

Pendleton County Schools Sixth County Board Meeting Tuesday, September 22, 2009

The Pendleton County Board of Education convened in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 22, 2009, at the Pendleton County Board of Education Annex. The following members were present: J. D. Wilkins, President; Richard Gillespie, Vice-President; Teresa Bowers; Betty Kimble. Sonny O'Neil participated by tele-conference. Central Office Staff present: Douglas Lambert, Superintendent; J. P. Mowery; Ann Bennett; Charles Hedrick; Diana Smith and Nancy R. Blankenship.

Mr. Lambert presented the following new employees to the Board: Heidi Armentrout-Kimble, Michael Vargo, Julie Barb, Deona Champ, Erica Kochenderfer, Allison Vincell, Sean Rice, Mary Hope Brenneman, William Weltman. Rebecca Heavner was absent.

CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT: President Wilkins called the meeting to order at 6:10 P.M.
Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation: Mr. Lambert led the *Pledge of Allegiance* and Mr. Wilkins led the group in prayer.

PRESENTATIONS:

Title IV - Safe and Drug Free Schools - Diana Smith: Ms. Smith talked about areas that statistics have been taken such as tobacco usage, alcohol usage, weapons, firearms, bullying, harassment and numbers of occurrences in 2007-2008 compared to 2008-2009. Pendleton County Schools will continue with positive behavior support, improve attendance, and increase awareness in school safety. Diana also discussed Crisis Intervention Measures to be taken after emergencies and people in the community to help with crisis intervention. Ms. Smith talked about purchasing some programs on bullying as this is an area that has had increased occurrences over the years. She talked about a Presentation she had attended by Terry Wallace, interventions taken in his school and progress in that school due to changes that they had made. She talked about alleged or potential gang activity in Pendleton and Pocahontas County, drug activity in Pendleton County and about a presentation that she had attended in Rockingham County that dealt with gangs and drugs.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

The minutes of the September 8, 2009 Board Meeting: Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. O'Neil, seconded by Ms. Bowers, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the above Board Meeting.

PERSONNEL:

Retirements/Resignations: Elden Puffenbarger - effective 11/30/2009. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Ms. Bowers, seconded by Mr. Gillespie, the Board voted unanimously to approve the above Retirement.

Employment of Personnel:

Christy Hand - Substitute Teacher

William Beatty - Adult Education/Alternative Education Teacher

Beth Kimble - Special Education Aide – FES

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

Approval of Volunteers:

NFES: Rob Vance, Lisa Vance, Michelle Vandevander, Sudie Harris, Mary Bland, Ashley Harper, Pattie Bennett, Sherri Bennett, Lucinda Warner, Greg Feagans, Todd Bruce, Gene McConnell, Joan McConnell, Jane Wilkins, Karen Stevens, Kendra Rightsell, Sherry Hedrick, Robin Rexrode, Lori Nelson, Becky Hedrick, Autumn McAbee, Lorna Judy.

FES: Polly Hartman, Jamie Pitsenbarger, Rachel Keesecker, Duke Dunkle, John Todd, Amy Berg.

Upon Mr. Lambert’s recommendation and a motion by Mr. O’Neil, seconded by Ms. Bowers, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Volunteers.

FINANCE:

FY 2008-2009 Financial Statements: Mr. Mowery presented the 2008-2009 Financial Statements. Upon Mr. Lambert’s recommendation and a motion by Mr. Gillespie seconded by Ms. Kimble the Board voted unanimously to approve the FY 2008-2009 Financial Statements as presented.

Budget Supplements: Mr. Mowery presented Budget Supplements #102-\$585,617.89; #103-\$5,540.42; #104-\$39,261.15. Total: \$630,419.46. Upon Mr. Lambert’s recommendation and a motion by Mr. O’Neil, seconded by Ms. Bowers, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Budget Supplements as presented.

Budget Transfers: There were no budget transfers.

Financial Update: Mr. Mowery information on AARA Reporting.

OLD BUSINESS:

OPEB: Mr. Lambert presented information on OPEB that he had received at the WBSBA Meeting in Charleston. Mr. Lambert recommended that Pendleton County Schools join in the OPEB lawsuit with the other counties in the state and participate with financial resources up to \$2,500. Upon Mr. Lambert’s recommendation and a motion by Ms. Kimble, seconded by Mr. Gillespie, the Board voted unanimously to approve Pendleton County’s participation in the OPEB lawsuit.

NEW BUSINESS:

Out-of-County Transfer Request: Mr. Hedrick presented a request for a child to attend school in Highland County, VA. Upon Mr. Lambert’s recommendation and a motion by Mr. O’Neil, seconded by Ms. Kimble, the Board voted unanimously to approve the out-of county transfer request.

OTHER:

School Messenger: Mr. Lambert gave the Board Members a copy of the School Messenger Report for the NFES Open House for 9/16/09. The school messenger system is working well. The Board Members requested that they be added to the group for all mailings.

Randolph County Agenda Format: Mr. Lambert gave the Board Members a copy of the Consent Agenda Format that Randolph County uses and also a copy of the agenda format that Hardy County uses. There was discussion about agenda formats.

School Based Health Center Agreement: Mr. Lambert gave the Board Members a copy of the School Based Health Center Agreement with Pendleton Community Care for the period of August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2010. The intent of the program is to provide basic primary health care and mental health services to students in collaboration with school staff for the purpose of increasing

access to health care, reducing health risk, improving health status, and improving student educational performance.

Five Year Plan: Mr. Lambert told the Board Members that the Five Year Plan has been submitted. He complimented Ann Bennett, Charles Hedrick, Don Bucher, Trent Sites, and the Principals for their entries.

Conference/Meeting Update: Mr. Lambert told the Board Members that he had met with Walt Helmick, Bob Plymale and other legislators. Mr. Bucher is in Charleston all week. Mr. Lambert and Rick Hicks have been asked and will serve on a Committee on Charter Schools through Kanawha County. Mr. Lambert attended the Corridor H Bridge Day Ceremony last week in Moorefield.

The next meeting of the Pendleton County Board of Education will be held on Monday, October 12, 2009, at Pendleton County Board of Education Annex at 6:00 P.M. Upon a motion by Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Ms. Bowers, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

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