

PENDLETON COUNTY SCHOOLS - SEVENTH COUNTY BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2007

The Pendleton County Board of Education convened in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 23, 2007, at the Pendleton County Middle/High School Library. The following members were present: J. D. Wilkins, President; Dr. Kevan Hoover, Vice-President; Grey Cassell; Teresa Bowers and Richard Gillespie. Central Office Staff present: Douglas Lambert, Superintendent; and Nancy Blankenship. Also present were Charles Hedrick, Sandra Simmons, Sheila Ruddle and Gene McConnell.

Mr. Lambert and the Board of Education recognized Pendleton County Middle/High School students for the academic achievement from 6:00 - 6:10 P.M.

The Board met with the Pendleton County Middle/High School LSIC/Faculty Senate from 6:10 - 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT: President Wilkins called the meeting to order at 7:45 P.M.
Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation: Mr. Gene McConnell led the *Pledge of Allegiance*, and Mr. Wilkins led the group in prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

PRESENTATIONS:

Sgt. Clinton R. Hedrick Honorary - Gene McConnell: Mr. Gene McConnell was present and gave the Board Members background information and facts about Sgt. Clinton R. Hedrick. Sgt. Hedrick is the only county resident to be awarded the Medal of Honor and only 3,444 of these medals have been awarded since the Civil War. Mr. McConnell told the Board Members that there is a Sports Stadium in Ft. Bragg, NC named for Sgt. Hedrick. Mr. Gillespie also told the Board that Hedrick Drive at the Sugar Grove Naval Base is named for Sgt. Hedrick. Mr. McConnell's proposal to the Board was to name the Pendleton County Middle/High School Complex for Sgt. Hedrick. This proposal will be open for discussion and will be on the agenda item for the November 13, 2007 Board Meeting to be held at North Fork Elementary School at 6:00 P.M.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

The minutes of the October 9, 2007 Board Meeting and Executive Session: Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Mr. Cassell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the above Board Meeting with one name correction.

PERSONNEL:

Employment of Personnel: Gena Harper - Special Education Aide BES. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Ms. Bowers, seconded by Dr. Hoover, the Board voted unanimously to approve the above employment of personnel.

Approval of Volunteers: PCM/HS: Kevin Hand and Ronda Sisson. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Dr. Hoover, seconded by Mr. Cassell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the above volunteers.

FINANCE:

Financial Update: There was no financial update. Mr. Wilkins read Mr. Mowery's response to Mark McCallem, State Budget Director, regarding Pendleton County's financial plight.

OLD BUSINESS:

Drug Testing Update: Mr. Lambert had asked a member of the Board to volunteer to serve on the Committee. Mr. Gillespie will be the Board's representative.

Entry Mountain Property: This item will be discussed at the Board's Retreat/Work Session to be held on November 3rd at the Navy Base. Mr. Lambert forwarded to the Board Members information he had received from Jerry Moore, Attorney.

OTHER INFORMATION ITEMS/BOARD ISSUES:

West Virginia Teacher Shortage: Mr. Lambert gave the Board Members a handout on the State Superintendent's Report on West Virginia's Teacher Shortage and a copy of an article from the Charleston Daily Mail on "Would-be teachers face too many barriers."

Five-Year Plan: Mr. Lambert told the Board Members that he would be putting some assets on the Web site. There is a county meeting on October 31st and a State Meeting in Charleston in December. All the schools have submitted their five-year plans.

Brandywine Elementary School Project Update: Mr. Lambert gave the Board Members a report from Paul Clayton concerning the misalignment of blocks in the corridor walls at the Brandywine Elementary School project. He also gave them a copy of a letter from Williamson Shriver Architects regarding masonry walls coursing irregularities and the possibility of related building elevation irregularities.

Fall Retreat: The Board's fall retreat will be held at the Sugar Grove Naval Base on Saturday, November 3rd. Principals and Board Office Central Office Staff will also be included in this retreat. Mr. Lambert gave the Board Members an updated agenda. Mr. Gillespie will need a list of everyone who will be attending.

Conference/Meeting Update: Mr. Lambert told the Board Members that he attended the Superintendent's Meeting at Glade Springs last week. Lincoln Propst, Principal Brandywine Elementary School, went with Mr. Lambert to the meeting. Mr. Lambert will also be attending the following meetings: October 30 - RESA Safe Schools Plan Meeting in Moorefield; End of Month - County 5- Year Plan Meeting; December - State Strategic Plan Meeting in Charleston. Mr. Lambert told the Board Members that the Pendleton County Enrollment has dropped down nine students from last year, despite the addition of the new preschool class at Franklin Elementary School.

The next meeting of the Pendleton County Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at the North Fork Elementary School at 6:00 P.M. Upon a motion by Dr. Hoover, seconded by Mr. Cassell, the Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

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