

PELLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Minutes

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

Monday, May 11, 2026

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, May 11, 2026. Members present: Jim Milbrandt, Rob Thomson, Kristen Bauer-Frye, Serenity Dankert, Kim Jutson and Amanda McCafferty. Members absent: Bryan Searles

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

The *Pledge of Allegiance* and a moment of reflection were led by Kristen Bauer-Frye.

Information/Presentations

Spotlight Presentation – Village Well Project

Athletic Report – Mr. Kurt Grangood (Report Enclosed)

Transportation Report – Mr. Lee Minzey (Report Enclosed)

Food Service Report – Mrs. Mariah Heinz (Report Enclosed)

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

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

Administrator Highlights

Public Commentary

Correspondence

Old Business

New Business

Snow Day Forgiveness Approval – Mr. Seelye updated the Board of Education on where we stand with state forgiveness for the district closures this school year. We applied for and received 3 additional days of forgiveness, leaving us with 4 remaining days. Mr. Seelye has had several conversations and has attended multiple meetings regarding this matter while we wait for a decision from Lansing. Last year, we needed board approval to be able to use additional forgiveness days. Assuming we will need the same board approval this year, Mr. Seelye is asking the Board of Education to vote today.

Motion by Rob Thomson and supported by Kim Jutson, “that the Board of Education approve the possible use of additional snow day forgiveness that may come for the 2025-2026 school year from legislation, as presented by Mr. Stephen Seelye.” Motion carried 6-0.

Graduation Alliance Update – Mr. Seelye shared several positive updates with the Board of Education after recently attending two conferences with Graduation Alliance presentations. No action was requested at this time.

Pellston/Alanson Athletics – Mr. Seelye led a discussion with the Board of Education to update everyone on the status of the Athletic Cooperative Agreement with Alanson. All of Alanson’s athletic teams; with the exception of Girls Volleyball and Boys Basketball, will be competing on Pellston teams as Pellston athletes next season. No action was requested at this time.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion by Serenity Dankert, supported by Kristen Bauer-Frye, “that the Consent Agenda Items for the May 11, 2026 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 April 13, 2026 Board Meeting”.

Payment of the Bills

Motion: “that the Board of Education, pay Gross Payrolls for April 3, 2026 and April 17, 2026; Benefits and Utilities and ACH transfers for the month of April 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: \$820,830.04.”

Business and Finance Items

Motion: “that the Board of Education approve the hiring of a grant writer to assist with the formal submission of the USDA DLT Technology Grant, as recommended by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education approve the quote from Commercial Exterior Cleaners for the removal of rust on the exterior of the buildings in the amount of \$4,010.00, as recommended by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education approve a financial contribution from the district towards the purchase of Senior Banners in the amount of \$1,200.00, as recommended by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Personnel Items

Motion: “that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Mrs. Lakyn Webster, as a 2nd Grade Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year, as recommended by Mrs. Tammy VanAntwerp.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education approve a Graduation Alliance stipend for Jennifer Dilworth in the amount of \$2,500.00, as recommended by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Adjournment

It was motioned by Serenity Dankert and supported by Kim Jutson to adjourn the meeting at 8:06PM. The motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned.