

Pendleton County Schools Eighteenth County Board Meeting Tuesday, May 12, 2009

The Pendleton County Board of Education convened in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at the Pendleton County Board of Education Annex. The following members were present: J. D. Wilkins, President; Richard Gillespie, Vice-President; Sonny O'Neil; Betty Kimble. Central Office Staff present: Douglas Lambert, Superintendent; J. P. Mowery; and Vickie Hammer. Also present: Timothy Woodward, Rick Linaburg, John Jenkins, Lincoln Propst, Sheila Evick, students and their parents receiving special recognition.

Student Recognition: Mr. Lambert recognized students attending the Youth in Government Seminar in Charleston. The students spoke of their experiences in Charleston and asked that students be allowed to go in the future. They were appreciative of the experience. Regional Science Fair and Social Studies Fair winners were recognized. Two students were recognized for being first place winners in the State Social Studies Fair. Cardiac Project recognition went to Rick Linaburg, John Jenkins and Lincoln Propst.

CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT: President Wilkins called the meeting to order at 7:20 P.M.
Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation: Mr. Wilkins led the *Pledge of Allegiance* and led the group in prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

The minutes of the April 21, 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:

Retirements/Resignations:

Rick Linaburg - Head Football Coach – PCHS

David Eason - Assistant Football Coach – PCHS

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

Employment of Personnel:

Lance Moran - Assistant Principal PCM/HS

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

Cassie Mallow - Substitute Teacher

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

Approval of Volunteers:

Melissa Frankowski - Franklin Elementary School

Sherry Bennett - North Fork Elementary School

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

FINANCE:

FY 2009-2010 Budget Hearing: Mr. Mowery reviewed the budget for 2008-2009 in order to compare with the 2009-2010 budget. Mr. Mowery discussed stimulus money and scenarios on usage for funding special education, Title I, and service personnel.

FY 2009-2010 Budget Approval: Mr. Mowery presented budget highlights for FY 2009-2010 including assumptions based on 2008-2009 expenditures. Mr. Mowery presented the 2009-2010 budget for approval. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Mr. O'Neil, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2009-2010 budget.

Bills Submitted for Approval Month Ended April 30, 2009: Mr. Mowery presented the bills for approval for the month ended April 30, 2009, in the amount of \$552,916.65. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. O'Neil, seconded by Ms. Kimble, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Bills as presented. Mr. Gillespie asked when new buses would be purchased. Mr. Lambert explained to the Board that bids are in the process of being done. Mr. O'Neil asked about the possibility of new security cameras for the high school through the Safe Schools Grant, due to the poor quality of the current system.

Treasurer's Report Month Ended April 30, 2009: Mr. Mowery gave a Treasurer's Report for the month ended April 30, 2009, and explained the receipts, disbursements, fund balance, accounts payable and cash and investment amounts. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. O'Neil, seconded by Ms. Kimble, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Award of Contract - Bus Driver Physicals: Bids were solicited for bus driver physicals. Pendleton Community Care and Hahn's Medical Group turned in bids with Pendleton Community Care coming in with the lowest bid (\$75.00) with the possibility of setting up a direct bill procedure. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. O'Neil, seconded by Ms. Kimble, the Board voted unanimously to award the contract for Bus Driver Physicals to Pendleton Community Care.

Section 125 Plan Amendment: Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Ms. Kimble, the Board voted unanimously to accept the amendment of the Section 125 Plan.

Surplus Sale Update: Mr. Mowery explained the surplus auction held on May 9, 2009 covered expenses and made a couple thousand dollars. Mr. Mowery also discussed the pros and cons of the internet auction.

Financial Update: There was no financial update - everything had previous been discussed.

OLD BUSINESS:

BES Gymnasium Update: Mr. Lambert discussed the acoustic problem/high decible levels at the Brandywine Elementary School gymnasium. Mr. Lambert also presented an update from Williamson Shriver about possible solutions. Also mentioned was the air conditioning problem in the main classrooms at Brandywine Elementary School.

Golf Team: The Golf Team will continue provided a coach can be found and an agreement has been reached between the golf course and the school in regards to usage fees for the team and coaches. The terms are as follows: Golf members can play for free Tuesday - Friday (in or out of season). Coaches can play for free during Golf Season if they are practicing with team. No membership to coaches. Golf lessons to Golf Team Members for no charge providing ok with scheduling. No problem with hosting regular season matches and/or conference and tournament matches.

NEW BUSINESS:

Elementary Athletic Policy Change: The Elementary School Principals - Mr. Linaburg, Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Propst proposed a price change for admission into elementary basketball games. The proposal is for a decrease in student admission to \$1.00 and increase adult admission to \$3.00. The proposed increase is to fund two officials per game instead of the one official used in the past. The Elementary School Principals - Mr. Linaburg, Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Propst are also requesting a change in the elementary athletic policy and asked that the policy be revised taking the admission price out. A first and second reading will be done at a later date.

Elementary Music and Health Grading Policy Change: Elementary School Principals - Mr. Linaburg, Mr. Propst and Mr. Jenkins are requesting a policy change regarding use of numerical grades for music and health students grades 4-6. They request the use of a letter grading system supported by LSIC and Faculty. Proposal of change was given in writing to Mr. Mowery for review by Dr. Rosier.

Work Force WV Summer Youth Work Program: Mr. Lambert told the Board Members that six students will be hired this summer to assist with maintenance work in the schools.

OTHER:

Power Washer Information: Mr. Lambert gave the Board Members a copy of an estimate for a power washer. Bids will need to be solicited.

Basketball Official Fee Structure Information: Mr. Lambert gave the Board Members a copy of the Basketball Official Fee Structure from WVSSAC. He reiterated the need to increase the price of admission to elementary basketball games.

Board Meeting Schedule: There was discussion of rotating board meeting so same school is not hosting meetings at the beginning of school. There was also discussion about keeping the Tuesday meeting date.

Five Year Plan: Mr. Lambert briefly mentioned how the stimulus money will be expended towards the five-year plan.

Retirement Dinner: Mr. Lambert told the Board Members that the Retirement Dinner will be held on June 9th at Thompson's Café Bella and a short Board Meeting will follow.

Christmas Get-Together: Mr. Lambert asked for suggestions on where to have the Christmas Dinner this year.

Conference Meeting Update: Mr. Lambert, Mr. Bucher, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Mowery, Mr. Hedrick and Trent Sites attended a Stimulus Meeting in Shepherdstown on May 11th. A Grievance Hearing is set for June 18th in Elkins, WV. Interviews for PCMS Social Studies and English/Language Arts Teacher Positions will be on May 15th. Mr. Lambert will attend the State Superintendent's Conference on July 22-24. Mr. Lambert will be traveling to Monticello on May 26th as a chaperone with the Franklin Elementary School fifth grade. Upon a motion by Mr. Gillespie seconded by Mr. O'Neil the Board voted unanimously to go in to Executive Session at 10:00 P.M. to do the Board Self-Assessment and the Superintendent's Evaluation. The Board returned to regular session at 10:40 P.M.

Board Self-Assessment: The Board conducted the annual Board Self-Assessment during the Executive Session.

Superintendent's Evaluation: Upon a motion by Mr. O'Neil, seconded by Mr. Gillespie, the Board voted unanimously to make the following statement: "The Pendleton County Board of Education has determined that Mr. Lambert's performance has met or exceeded expectations set forth for the school year 2008-2009. We look forward to future progress made in our school system and the leadership

he, his staff, and county personnel exhibit for the benefit of our children.”

The next regular meeting of the Pendleton County Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2009, at the Pendleton County Board of Education Annex at 5:00 P.M. Upon a motion by Mr. O’Neil, seconded by Ms. Kimble, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 P.M.

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