

Pendleton County Schools Twelfth County Board Meeting Tuesday, January 12, 2010

The Pendleton County Board of Education convened in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, at the Pendleton County Board of Education Annex. The following members were present: J. D. Wilkins, President; Sonny O'Neil; Teresa Bowers; Betty Kimble. Central Office Staff present: Douglas Lambert, Superintendent; J. P. Mowery; Charles Hedrick and Nancy R. Blankenship.

CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT: President Wilkins called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 December 10, 2009, and December 22, 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.

PERSONNEL:

Retirements/Resignations: There were no retirements/resignations.

Employment of Personnel:

Heather McIntosh – Substitute Teacher
Michelle Paden – Substitute Teacher
Ann Gibson – Substitute Teacher

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

Rod Cooper – Teach classes in lieu of planning period

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FINANCE:

Bills Submitted for Approval Month Ended December 31, 2009: Mr. Mowery presented the bills for approval for the month ended December 31, 2009, in the amount of \$517,635.69. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Ms. Bowers, seconded by Ms. Kimble, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Bills as presented.

Treasurer's Report for Month Ended December 31, 2009: Mr. Mowery gave a Treasurer's Report for the month ended December 31, 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.

Section 125 Plan Update/Amendment: Mr. Mowery gave the Board Members a copy of the Flexible Benefit Plan, the required changes and amendments and explained the changes to them. Section 125 has to be amended annually. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Ms. Kimble, seconded by Mr. O'Neil, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Section 125 Plan Update/Amendment.

WV BRIM Report: Mr. Mowery gave the Board Members copies of correspondence from WV Board of Risk and Insurance Management (BRIM) regarding loss prevention plans of action.

Extra Curricular/Extra Duty: Mr. Mowery gave the Board Members a copy of WV Code 18A-4-16 relating to extra-duty and extracurricular duties with explanations of these terms, rates of pay and information on extra-curricular coaches and examples of overtime calculations.

Financial Update: Mr. Mowery gave the Board Members copies of Allegheny Power bills and a comparison of bills and usage at county facilities. He also gave them copies of various newspaper articles including one from *Pocahontas Times* on comparisons of heating fuels and stating that oil is the cheapest heating option this year based on their analysis. Mr. Mowery gave the Board Members charts on per-pupil state allowances and a table showing revenue and sources by county. He also gave them a copy of a letter from Senator Rockefeller regarding Impact Aid and he gave them a W-2 Summary for 2009.

OLD BUSINESS:

Policies for Approval - Final Reading/Adoption: Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Ms. Bowers, seconded by Ms. Kimble, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Policies as presented for final reading/adoption.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pendleton County Library Request: Mr. Mowery gave the Board Members a copy of the request from the Pendleton County Library Board requesting an increase in funding assistance. Mr. Mowery gave the Board Members information he had received from Joe Panetta regarding rules and funding of libraries. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. O'Neil, seconded by Ms. Kimble, the Board voted unanimously to send the extra \$800 to the library.

Race to the Top: Race to the Top is a grant being submitted to the National Department of Education to obtain some of the nationally funded \$4.3 billion competitive grant. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Ms. Bowers, seconded by Ms. Kimble, the Board voted unanimously to approve Pendleton Counties participation in the State Race to the Top Grant Application.

Retirement Incentive: There was discussion about offering a one-time \$500 retirement incentive for Professional Instructional Personnel in concurrence with State Law for anyone retiring on or before February 1, 2010, effective for the remainder of the current school year only. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. O'Neil, seconded by Ms. Kimble, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Retirement Incentive as presented.

Broadband Proposal: Pendleton County Schools has been pushed by the State to increase Band Widths. Mr. Mowery gave the Board Members a copy of a proposal from Shentel Cable Company stating that Shentel intends to enter into a bidding agreement with the Pendleton County Schools for the delivery of high speed bandwidth service.

OTHER:

April 6th Board Meeting: There was discussion about changing the date of the Board Meeting to be held at North Fork Elementary School that is scheduled during Spring Break on Tuesday April 6th to Thursday, April 8th or Tuesday, April 13th.

Correspondence: Mr. Lambert gave the Board Members copies of correspondence from the West Virginia Board of Education approving the amendment to the Pendleton County Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan (CEFP) to include HVAC/window upgrade at Franklin Elementary School and from the School Building Authority of West Virginia approving an amendment to the 2000-2010 CEFP.

Attendance Report - Fourth Month: Mr. Hedrick presented the Fourth Month Attendance Report to the Board.

2010 MIP Project: Mr. Lambert gave the Board Members copy of correspondence from the School Building Authority of West Virginia stating that Pendleton Counties 2010 MIP Project was not selected for funding by the SBA.

WVSBA Winter Conference: The WVSBA Winter Conference will be held February 19/20 at the Marriott Hotel in Charleston. No Board Members will be attending as all Board Members have their training hours. Nancy Blankenship will be attending the WVSBA Superintendent's Secretaries Meeting.

Strategic Plan - Charles Hedrick: Mr. Hedrick gave an update on the Strategic Plan.

Conference/Meeting Update: Mr. Lambert will be attending the WV School Leadership Conference in Morgantown on January 28/29; be in Flatwoods for a School Administrators Fall Legal Conference on February 4/5 and he is planning a trip to Charleston the first week of February to meet with Legislators.

The next meeting of the Pendleton County Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, January 26, 2010, at Franklin Elementary School at 6:00 P.M. Upon a motion by Mr. O'Neil, seconded by Ms. Bowers, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 P.M.

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