

**Pendleton County Schools Fifteenth County Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 23, 2010**

The Pendleton County Board of Education convened in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, at the Pendleton County Middle/High School Library. The following members were present: J. D. Wilkins, President; Sonny O'Neil; Teresa Bowers; Betty Kimble. Absent – Rick Gillespie, Vice President. Central Office Staff present: Douglas Lambert, Superintendent; Donald Bucher; J. P. Mowery; Ann Bennett; Charles Hedrick and Nancy R. Blankenship. Also present Timothy Woodward, Lance Moran, David Eason, Beverly Rexrode, Nancy Sites, Jake Conrad, Sue Harper, Becky McConnell, Polly Hartman, Emily Hott, Lois Byers, parents and students.

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.

- Lois Byers and Show Choir members beautifully sang “The Star Spangled Banner,” “Pei Jesu” and “God Bless America”.
- A student at Pendleton County Middle/High School was recognized for being one of the first Students of Excellence being recognized by the State Journal.
- The Board met with the Pendleton County Middle/High School Faculty Senate / LSIC / SCT / PTO until 7:20 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

The minutes of the February 9, 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: Mary Ruth Raines - Aide at Pendleton County Middle/High. Upon Mr. Lambert’s recommendation and a motion by Ms. Bowers, seconded by Mr. O’Neil, the Board voted unanimously to approve the retirements/resignations.

Personnel Issues: Upon Mr. Lambert’s recommendation and a motion by Mr. O’Neil, seconded by Ms. Kimble, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 8:00 P.M. to discuss personnel issues. The Board returned to regular session at 8:30 P.M with no action taken.

FINANCE:

Financial Update: Mr. Mowery gave the Board Members copies of comparisons of Forest Land Payments, Impact Aid Payments and enrollment, utility and electric bills, and snow removal costs.

FY 2010-2011 Preliminary Budget: Mr. Mowery gave the Board Members information for the preliminary budget for FY 2010-2011. Mr. Mowery talked about OPEB, numbers of personnel over formula, especially service personnel and other items that need to be looked at regarding the budget. Mr. Mowery gave the Board Members a copy of the Pendleton County Public Library’s Financial Statement.

Section 125 Plan Amendment: Mr. Mowery gave the Board Members a copy of the Section 125 Plan Amendment. Upon Mr. Lambert’s recommendation and a motion by Ms. Kimble, seconded by

Ms. Bowers, the Board voted unanimously to approve the amendment to the Section 125 Plan.

OLD BUSINESS:

Broadband Contract: Mr. Mowery explained to the Board that the Shentel Broadband Contract approved on February 9, 2010, needed to be rescinded. Mr. Mowery received a letter from Shentel Cable dated February 18, 2010, rescinding approval of the contract. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. O'Neil, seconded by Ms. Kimble, the Board approved the rescinding of the approval of the Broadband Contract with Shentel with E-rate funding.

Substitute Policy: There was discussion about the Substitute Policy for Professional Personnel and a subsequent revision. The proposal was to remove P 22.4 section from the Profession Substitute Personnel Policy and an additional paragraph dealing with items that no longer applied to the Policy. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Ms. Bowers, seconded by Mr. O'Neil, the Board voted unanimously to approve the first reading of the Revised Substitute Policy for Professional Personnel. Becky McConnell also addressed the Board about the Substitute Service Personnel Policy. The Board asked Mrs. McConnell to give her suggestions. The substitute service personnel will be looked at again and will be on another board meeting agenda. The service personnel policy will go back to past practices until the policy is reconsidered. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. O'Neil, seconded by Ms. Kimble, the Board voted unanimously to rescind P22.1.8 Substitute Service Personnel Policy and go back to previous practices.

Inclement Weather Days: Mr. Lambert gave the Board Members a list of the days of school missed and two hour delays due to inclement weather. So far, there have been 13 days of school cancelled, 8 two hour delays, 1 two-hour delay for personnel, and 2 early dismissals. He also gave the Board Members a copy of his memo to principals and central office administrative staff regarding days missed for school and make-up days.

NEW BUSINESS:

Out-of-County Transfer Request: Mr. Lambert presented an out-of-county transfer request to attend Grant County Schools due to working in Petersburg. 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.

School Calendar Changes: Mr. Lambert presented the list of rescheduled instructional days for the Board's approval. They are as follows:

- Friday, February 26 - ISE Day will be ½ Instructional/1/2 Faculty Senate;
- Friday, April 30 - ISE Day will be ½ Instructional/1/2 Faculty Senate; Wednesday, June 2 - ISE Day will be Instructional Day;
- Thursday, June 3 - OS Day will be Instructional Day;
- Thursday, June 3 – Last day for Preschool Students who will go ½ day;
- Friday, June 4 - OS Day will be Instructional Day;
- Friday, June 4 –Last day for Kindergarten Students who will go ½ day;
- Monday, June 7 - OS Day will be Instructional Day;
- Tuesday, June 8 - OS Day will be ½ Instructional/1/2 Faculty Senate and Last Day for Students;
- Wednesday, June 9 - Last Day for Personnel/Preparation for Closing.

Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Ms. Bowers, seconded by Ms. Kimble, the Board voted unanimously to approve the rescheduled instructional days.

OTHER:

Fifth Month Attendance: Mr. Lambert presented the Fifth Month Attendance chart to the Board showing a total of 1089 students.

Correspondence: Mr. Lambert gave the Board Members a copy of correspondence from Howard Seufer on information presented at the WVASA Legal Seminar at Flatwoods on February 5, 2010. He also gave the Board Members a copy of the letter written to Bob Tuckerman, President of the Board of Trustees of the Pendleton County Library regarding the request for additional funding for the library.

Spring Work Session: The Spring Work Session will be held at 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, April 13th, with Principals attending the first part of the session. The Board talked about items that will be discussed at the work session.

Strategic Plan: Mr. Lambert updated the Board on the Strategic Plan.

Conference/Meeting Update: Mr. Lambert was in Charleston on February 10/11 and February 19th, attending the Legislative Sessions and speaking to several Legislators. He is planning to go the Charleston on Tuesday, March 2nd. He attended the South Branch Meeting on the morning of February 23rd for the Tri-County Calendar Meeting.

The next meeting of the Pendleton County Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, at the Pendleton County Board of Education Annex at 6:00 P.M. Upon a motion by Ms. Bowers, seconded by Ms. Kimble, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

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