

Pendleton County Schools Seventeenth County Board Meeting Wednesday, March 21, 2007

The Pendleton County Board of Education convened in Regular Session on Wednesday, March 21, 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; Donald Bucher; J. P. Mowery; and Nancy Blankenship. Also present: Nancy Barkley, Katie George, Shari Moyers, Kathy Lockard, Patti Bennett, Charles Hedrick, Judy Waggoner, Sheila Ruddle, Sandra Simmons, Mary Beth Lambert, Joe Vincell, Rodney Cooper, parents and students.

There was a student expulsion meeting at 5:30 prior to the Board Meeting. Student #07-01 was expelled from attending Pendleton County Middle/High School for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year.

From 6:00 - 6:38 P.M. the Board of Education met with the Pendleton County SCT (School Curriculum Team).

CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT: President Wilkins called the meeting to order at 6:45 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 March 5, 2007 Board Meeting: Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. Cassell, seconded by Mr. Gillespie, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the above Board Meeting.

FINANCE:

Bills for Approval - Month Ended February 28, 2007: Mr. Mowery presented the bills for approval for the month ended February 28, 2007 in the amount of \$420,609.755. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Dr. Hoover, seconded by Ms. Bowers, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Bills as presented.

Treasurer's Report - Month Ended February 28, 2007: Mr. Mowery gave a Treasurer's Report for the month ended February 28, 2007, and explained the receipts, disbursements, fund balance, accounts payable and cash and investment amounts. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Mr. Cassell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the February Treasurer's Report

Resolution of Support - Brandywine School Association: Mr. Mowery presented a request from William Innes, Brandywine Elementary PTO for the Board of Education to be the sponsoring agent for some grants that the Brandywine PTO is seeking. There was discussion that any grants that the PTO is seeking needs pre-review by the Board and/or Superintendent. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Ms. Bowers, seconded by Mr. Cassell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Resolution of Support by the Brandywine Elementary School PTO with the changes that were discussed.

FY 2007-2008 Preliminary Budget: Mr. Mowery gave the Board Members a handout showing a recap of money received and requested/to be requested from the Legislature FY 2005 through FY 2008 and a copy of Senate Bill No. 541 relating to state aid to counties. He also gave them a copy of the Final Computations for money from the State Department for the 2007-08 school year.

Schedule of Proposed Levy Rates FY 2007-08: Mr. Mowery presented the Schedule of Proposed Levy Rates for Pendleton County Schools for FY ended 6-30-08. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Dr. Hoover, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Schedule of Proposed Levy Rates

Excess Levy Update: The Excess Levy Election was held on Saturday, March 17, 2007 with 414 votes for the Levy and 1003 votes against the Levy. Mr. Mowery gave the Board Members a handout showing the Voting Precincts and the total number of votes for and against the levy and also copies of the votes from the previous levy elections. 29. Two per cent (2%) of the voters at the polls voted for the levy

Financial Update: Mr. Mowery gave the Board Members a handout showing the actual level of pay increases the state has provided to teachers the last two years and the latest pay increase information. Salaries have increased a lot more for experienced teachers than new teachers. Mr. Mowery told the Board Members that the volunteer driver issue is still being looked at. He also told them that the committee for the Ralph K. Price, Jr. Scholarship Fund will be meeting in the next couple of weeks to select a recipient for the scholarship.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pendleton County Library funding: Mr. Lambert gave the Board Members a copy of the letter received from Charles Bates, Librarian at Pendleton County Library stating that due to changes in WV library regulations, Pendleton County Library will provide a public access computer with internet capabilities by the beginning of the 2007-2008 school year. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Mr. Cassell, the Board voted unanimously to continue the Library funding at the requested amount of \$3,200.

Golf Team at PCM/HS: Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Dr. Hoover, seconded by Ms. Bowers, the Board voted unanimously to table this agenda item until the end of the meeting or until the next meeting so that Sam Yokum could be present.

