

PELLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Minutes

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

Monday, November 9, 2020

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, November 9, 2020. Members present in the Board Room: Jim Milbrandt, Mark Zink, Rob Thomson, Bryan Searles, Kristen Bauer-Frye and Serenity Dankert. Members present via Zoom: Stephanie Bromley.

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

The *Pledge of Allegiance* and a moment of reflection were led by Rob Thomson.

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:

Hybrid vs. In Person Instruction MS/HS

Mr. Seelye invited Lisa Peacock from the Health Department of Northwest Michigan to attend the board meeting via Zoom. Lisa shared professional insight with the board regarding the current COVID-19 status in our area as well as the importance of students attending school as much as possible. Ms. Peacock is also aware of all the additional safety precautions the district has in place to protect staff and students against COVID-19. A district meeting was also had with administration, Return to School preparedness team and MS/HS to discuss options/plans for remaining hybrid or returning F2F. MS/HS staff is ready to teach students anyway they can with as much consistency as possible moving forward. The Board voted to have MS/HS staff and students return for Face to Face

Instruction effective, Monday, November 16, 2020. Motion by Bryan Searles, supported by Mark Zink. The motion carried 6 to 1.

Confirmation of Learning Plan

This is the new state requirement that must be completed at each monthly board meeting. After a meeting with the Return to School preparedness team, MS/HS staff and Lisa Peacock from the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, Mr. Seelye's recommendation to the Board of Education is to approve the districts Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan. Motion by Bryan Searles, supported by Mark Zink. Motion carried 6-1.

Hazard Pay

Mr. Seelye previously shared with the Board, the Michigan Department of Treasury is offering hazard pay (COVID-19 Grant Program) for K-12 educators who continued to work during the spring closure from April 2020-June 2020. Kris Vizina is working on a list of eligible staff which includes everyone except preschool and administration. Mr. Seelye believes in treating all staff fairly and would like to include preschool staff, Mrs. Broman, Mrs. Farkas and Mrs. Bohn. Mr. Seelye's recommendation is to use COVID-19 funding for the staff who do not qualify for the COVID-19 Grant Program. Mrs. Vizina will have numbers to present at the December board meeting. No action was requested at this time.

Vape Detectors MS/HS

One of the final projects on our school security project is vape detectors in the MS/HS building. The quote is far more expensive than anticipated. Mr. Seelye would like to pause this project until next summer to allow more time to shop around. No action was requested at this time.

School Van Wrap

Mr. Seelye's conversations with Mr. Gorno at Gorno Ford about sharing the cost of wrapping the van have been disappointing. The district has approval from CTE Director, Mr. Jim Rummer to use CTE funds for the van wrap as long as we mention CTE in the design. No action was requested at this time.

Public Safety CTE Police Vehicle

Mr. Seelye is interested in the possibility of purchasing a used police vehicle for our Public Safety CTE program. Mr. Seelye has been in contact with local law enforcement agencies and will continue to keep the Board updated if a vehicle becomes available for purchase. 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 November 9, 2020 meeting of the Board of Education be adopted, as presented." The motion carried 7-0.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion: "that the Board of Education approve the regular meeting minutes of the October 12, 2020 Regular Board Meeting."

Payment of the Bills

Motion: “that the Board of Education, pay Gross Payrolls for October 23, 2020 and November 6, 2020; Benefits and Utilities and ACH transfers for the month of October 2020.”

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: \$595,978.20”

Business and Finance Items

Personnel Items

Motion: “that the Board of Education of Pellston Public Schools, approve the hiring of Ms. Jennifer Volz, for the new, one year position as MS/HS Remote Intervention Specialist, per the support staff contract letter of understanding, as recommended by Mr. Stephen Seelye, Superintendent.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education of Pellston Public Schools, approve the hiring of Mr. Jared Anderson as the 7th grade Boys Basketball Coach, as recommended by Mr. Stephen Seelye, Superintendent.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education of Pellston Public Schools approve the hiring of Mr. Nate Meinke as the JV Boys Basketball Coach, as recommended by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education of Pellston Public Schools approve the hiring of Mr. Christopher Schlappi as the Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, as recommended by Mr. Stephen Seelye, Superintendent.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education of Pellston Public Schools approve the hiring of Rachel Sanford as a substitute Bus Driver, as recommended by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education of Pellston Public Schools approve the hiring of Heather Langenburg as MS/HS Cook at Pellston, as recommended by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Motion: “that the Board of Education of Pellston Public Schools approve the hiring of Daniel Barden as a Cook at Alanson Schools, as recommended by Mr. Stephen Seelye.”

Adjournment

It was motioned by Stephanie Bromley and supported by Mark Zink to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. The motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned.