

Pendleton County Schools Thirteenth County Board Meeting Wednesday, January 17, 2007

The Pendleton County Board of Education convened in Regular Session on Wednesday, January 17, 2007, at Brandywine Elementary School. The following members were present: J. D. Wilkins, President; Grey Cassell; Teresa Bowers and Richard Gillespie. Central Office Staff present: Douglas Lambert, Superintendent; Donald Bucher and Nancy Blankenship.

The Board of Education met with the Brandywine Elementary School SCT from 6:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. and then enjoyed a meal provided by the Brandywine Elementary School BSA.

CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT: President Wilkins called the meeting to order at 7:15 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 20, 2006, Special Meeting: Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. Cassell, seconded by Ms. Bowers, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the above Board Meeting.

FINANCE:

Bills Presented for Approval Month Ended December 31, 2006: In Mr. Mowery's absence, Mr. Lambert presented the bills for approval for the month ended December 31, 2006 in the amount of \$431,129.73. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Mr. Cassell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Bills as presented.

Treasurer's Report Month Ended December 31, 2006: In Mr. Mowery's absence, Mr. Lambert gave a Treasurer's Report for the month ended December 31, 2006, and explained the receipts, disbursements, fund balance, accounts payable and cash and investment amounts. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Ms. Bowers, seconded by Mr. Gillespie, the Board voted unanimously to approve the December Treasurer's Report.

Budget Supplements: In Mr. Mowery's absence, Mr. Lambert presented a budget supplement in the amount of (\$87,190.00). Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Mr. Cassell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Budget Supplements as presented.

Budget Transfers: In Mr. Mowery's absence, Mr. Lambert gave the Board a copy of a Budget Transfer in the amount of \$76,154.69 transferring money into appropriate line items. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Ms. Bowers, seconded by Mr. Cassell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Budget Transfers as presented.

Impact Aid Authorized Representative: As required by school law and upon a motion by Mr. Cassell, seconded by Mr. Gillespie, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Superintendent Lambert as the Board's Impact Aid Authorized Representative.

Section 125 Adoption Agreement: Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Mr. Cassell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Section 125 Adoption Agreement.

Financial Update: Mr. Mowery had sent the Board Members the following handouts: Newspaper Articles about the upcoming Legislative sessions and school aid formula, proposed budget instructions for FY-08 from Joe Panetta, Levy and Budget Calendar for the 2007-08 year, information on QZAB Bonds. Mr. Lambert told the Board Members that he and Mr. Mowery has been in Charleston the day before and met with Senator Walt Helmick and Jay Kohl, who is the Education Advisor to Governor Manchin. They then attended the reception at the Harless Center along with Ann Bennett and Sheila Evick. Pendleton County received an award. Mr. Bucher told the Board that the cuts they had made last year were drastic and any others that are made are going to take the school system back to where it was 10 -12 years ago.

Website Update: Mr. Mowery had provided a handout for the Board showing website usage which continues to increase.

NEW BUSINESS:

Excess Levy: Mr. Lambert told the Board Members that he and Mr. Mowery have been meeting with different groups and giving them information about the upcoming levy election. They have centered on the good things happening in Pendleton County Schools. They have met with the Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce and will meet with the FES PTO on 2/18, BES PTO on 2/1. They are meeting with Bill Loving, Pendleton County Bank, tomorrow morning and hope to meet with the Board of Directors. Mr. Lambert told the Board Members to let them know of any organizations that they are members of that they can meet with and when the meetings are.

Superintendent's Evaluation/Contract: The Board will need to do the Superintendent's Evaluation by the last meeting in February. Mr. Lambert told the Board that he had talked to Dave Perine at the State Department and the new evaluation can't go into effect until next year. The model Superintendent's Evaluation Form will need to be used this year. The Board Members decided to do their Board Self-Evaluation and the Superintendent's Evaluation and Contract at the next Board Meeting at the end of the meeting.**Maintenance of Soccer Field:** Mr. Lambert told the Board Members that he had a request from the EDA for the Board to mow the soccer field. There was discussion about the lack of personnel to mow the properties that the Board now has. Mr. Gillespie will go with Mr. Lambert to the next meeting with the EDA.

Memorandum of Agreement with Eastern WV Community & Technical College: Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion from Mr. Cassell, seconded by Ms. Bowers, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Eastern WV Community & Technical College.

Personnel: Employment of Personnel:

Steve Lambert - Bus Driver - Beginning in Timber Ridge and turn around in the Simoda area, going to Rt. 33 at Gateway, then on to the Riverton area for pickups, then going South on Rt. 28 to North Fork Elementary School;

Sampson Barrow - Bus Driver - Elk Mountain to Big Mountain, return to Rt. 28, continue Northward to Cherry Grove to North Fork Elementary School, then to Pendleton County Middle/High School and return to North Fork Elementary School.

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

Resignations/Retirements:

Larry Showalter - Bus Operator

Ruth Vogel - Elementary Teacher BES.

Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Ms. Bowers, seconded by Mr. Gillespie, the Board voted unanimously to approve the retirements of the above personnel effective at the end of the 2006-2007 school year.

OTHER INFORMATION ITEMS AND BOARD ISSUES:

WVDE Technical Assistance Visit: Mr. Lambert told the Board Members that the WVDE Technical Assistance Team will be visiting Pendleton County. They will meet at the Board of Education Annex on Thursday, January 25th. He invited the Board Members to meet with them.

WVSBA Legislative Priorities & Philosophies: Mr. Cassell provided the Board Members with a copy of the WVSBA Legislative Priorities and Philosophies for the 2007 Regular Session of the West Virginia Legislature.

Five-Year Plan: Mr. Lambert gave the Board Members a copy of Goal #3: To assure that all schools exemplify the leadership, culture, and organizational practices consistent with effective school research and possess the commitment, knowledge, and support to create structures and services that result in all students mastering the essential curriculum.

Conference and Meeting Update: Mr. Lambert told the Board Members that he and Mr. Mowery had been in Charleston last week and this week. There is a Safety Committee Meeting on Thursday at 1:00 at the Annex. Mr. Lambert and Mr. Bucher will be in Flatwoods at a meeting next week. The WVDE Technical Team will be in Pendleton County next week.

The next meeting of the Pendleton County Board of Education will be held on Monday, February 5, 2007 at the Pendleton County Board of Education Annex in the Warner Building at 6:00 P.M. Upon a motion by Ms. Bowers, seconded by Mr. Gillespie, the Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

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