

Pendleton County Schools - Thirteenth County Board Meeting Tuesday, February 12, 2008

The Pendleton County Board of Education convened in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 12, 2008, at the Pendleton County Board of Education Annex. 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; J. P. Mowery; and Nancy Blankenship. Also present was Carson Ralston, Charles Hedrick, Sam Yokum, Steve and Charlotte Feagans.

CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT: President Wilkins called the board 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: Carson Ralston made a presentation to the Board on the FM Radio Station that will be coming to Pendleton County. He told them about their other radio stations and programming on those stations. There will be a committee established in the near future to determine programming, etc. for the Pendleton County Station and Mr. Carson would like to have a representative from the Board of Education on that Committee. The Pendleton County Radio Station will be 91.1 FM.

Steve and Charlotte Feagans addressed the Board concerning elementary athletics.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

The minutes of the January 15, 2007 Board Meeting and Executive Session: Upon the Superintendent's recommendation and a motion by Dr. Hoover, seconded by Mr. Cassell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

Employment of Personnel: Upon a motion by Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Ms. Bowers, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 6:33 P.M. to discuss personnel items. The board returned to regular session at 6:56 P.M. There was no action taken.

Retirements/Resignations:

Beverly Rexrode - Teacher FES

Mary Grace Richardson - Guidance Counselor

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation and a motion by Mr. Cassell, seconded by Ms. Bowers, the Board voted unanimously to approve the retirement of the above personnel with regret.

Employment of Personnel: Darren Kimble - Substitute Teacher - contingent upon receipt of certificate. Upon the Superintendent's recommendation and a motion by Mr. Cassell, seconded by Dr. Hoover, the Board voted unanimously to approve the employment of the above personnel.

FINANCE:

Bills Presented for Approval Month Ended January 31, 2008: Mr. Mowery presented the bills for approval for the month ended January 31, 2008, in the amount of \$773,418.17. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Ms. Bowers, seconded by Mr. Gillespie, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Bills as presented.

Treasurer's Report Month Ended January 31, 2008: Mr. Mowery gave a Treasurer's Report for the month ended January 31, 2008, and explained the receipts, disbursements, fund balance, accounts payable and cash and investment amounts. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. Cassell, seconded by Dr. Hoover, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Preliminary Budget FY 2008-2009: Mr. Mowery gave the Board Members a Preliminary Budget for FY 2008-2009 and went over the budget with them.

Technical Assistance Team Visit: Mr. Mowery gave the Board Members a handout showing charts and recommendations from the Technical Assistance Team's visit.

FY 2007-2008 YTD Analysis: Mr. Mowery told the Board Members that substitute costs are down, energy costs are up. Pendleton County Schools will definitely have a deficit at the end of the year.

FY 2006-207 Audit: Mr. Mowery told the Board Members that the auditors are working in the Central Office and schools this week. The auditors will complete their work in the county on Friday, February 15th.

Financial Update: Mr. Mowery gave the Board Members a handout showing the assessed values statewide. Pendleton County is where it should be with property assessments.

Policy Update: Mr. Mowery told the Board Members that there are some policies that need to be revised in the near future. Dr. Rosier will be sending some policies for the Board's review.

OLD BUSINESS:

Athletic Student/Parent Contract: Charles Hedrick, Principal of Pendleton County Middle/High School and Sam Yokum, Athletic Director were present to discuss the Athletic Student/Parent Contract with the Board. Other members of the Committee are: PCM/HS Coaches, Rodney Cooper, Greg Bowers - Sports Boosters and Rick Gillespie. Mr. Yokum told the Board that he would like to have the contract in place before spring sports seasons begin. There were some revisions to the draft contract. Upon a motion by Mr. Cassell, seconded by Mr. Gillespie, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Athletic Student/Parent Contract as corrected and to begin with all spring sports.

Entry Mountain Property: The Board discussed legalities and procedures for selling the Entry Mountain Property.

NEW BUSINESS:

Allegheny Mountain Radio: Carson Ralston had been present at the beginning of the meeting and presented this item under Public Comment.

Change of Board Meeting Date: Changes have been made in the Board Meeting Schedule to meet dates required for Finance. A new Board Meeting schedule was given to the Board Members and will be posted on the website. Mr. Lambert told the Board Members that all O.S. Days in the School Calendar will now be make-up days due to the number of Inclement Weather Days that school has had to be closed.

Pendleton Manor Evacuation Plan Renewal: Mr. Lambert gave the Board Members a letter from Anna Mae Harmon, Administrator of Pendleton Manor requesting a renewal of the plan for emergency evacuation of Pendleton Manor. Upon a motion by Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Mr. Cassell, the Board voted unanimously to renew the Pendleton Manor's emergency evacuation plan.

Resolution - Local Share Distribution: Upon a motion by Ms. Bowers, seconded by Dr. Hoover, the Board voted unanimously to support the Resolution opposing House Bill 4056 and Senate Bill 225 due to Senate Bill 541.

OTHER INFORMATION ITEMS/BOARD ISSUES:

Home-Schooled Students: Mr. Lambert gave the Board Members a list of new home-schooled students as prepared by Debra Jackson.

Attendance Report - 5th Month: Mr. Lambert gave the Board Members a copy of the Attendance Report for the fifth month as prepared by Debra Jackson, Attendance Director.

Legislative Update: Mr. Lambert had already given the Board Members an update on Legislative Actions earlier in the Meeting. Mr. Lambert will be back in Charleston on Thursday and Friday when the Legislature will most likely be voting on the Bills to revise the School Aid Formula.

Conference/Meeting Update: February 14/15 - Charleston - Legislative Meetings, February 25 - SBVCTC Meeting at Library, February 22/23 - Mr. Lambert, Mr. Wilkins, Ms. Blankenship-Charleston - School Board Association Meetings.

The next meeting of the Pendleton County Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at Franklin Elementary School at 6:00 P.M. Upon a motion by Mr. Gillespie seconded by Dr. Hoover the Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 P.M.

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