

**Pendleton County Schools
Fifteenth County Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 7, 2009**

The Pendleton County Board of Education convened in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 7, 2009, at the Franklin Elementary School. The following members were present: J. D. Wilkins, President; Richard Gillespie, Vice-President; Teresa Bowers; Sonny O'Neil; Betty Kimble. Central Office Staff present: Douglas Lambert, Superintendent; Donald Bucher; J. P. Mowery; and Nancy R. Blankenship. Also present Doug Simmons, Mike Hammer, Doug Schoonover.

The Board met with the Franklin Elementary School Curriculum Team (SCT) from 6:00 - 6:40 P.M.

Mr. Lambert was returning from Charleston and Mr. Bucher stood in for Mr. Lambert until he returned.

CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT: President Wilkins called the meeting to order at 6:55 P.M.
Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation: Mr. Wilkins led the *Pledge of Allegiance* and led the group in prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

The minutes of the March 24, 2009 Board Meeting and Executive Session: Upon Mr. Bucher'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 and Executive Session.

FINANCE:

Bills Submitted for Approval Month Ended March 31, 2009: Mr. Mowery presented the bills for approval for the month ended March 31, 2009, in the amount of \$592,942.33. Upon Mr. Bucher'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 March 31, 2009: Mr. Mowery gave a Treasurer's Report for the month ended March 31, 2009, and explained the receipts, disbursements, fund balance, accounts payable and cash and investment amounts. Upon Mr. Bucher'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.

Preliminary Budget FY 2009-2010: Mr. Mowery went over changes he had made to the preliminary budget.

FY 2007-2008 Audit Report: Mr. Mowery did not have a report. This item will be on the next board meeting agenda.

Financial Update: Mr. Mowery talked about the budget and the anticipated receipt of stimulus money.

PERSONNEL:

Retirements/Resignations: There were no retirements/resignations.

Position Closure - Dean of Students PCM/HS: Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Ms. Bowers, seconded by Ms. Kimble, the Board voted unanimously to close the Dean of Students Position at PCM/HS.

Permission to Post New Position - Assistant Principal PCM/HS: There was discussion about the posting of a new position for Assistant Principal at PCM/HS with primary emphasis for this new position to be at the Middle School. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. O'Neil, seconded by Ms. Bowers, the Board voted as follows: Ms. Kimble - yes; Mr. Wilkins - yes; Ms. Bowers - no; Mr. Gillespie - no; Mr. O'Neil - abstain. Vote: 2-2. Motion died - no action taken. During the discussion part of the vote, Doug Schoonover voiced his opinions about the Assistant Principal position at the Middle School. Mr. Gillespie requested that his following comments be made a part of the board meeting minutes:

- We are trying to fix the Middle School and that requires full-time duties within the Middle School.
- An assistant rather than an actual Principal dilutes the identity of the school.
- An assistant may not be as free and independent to do what is needed at the Middle School level.
- My vote and comments are not a negative reflection on our new High School Principal or the person ultimately chosen to fill the position.

Employment of Personnel:

- Joseph Vincell - English/Language Arts Teacher – PCHS
- Sheila Evick - Social Studies Teacher – PCHS
- Allison Vincell - Spanish Teacher - PCM/HS

Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Mr. O'Neil, the Board voted unanimously to approve the above employment of personnel. At the discussion stage of the motion, Doug Schoonover addressed the Board about his not being selected for the position of English/Language Arts Teacher at Pendleton County High School.

OLD BUSINESS:

Maintenance and Facility Issues: Doug Simmons and Mike Hammer were present and discussed maintenance and facility issues at all the schools with the Board Members.

Elden Puffenbarger Bus Issues: Mr. Puffenbarger did not attend the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

OTHER:

Superintendent's Evaluation: The Superintendent's Evaluation will be done at the First May Board Meeting.

Five Year Plan: Mr. Lambert told the Board Members that he had a meeting with the Five Year Plan Committee last week. Charles Hedrick will be in charge of the County Plan and Mr. Hedrick and Ms. Bennett will work with the individual schools to help them with the Five Year Plan.

Conference/Meeting Update: Mr. Lambert and Mr. Mowery were in Charleston for Legislative Sessions last week. Mr. Lambert was in Charleston today to meet with the Senate Ed Committee returning at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Lambert will be in Charleston Thursday - Saturday this week for the closing sessions of the Legislature. Mr. Lambert showed the Board Members a plaque that they had purchased for Harold Michael and other members of the delegation. There was discussion about the retirement dinner. There will be a special meeting next week to meet with the new PCM/HS Princi-

pal to discuss the Assistant Principal vs. Principal Position at PCM/HS.

There will be a special meeting next week - date and time to be determined. The next regular meeting of the Pendleton County Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2009, 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 8:55 P.M.

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