PCM/HS Bleacher Project: Mr. Gillespie told the Board that he along with Sam Yokum, Charles Hedrick, J. P. Mowery, Doug Simmons, Dwight Sponaule and Mr. Lambert had met regarding expenditure of funds for the bleachers, timelines, bids on the bleachers, removal of the old bleachers and press box, and removal of earth from the parking lot to build up the bleacher area. The construction process of the bleachers is still being looked at. The only action needed by the Board at this time is consent to remove the dirt so as not to hold up the project. There was also discussion about funds available for the project and ongoing fund-raising projects. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Ms. Bowers, seconded by Mr. Cassell, the Board voted unanimously to approve removal of dirt if necessary to build up the area for the new bleachers.

PERSONNEL:

Approval of Retired School Personnel Volunteers for May 10:

North Fork Elementary School Volunteers: Sadie Belle Propst, Audra Arbogast, Byron Bland, Iris Nelson.

Franklin Elementary School Volunteers: Vada Evick, Violet Eye, Maxine Burgoyne - ½ day.

Brandywine Elementary School Volunteers: Mary Dalen, Elizabeth Leeson, Wanda Brady,

Martha Wimer.

Pendleton County High School Volunteer: Elaine Craig.

Pendleton County Middle School Volunteer: Maxine Burgoyne - ½ day.

Board Office: Genevieve Glover.

Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. Gillespie seconded by Ms. Bowers the Board voted unanimously to approve the retired school personnel volunteers for May 10.

Employee Personnel Hearings:

Ms. Nancy Barkley, Ms. Katie George and Ms. Shari Moyers acting on behalf of Ms. Sarah Hedrick had requested a hearing, was present and asked that the hearing be conducted in Open Session. Mr. Bucher stated that the reason for the contract terminations was a result of the looming budget deficit due to declining student enrollment and a discussion among Principals and Board Office Personnel about positions they regrettably decided to terminate for the 2007-2008 school term in order to help balance the budget.

Ms. Barkley talked to the Board about her duties at North Fork Elementary School, her concern about the student at North Fork Elementary School with an immune deficiency and about how all the cleaning was to get done. Katie George talked to the Board about her concerns about all the cleaning getting done and that she had worked for the Board for five years and had not missed a day of work. Shari Moyers talked to the Board about workloads of the custodians and her concern about cleaning going undone at the schools.

Termination of Employment Contracts:

Charles Thomas Wimer - Teacher FES

Ashley Skavenski - Teacher PCMS

*Nancy Barkley - ½ Custodian NFES & 10 day extended contract

*Verna Katie George - ½ Custodian PCM/HS

*Kathy Lockard - ½ Custodian PCM/HS

*Sarah Hedrick - ½ Custodian BES

* Terminate ½ Custodian Contract, place on Transfer List.

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

OTHER INFORMATION ITEMS/BOARD ISSUES:

Grievance Board Report: Mr. Lambert told the Board Members that he had received the Grievance Board Report for Fiscal Year 2006 showing that there were no grievance filed against Pendleton County.

Safe and Productive Schools Committee: Mr. Lambert gave the Board Members a list of the Safe and Productive Schools Committee members.

Attendance Reports - Sixth and Seventh Months: Mr. Lambert gave the Board Members a copy of the Attendance/Accountability Report for the 6th and 7th Months as prepared by Debra Jackson, Attendance Director.

Five Year Plan: Mr. Lambert told the Board Members that the Strategic Plan Committee had met two weeks ago to start working on next year's plan. One-half of the team members will be going to the meeting in Charleston on April 16-18.

Conference/Meeting Update: Mr. Lambert told the Board Members that he along with Mr. Bucher and Lincoln Propst will be meeting with the SBA regarding Brandywine Elementary School on Monday, March 26th. Mr. Lambert, Mr. Mowery, Rick Gillespie, Grey Cassell and Teresa Bowers will be meeting with a quorum of county commissioners at the Courthouse on Friday, March 23rd to

canvass the levy votes. Mr. Lambert will be meeting with the calendar committee at South Branch Vocational Technical Career Center on Friday afternoon, March 23rd .

The next meeting of the Pendleton County Board of Education will be held on Monday, April 2, 2007 at the Pendleton County Board of Education Annex on High Street at 6:00 P.M. Upon a motion by Ms. Bowers seconded by Mr. Gillespie the Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M. until April 17, 2007.

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