

PENDER PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

Pender Public School – Room #109

April 12, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

The Pender Public School Board of Education met in regular session in Room #109 on Wednesday, April 12, 2023. President Matt Peters called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with the following members present: Jason Roth, J.J. Maise, Jean Karlen, Mandy Johnson and Matt Peters. Absent: Matt Heineman. Also present were Superintendent Jason Dolliver, Elementary Principal/SPED Director Kelly Ballinger, Secondary Principal Eric Miller and Recording Secretary Deanna Hansen.

As required by Nebraska Statute 84-1412(8), President Peters drew the attention of those present to the location of information regarding the Open Meetings Act posted in the meeting room and accessible to all members of the public.

President Peters reviewed the agenda as presented, affirmed that every board member had received notice of the meeting, and confirmed that the time and place of the meeting had been published or posted as required by Board Policy 8342. The meeting was published in The Pender Times newspaper on April 6, 2023.

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held March 13, 2023 was made by Heineman and seconded by Maise. President Peters stated the motion and the result of roll call vote being all ayes (5-0, Heineman absent), motion carried.

The Board heard from students Trey Johnson, Camryn Miller and Alyssa Geisert as well as Sponsor Mrs. Tara Miller about the recent Close-Up trip to Washington D.C. A group of 12 senior students along with Mrs. Miller and Connie Felber participated in the Close-Up trip March 19-24th. They shared a slide show that highlighted each days' activities. They answered questions and ended by thanking the Board of Education for approving and adding Close-Up back as an extracurricular activity. President Peter's thanked the students and Mrs. Miller for their time.

Board member Heineman arrived at 7:19 pm.

Superintendent Dolliver presented the Financial Reports, reviewing the expenses and revenue for the General, School Nutrition and Activity Funds.

A motion was made by Heineman and seconded by Karlen to approve the financial reports and payment of bills as follows: General Fund - \$344,727.19; Hot Lunch Fund - \$24,126.42; Activity Fund - \$43,034.05; Employee Benefit Fund - \$3,289.30; Special Building Fund - \$114,196.20 and Payroll - \$226,197.36.

President Peters stated the motion and the result of roll call vote being all ayes (6-0), motion carried.

Elementary Principal/Special Education Director Kelly Ballinger, Secondary Principal Eric Miller and Superintendent Jason Dolliver presented their administrative reports. These reports can be seen in their entirety on the Pender Public School website <https://penderschools.org>. A printed copy can be obtained at the school. Some of the topics covered in the reports include:

Superintendent

Mission Statement
Professional Goals
Conferences/Workshops/Mtgs
School Improvement
NECC Reimbursement
Room Usage in 2023-24

Secondary Principal

Mission Statement
Professional Goals
Workshops/Meetings
Professional Development
Instructional Coaching
School Counselor Update

Elementary Principal

Mission Statement
Professional Goals
Workshops/Meetings
LETRS Training
Collaborative Coaching
LB399

Summer Help
Positions to Fill
Admin Team Transition
December 2023 BOE Mtg
May 2023 BOE Mtg

Activity Update
State Speech
Class C All-State Band
Close-Up 2023
Governor Pillen's Visit
State FFA Convention
Spring Activities
Spring e-Sports
LB 399
Upcoming Events

Corky Malmberg Annul
Science Day
NSCAS Assessments
Para Appreciation Day
Preschool Information
PRIDE Awards
Upcoming Events

Superintendent Dolliver reported that 3 interviews were conducted for the open secondary teacher position due to professional advancement. Allie Conner was offered and has accepted the District's offer to be the new Secondary Social Sciences teacher. She comes to Pender with three years of experience and will be able to help with extra-curricular activities. Dr. Dolliver recommended approving the contract as reviewed.

A motion was made by Maise and seconded by Johnson to approve the probationary teaching contract offered to Allie Conner for the position Secondary Social Sciences teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. President Peters stated the motion and the result of roll call vote being all ayes (6-0); motion carried.

Superintendent Dolliver told the Board that he had met with members of the Negotiations Committee earlier in the day to review a recommendation for work agreements and compensation for classified staff members for the 2023-2024 school year. The total package represents an increase of 4.98% or \$55,304.33. Board members reviewed the information presented and discussed the proposal. Dr. Dolliver recommended approving the 2023-2024 classified staff compensation package as reviewed.

A motion was made by Maise and seconded by Johnson to approve the 2023-2024 classified staff work agreements and compensation including a total package increase of \$55,304.33 or 4.98%. President Peters restated the motion and the result of roll call vote being all ayes (6-0), motion carried.

Superintendent Dolliver and Elementary Principal Ballinger led a discussion about the preschool program and provided additional information about the number of 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds for the 2023-24 school year. Options were discussed. The board asked questions and shared opinions. Dolliver reported that he and Mrs. Ballinger would continue to work on the options and hopefully a plan would be in place as soon as possible. No formal action was taken.

