

Pendleton County Schools Thirteenth County Board Meeting Tuesday, January 26, 2010

The Pendleton County Board of Education convened in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 26, 2010, at Franklin Elementary School. The following members were present: J. D. Wilkins, President; Richard Gillespie, Vice-president; Sonny O'Neil; Teresa Bowers; Betty Kimble. Central Office Staff present: Douglas Lambert, Superintendent; J. P. Mowery; Charles Hedrick and Nancy R. Blankenship.

The Board met with the Franklin Elementary LSIC/FS/SCT from 6:00 P.M. - 6:55 P.M. Mr. Lambert presented Mr. Linaburg and his staff with a plaque recognizing that Franklin Elementary School had received full accreditation.

CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT: President Wilkins called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation:** Mr. Lambert led the *Pledge of Allegiance* and Mr. Wilkins led the group in prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

The minutes of the January 12, 2010, Board Meeting: Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Ms. Kimble, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the above Board Meeting.

Personnel Hearings: There were no personnel hearings requested.

PERSONNEL:

Retirements/Resignations: There were no retirements/resignations.

Employment of Personnel:

John Lawson - Varsity Boys Basketball Coach - PCHS.

Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Ms. Bowers, seconded by Mr. Gillespie, the Board voted unanimously to approve the above employment of personnel.

Approval of Employee Contract Termination:

William Beatty - Due to possible realignment at Pendleton County Middle/High School, which would result in the part-time position of Alternative Education teacher being eliminated and combined with another position.

Joyce Bland - Due to possible lack of need for the same number of Instructional Aides within the special education program and the subsequent need to reduce the total number of service personnel.

Gena Harper - Due to uncertainty of need for the same number of Instructional Aides next school year and the subsequent need to reduce the total number of service personnel.

Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. O'Neil, seconded by Ms. Bowers, the Board voted unanimously to approve the above employee contract terminations.

FINANCE:

Budget Supplements: Mr. Mowery presented Budget Supplements #121-\$1,000.00; #122-

\$1,000.00; #123-\$500.00; #124-\$90.90; #125-\$1,350.00 - Total: \$4,790.90. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Ms. Kimble, seconded by Mr. Gillespie, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Budget Supplements as presented.

Financial Update: There were no updates. Mr. Lambert and Mr. Mowery will talk later in the meeting about their trip to Charleston today to meet with legislators and also about OPEB.

Broadband Proposal: Mr. Mowery presented the Broadband Proposal - pricing and lease agreement from Shentel. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and motion by Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Mr. O'Neil, the Board voted unanimously to approve the leasing agreement with Shentel for Broadband effective July 1, 2010.

June 30, 2009 Audit: Mr. Mowery told the Board Members that the Auditors will be doing the annual audit February 23-26 here in the county and in the schools.

Impact Aid Authorized Representative: Mr. Mowery explained that the Superintendent has to be approved annually as the Impact Aid Authorized Representative. Upon a motion by Ms. Kimble, seconded by Ms. Bowers, the Board voted unanimously to approve the above appointment.

Policies for Review - 1st Reading: Mr. Mowery presented policies for review for first reading. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. O'Neil, seconded by Ms. Kimble, the Board voted unanimously to approve the first reading of the policies for review.

OLD BUSINESS:

Brandywine Elementary School Water: Doug Simmons gave the Board a report on the Brandywine Elementary School water situation. There was also discussion about the Franklin Elementary School water bill. Mr. Simmons told the Board that West Virginia Department of Education Office of School Facilities had come to Pendleton County Middle/High School to check on the air quality issue. There were no air quality problems found. Mr. Lambert expressed his appreciation to Doug Simmons and Mike Hammer for their work on the Brandywine Elementary School water leak.

NEW BUSINESS:

Out-of-county Transfer Request: Mr. Lambert presented a transfer request for a student to attend Hardy County Schools for the remainder of the school year. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Ms. Bowers, the Board voted unanimously to approve the out-of-county transfer request.

Board Member Pay for Meeting Attendance: There was discussion about Board member Pay for Meeting Attendance for training and Board Retreats. Mr. Lambert and Mr. Mowery have contacted other counties to see what their practice is on this. This item will be on the next Board Agenda.

OTHER:

April 6th Board Meeting: There was discussion about the Tuesday, April 6th Board Meeting that was scheduled to be held at North Fork Elementary School during Spring Break. The meeting will be rescheduled to Thursday, April 8th.

Spring Work Session: Mr. Lambert told the Board Members to think about dates for the Spring Work Session possibly one evening or a Saturday in April.

Strategic Plan: There will be updates on the County and School Plans at a Board Meeting later in the Spring.

Conference/Meeting Update: Mr. Lambert gave the Board a report on his and Mr. Mowery's meeting with Legislators today in Charleston. Mr. Lambert will be in Flatwoods on 1/27, Charleston

on 2/3. Today in Charleston Mr. Mowery and Mr. Lambert met with Walt Hedmick, Harold Michaels and two other legislators. Mr. Lambert also talked about OPEB.

Superintendent's Contract (May be Executive Session): Superintendent Lambert requested an Executive Session for the Superintendent's Contract and a personnel matter. Upon a motion by Ms. Bowers, seconded by Mr. O'Neil, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 8:25 P.M. The Board returned to regular session at 8:57 P.M. with no action taken. Upon a motion by Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Ms. Bowers, the Board voted unanimously to renew Superintendent Lambert's contract for two years through June 30, 2013 with a 3.5% increase in salary for each year and an increase from 1 ½ days to 2 days of sick leave per month.

The next meeting of the Pendleton County Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, February 9, 2010, at the Pendleton County Board of Education Annex at 6:00 P.M. Upon a motion by Ms. Kimble, seconded by Mr. O'Neil, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

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