

Pendleton County Schools Fourteenth County Board Meeting Tuesday, March 24, 2009

The Pendleton County Board of Education convened in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 24, 2009, at the Pendleton County Middle/High School Library. The following members were present: J. D. Wilkins, President; Richard Gillespie, Vice-President; Teresa Bowers; Sonny O'Neil; Betty Kimble. Central Office Staff present: Douglas Lambert, Superintendent; Ann Bennett; J. P. Mowery; and Nancy R. Blankenship. The Board of Education met with the Pendleton County Middle/High School Curriculum Team (SCT) from 6:00 - 6:44 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT: President Wilkins called the meeting to order at 6:45 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 March 10, 2009 Board Meeting and Executive Session: Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. O'Neil, seconded by Ms. Kimble, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the above Board Meeting and Executive Session.

PERSONNEL HEARINGS: There were no personnel hearings.

PERSONNEL:

Retirements/Resignations:

Greg Smith - Girls Softball Coach PCM/HS,

Charles Hedrick - County Distance Learning Coordinator-end of year.

Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. O'Neil, seconded by Mr. Gillespie, the Board voted unanimously to approve the above resignations.

Gia Bailey - Substitute Aide,

Latrisha Kimble - Teacher BES.

Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. O'Neil, seconded by Ms. Bowers, the Board voted unanimously to approve the above resignations with regret. Ms. Kimble abstained from the vote.

Employment of Personnel: Upon a motion by Mr. Gillespie seconded by Ms. Bowers the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 7:05 P.M. according to WV Code 6-9A-4-2-A to discuss personnel. The Board returned to regular session at 7:16 P.M. Timothy Woodward - Principal PCM/HS. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Ms. Bowers, seconded by Mr. O'Neil, the Board voted unanimously to approve the employment of the above personnel. John Lawson - Girls Softball Coach PCM/HS. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Ms. Bowers, seconded by Ms. Kimble, the Board voted unanimously to approve the employment of the above personnel.

Approval of Employee Contract Termination: Joyce Bland - Special Education Aide BES, Elden Puffenbarger - Extra-Curricular Alternative Education Bus Run to and from SBVCTC. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Ms. Bowers, seconded by Mr. Gillespie, the Board voted unanimously to approve the above employee contract terminations.

FINANCE:

Financial Update: Under financial update Mr. Mowery discussed/updated the Board on the following items: Energy Savings Plan; Water Meters installed at PCM/HS field; conduit line dug up and fixed; new prosecuting attorney - will have him come to speak at a board meeting; SB566; SB2530, \$100,000 request received by State Department - should be received in a week or two; Meeting with Eastern Community and Technical College; Stimulus Funding; over budget overlook; forest land money increase. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. O'Neil, seconded by Ms. Bowers, the Board voted unanimously for Mr. Mowery to draft a letter of resolution that the Pendleton County Board of Education supports SB566.

FY 2009-2010 Preliminary Budget: Mr. Mowery gave the Board handouts on the estimated liability for OPEB Benefits and a handout on the Preliminary Computations for the Public School Support Program for the 2009-2010 school year. Mr. Mowery is moving forward with preparation of the budget.

FY 2009-2010 Schedule of Proposed Levy Rates: Mr. Mowery presented the Schedule of Proposed Levy Rates for Pendleton County Schools for FY ended 6-30-10. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Ms. Bowers, seconded by Ms. Kimble, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Schedule of Proposed Levy Rates.

State of West Virginia Purchasing Card Program: Mr. Mowery talked to Board about the WV Purchasing Card Program. Mr. Mowery told the Board that he wanted to enter into an agreement with the State of West Virginia to enter into a Ghost Account to test the program without issuing cards. Mr. Mowery will be the responsible party. There will be one credit card. The Purchasing Policy may need to be updated. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Mr. O'Neil, the Board voted unanimously to enter the State of West Virginia Purchasing Card Program.

OLD BUSINESS:

North Fork Elementary School Air Quality: Mr. Lambert gave the Board Members a copy of the report on the indoor air quality at North Fork Elementary School. On February 24, 2009, staff members of the WV Department of Education Office of School Facilities visited Pendleton County Schools to respond to an indoor air quality complaint at North Fork Elementary School. There is also an informal study being done with the staff to see when they smell smoke. There was discussion and suggestions. Mr. Lambert will have Doug Simmons come to the next Board Meeting to discuss this item further.

NEW BUSINESS:

School Based Resource Officer - Kevan Puffenbarger: Sheriff Puffenbarger told the Board Members that the County Commission had voted to approve him applying for a grant for a full-time Prevention Resource Officer (PRO) to be based at Pendleton County Middle/High School. Mr. Puffenbarger submitted the grant on Friday, March 20. Mr. Puffenbarger explained to the Board the guidelines, requirements and procedures for the PRO Officer and explained that there is no cost for the Board. The Criminal Justice Service will provide training for the PRO Officer. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Ms. Bowers, seconded by Mr. Gillespie, the Board voted unanimously for support for a PRO Officer to be placed in Pendleton County Schools.

OTHER:

School Boards Association Meeting: Mr. Lambert and Mr. Gillespie attended the School Boards Association Meeting in Charleston March 13-14. Mr. Gillespie will give a report on the sessions he attended at the next Board Meeting.

WV Association of School Administrators Meeting Update: Mr. Lambert attended the WV Association of School Administrators Meeting in conjunction with the School Boards Association Meeting on March 13 in Charleston. Mr. Lambert told the Board Members about the Bills that were discussed at that meeting.

Five Year Plan: Mr. Lambert told the Board Members that Ann Bennett had been in the schools this week with the Writing Assessment that was administered to Grades 3-11.

Conference/Meeting Update: Mr. Lambert was in Charleston last week and spoke to several of the Legislators. He talked about the school calendar and the issues with making up snow days. Mr. Lambert will be recruiting at WVU on Wednesday and Fairmont on Thursday. Mr. Lambert gave the Board Members a copy of the school survey. He also gave them a copy of the FES Road report from the WV Department of Highways. Mr. Lambert gave the Board Members a copy of the time of bus survey that is completed yearly and submitted to the State Department of Transportation. He updated the Board on the School Messenger Program. Mr. Lambert hopes that attendance calls will be made starting within the next two weeks. Central Office Personnel and Principals can put messages into the system. The Open House at Brandywine Elementary School will be held on Saturday, March 28th.

The next meeting of the Pendleton County Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2009, at the Franklin Elementary School at 6:00 P.M. Upon a motion by Mr. O'Neil, seconded by Mr. Gillespie, at 8:40 P.M. the March 24, 2009 Board Meeting will stand adjourned until April 21, 2009.

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