Dr. Dolliver reported on a partnership between PPS and Little Sprouts, the Little Pendragons Summer Program, that is in the works. Little Sprouts would like to serve more kids during the summer months when PPS is not in session. When school is not in session, there is a lot of space in our building that could productively be used. These two concepts seem to blend together well. This program is a win for the community and allowing it to happen in the school seems to only benefit the school. The Board reviewed and discussed the agreement that was presented. No formal action was taken.

Superintendent Dolliver reported that a new JPA is needed for P2T (Pathways 2 Tomorrow). The new JPA is very similar to the one we originally entered into. It allows the JPA to levy up to \$0.01 per \$100 of valuation from property owners in the PPS District. Approving this JPA gives P2T the authority to access the levy for 3 years. After 3 years, a new agreement will be needed. Dr. Dolliver reviewed the JPA with the Board; discussion followed; recommend adopting the resolution as presented.

A motion was made by Heineman and seconded by Roth to approve the JPA as reviewed. President Peters restated the motion and the result of roll call vote being all ayes (6-0), motion carried.

Mr. Conroy had indicated that he did not plan to teach Driver's Education after the summer of 2022. Dr. Dolliver reported that a replacement was not found, and if we want to offer a Driver's Ed program during the summer of

2023, some adjustments to the fee and compensation are needed. Mr. Conroy agreed to teach it again in 2023, but for a higher fee per student. The fee for the course and the rate of compensation for the instructor have not changed since the summer of 2019. Dr. Dolliver recommended increasing the tuition fee to \$300 per student, and the compensation per student to \$200.

A motion was made by Karlen and seconded by Johnson to increase the tuition fee for Driver's Education to \$300 per student and the compensation per student to \$200 per student. President Peters restated the motion and the result of roll call vote being all ayes (6-0), motion carried.

Dr. Dolliver reported meeting with members of the Facilities / Transportation Committee on March 31 to review the list of projects for the summer of 2023. That list of summer projects was reviewed with the Board. The Board asked questions and answers were provided. The total cost for the painting was not available yet, but Superintendent Dolliver recommend approving the list of projects as presented.

A motion was made by Maise and seconded by Heineman to approve up to \$225,000.00 for completion of items on the list of summer projects. President Peters restated the motion and the result of roll call vote being all ayes (6-0), motion carried.

A plan for purchasing technology devices for the 2023-24 school was provided to Board members. Superintendent Dolliver reviewed the plan for replacing devices that are nearing the end of their life. The plan included 145 Chromebooks, 4 MacBooks, 3 iPads, 1 Primary Server, 1 computer for the conference room, 5 Cleartouch Panels, 1 Smart Display and Speakers for three classrooms for a total cost of \$92,774.81.

Dr. Dolliver also informed the Board that \$45,994.25 would be reimbursed to the District via the Emergency Connectivity Fund grant that was submitted during the 2021-22 school year. The list of items was reviewed prior to the Board meeting with members of the committee on American Civics. The Board talked about the technology purchases and asked questions. Following discussion, Dr. Dolliver recommended approving the technology device purchases as reviewed.

A motion was made by Karlen and seconded by Johnson to approve the purchase of technology items as reviewed for a total cost to district of \$46,780.56. President Peters restated the motion and the result of roll call vote being all ayes (6-0), motion carried.

Members of the Committee on American Civics met with a team of teachers and administrators met prior to the Board meeting. The staff team presented a recommendation for K-12 social sciences curriculum resources. This recommendation included materials from McGraw Hill for grades 5-12, materials from Gibbs Smith Education for students in grade 4, materials from Savvas Learning for students in grades 2-3 and materials from Weekly Studies for students in grades kindergarten and 1st. The total cost of the proposal was \$57,863.28. Board members reviewed the proposal and members of the Committee on American Civics provided input to assist with making a decision. Superintendent Dolliver recommended the purchase of social sciences resources as presented by the staff committee members.

A motion was made by Roth and seconded by Johnson to approve the purchase of social sciences curriculum resources from McGraw Hill, Gibbs Smith, Savvas Learning and Weekly Studies for a total cost to the District of \$57,863.28. President Peters stated the motion and the result of roll call vote being all ayes (6-0); motion carried.

Superintendent Dolliver talked with the Board about the summer foodservice program, which the District began operating during the summer of 2018. He said continuing the program is good for the school and for the community. He recommended that the Board approve operating a summer food service program again during the summer of 2023 in a capacity that best works for PPS.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Maise to approve operation of the Summer Foodservice Program during the summer of 2023. President Peters restated the motion and the result of roll call vote being all ayes (6-0), motion carried.

Dr. Dolliver updated Board members on the progress of the ESSER Addition and Classroom Expansion project. Things are moving towards completion, and there is a chance our May Board Meeting could be in the new addition. No action was needed.

Superintendent Dolliver reported to the Board that the Fundraising Committee for the PSC has been reactivated, which is good to see. Forward progress on the design for the building is being made as well. No action was needed.

