026.

Members present: Jim Milbrandt, Rob Thomson, Kristen Bauer-Frye, Serenity Dankert, Bryan Searles, Kim Jutson and Amanda McCafferty.

The public hearing on the Truth & Taxation 2026-2027 hearing was called to order at 7:00pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance and moment of reflection were led by Amanda McCafferty.

The Pellston Board of Education proposes the following tax rates for the 2026 tax year of 18.0000 operational mills (16.8445 & 1.1555) levied on non-homestead and non-qualified agricultural property and Sinking Fund mills of 1.4594 levied on all properties.

Public Commentary

Adjournment

It was motioned by Serenity Dankert and supported by Bryan Searles to adjourn the meeting at 7:03pm. The motion carried 7-0.

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, June 8, 2026. Members Present: Jim Milbrandt, Rob Thomson, Kristen Bauer-Frye, Serenity Dankert, Bryan Searles, Kim Jutson and Amanda McCafferty.

President Milbrandt called the Regular Board of Education meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Spotlight Presentation –

Information / Presentations

Athletic Report: Kurt Grangood provided a written report to the Board. Report on file.

Transportation Report: Lee Minzey provided a written report to the Board. Report on file.

Food Service Report: Mariah Heinz provided a written report to the Board. Report on file.

Elementary Principal Report – Tammy VanAntwerp provided a written report to the Board. Report on file.

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

Administrators' Highlights –

Public Commentary

Correspondence/Communication

Old Business

New Business

2025-2026 Year End General Fund Budget Amendment Resolution-Version C

Motion by Serenity Dankert and supported by Kim Jutson, “that the Board of Education approve the 2025-2026-year end amendment to the General Fund Budget; and therefore adopt the amended budget, as recommended administratively.” The motion carried 7-0.

General Fund Original Budget Resolution for the 2026-2027 School Year

Motion by Rob Thomson and supported by Serenity Dankert, “that the Board of Education approve the 2026-2027 tax rates of 18.0000 operational mills (16.8445 & 1.1555) and sinking fund rate of 1.4595 levied on all properties and adopt the 2026-2027 Original Budget Resolution, as recommended administratively.” The motion carried 7-0.

Parking Lot Resurfacing Project

Motion by Kim Jutson and supported by Bryan Searles, “that the Board of Education allows the Superintendent to enter into agreement with the bid winner, as recommended administratively.” The motion carried 7-0.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion by Serenity Dankert and supported by Kristen Bauer-Frye, “that the Consent Agenda Items for the June 8, 2026 meeting of the Board of Education be adopted as presented.” Motion carried 7-0.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion: “that the Board of Education approve the regular meeting minutes of the May 11, 2026 Board Meeting.”

Payment of the Bills

Motion: “that the Board of Education, pay Gross Payrolls for May 1, 2026, May 15, 2026 and May 29, 2026; Benefits and Utilities and ACH transfers for the month of May 2026.”

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: \$1,189,855.48.”

Personnel Items:

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve the hiring of Miss Zoey VanTol as a 4th Grade Teacher, as presented by Mrs. Tammy VanAntwerp.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve the hiring of Mr. Brad Nicholls as a MS/HS Intervention Specialist, as presented by Mr. Chris Schlappi.”

Business and Finance Items:

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve the membership renewal for MASB at a cost of \$2,000.00, as presented by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education, approve our membership renewal for MHSAA, as presented by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Closed Session: Superintendent Evaluation

Motion by Serenity Dankert and supported by Kim Jutson: “that the Board of Education, move to closed session at 7:29pm for the purpose of conducting the Superintendent Evaluation and to discuss MEA and Support Staff contract negotiations, as recommended by Mr. Stephen Seelye, Superintendent.” The motion carried 7-0.

Open Session:

Motion by Amanda McCafferty and supported by Serenity Dankert: “that the Board of Education, move back into open session at 8:31pm, as recommended by Mr. Stephen Seelye, Superintendent.” The motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Rating

Motion by Bryan Searles and supported by Amanda McCafferty, “that the Board of Education will rate Superintendent, Stephen Seelye’s 2025-2026 annual evaluation as Effective.” Motion carried 7-0.

Adjournment

It was motioned by Serenity Dankert and supported by Rob Thomson to adjourn the meeting at 8:33pm. The motion carried 7-0.