President Peters reminded those in attendance of the next regular Board Meeting on May 8, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. Superintendent Dolliver invited and encouraged all board members to participate in the graduation ceremony on Sunday, May 14 at 2:00 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Johnson and seconded by Roth. President Peters stated the motion and the result of roll call vote being all ayes (6-0), the meeting was adjourned at 10:24 pm.

Jason Roth, Secretary

Deanna Hansen, Recording Secretary

Pender Public Schools

4/23 General Fund Payables

Check Number	Payee	Type	Amount
40093	AFLAC-12	April Payroll Liability	\$919.55
40094	AFLAC-10	April Payroll Liability	\$118.88
40095	Blue Cross Blue Shield of NE	April Payroll Liability	\$72,978.68
40096	Credit Management Services, Inc.	April Payroll Liability	\$330.30
40097	Department of Revenue	April Payroll Liability	\$9,856.88
EFT	Employee Benefit Fund	April Payroll Liability	\$5,083.57
40098	Frontier Bank	April Payroll Liability	\$65,562.26
40099	Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc	April Payroll Liability	\$1,719.96
40100	NCF c/o PSC	April Payroll Liability	\$68.78
40101	Nebraska School Retirement	April Payroll Liability	\$53,822.21
40102	Pender General Fund	April Payroll Liability	\$474.00
40103	Pender/Thurston Education & Community Foundation	April Payroll Liability	\$258.78
40104	Special Building Fund	April Payroll Liability	\$231.67
40105	Vision Service Plan	April Payroll Liability	\$660.81
EFT	HSA Account Contributions	April Payroll Liability	\$5,331.03
40106	Amazon Capital Services	Accounts Payable	\$5,222.25
40107	Appeara	Rug Rental	\$77.00
40108	Ashfall Fossil Beds	Field Trip Admission Fee	\$130.00
40109	Canon Financial Services	Copier Lease	\$1,070.72
40110	Carpenter Paper Company	Custodial Supplies	\$1,064.94
40111	Cubby's	Fuel & Miscellaneous Supplies	\$4,103.87
40112	Educational Service Unit #1	3rd Qtr. SPED Services	\$81,828.20
40113	Essential Screens	Background Checks	\$124.50
40114	Fastwyre Broadband	Telephone	\$300.64
40115	First National Bank	Accounts Payable	\$4,110.36
40116	FP Mailing Solutions	Postage Meter Rent	\$180.00
40117	Harris School Solutions	AAWeb Software Renewal	\$1,340.10
40118	Hauff Mid-America Sports	Crossing Zone Mat for Track	\$1,403.80
40119	Henry Doorly Zoo	Grade Field Trip Admission Fee	\$199.50
40120	Janke Auto Co.	Van Maintenance	\$155.20
40121	Jerico Construction LLC	Sidewalk Replacement	\$850.00
40122	Kayla Welch, BCBA	Professional BCBA Services	\$1,687.50
40123	Koski, Keith W	Reimbursement	\$63.68
40124	Lamp Auto Parts	Diesel Treatment & DEF Fluid	\$233.89
40125	Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.	Welding Gas & Bottle Rent	\$157.92
40126	Microtel	Lodging-Autism Conference	\$268.00
40127	Midwest Alarm Services	Professional Fees	\$132.33
40128	NASB	Accounts Payable	\$270.00
40129	Pender Ace Hardware	Miscellaneous Supplies	\$81.96
40130	Pender Closeup	After School Program Supplies	\$150.00
40131	Pender Community Hospital	DOT Physicals & Lab Fees	\$556.00
40132	Pender Municipal Utilities	March Usage	\$16,706.43
40133	Pender School Nutrition Fund	Reimbursement	\$300.00
40134	Petty Cash Fund	Reimbursement	\$921.50
40135	Quill Corporation	Office Supplies	\$33.99
40136	Ramada by Wyndham-Gl	Lodging-NAEP Conference	\$114.95
40137	Rays Midbell	Instrumental Music	\$670.81
40138	S & W Welding	Gate	\$1,250.00
40139	SAC & Aerospace Museum	Field Trip Admission Fee	\$380.00
40140	Sheet Music Plus	Band Music	\$69.58
40141	Sturek Media, Inc.	Printing	\$375.07
40142	UnityPoint Clinic-Occupational Medicine	Professional Fees	\$84.00
40143	University of NE - Lincoln	College Visit meals	\$135.00
40144	UNL State Museum	Field Trip Admission Fee	\$131.62
40145	Verizon Wireless	Wi-Fi	\$80.02
40146	Henry Doorly Zoo	Field Trip Admission Fee	\$294.50
		General Fund AP Total	\$344,727.19
		General Fund Payroll Total	\$220,165.08
		School Nutrition Fund Total	\$30,158.70
		Activity Fund Total	\$43,034.05
		Employee Benefit Fund Total	\$3,289.30
		Special Building Fund Total	\$114,196.20