

Pendleton County Schools Twentieth County Board Meeting Thursday, May 13, 2010

The Pendleton County Board of Education convened in Regular Session on Thursday, May 13, 2010, at the Pendleton County Board of Education Annex. The following members were present: J. D. Wilkins, President; Sonny O'Neil; Teresa Bowers. Absent: Richard Gillespie, Vice-President; and Betty Kimble. Central Office Staff present: Douglas Lambert, Superintendent; Donald Bucher; J. P. Mowery; Ann Bennett; Charles Hedrick and Nancy R. Blankenship.

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

The minutes of the April 20, 2010 Board Meeting: Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Ms. Bowers, seconded by Mr. O'Neil, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the above Board Meeting.

PERSONNEL:

Retirements/Resignations:

Kara Townsend - Substitute Custodian

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.

Employment of Personnel:

Kimbra Day - Substitute Teacher pending receipt of certification;

Samuel Harper - Bus Driver Beginning pick-ups in Brushy Fork area to Rt. 21, then South to County Line, turn around going North on Rt. 21 to Stoney Run Road, then to the Navy Base for pick ups, and on to BES, then to PCM/HS and FES;

James Waybright - Bus Driver Elk Mountain to Big Mountain, return to Rt. 28, continue Northward to Cherry Grove to NFES, then to PCM/HS and may return to NFES based on need;

Natasha Fields - Art Teacher PCM/HS;

Derek Lambert - Science Teacher – PCHS;

Joseph Eason - Fifth Grade Elementary Teacher – BES.

Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. O'Neil, seconded by Ms. Bowers, the Board voted unanimously to approve the retirements/resignations.

Employee Suspension- Employee #2009-2010-2: Upon the Superintendent's recommendation and a motion by Ms. Bowers, seconded by Mr. O'Neil, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 7:20 P.M. according to State Code to discuss the Employee Suspension of Employee #2009-2010-2. The Board returned to regular session at 7:25 P.M. with no action taken. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Ms. Bowers, seconded by Mr. O'Neil, the Board voted unanimously to uphold the suspension of Employee #2009-2010-2 for a period of five days without pay.

FINANCE:

Bills Presented for Approval Month Ended April 30, 2010: Mr. Mowery presented the bills for approval for the month ended April 30, 2010, in the amount of \$560,520.75. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. O'Neil, seconded by Ms. Bowers, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Bills as presented.

Treasurer's Report for Month Ended April 30, 2010: Mr. Mowery gave a Treasurer's Report for the month ended April 30, 2010, 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. O'Neil, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Budget Supplements: There were no budget supplements presented.

FY 2010-2011 Preliminary Budget: Mr. Mowery went over highlights of the Preliminary Budget for Publication. Final approval process for the budget will be at the next board meeting.

FY 2010-2011 Library Funding: Mr. Mowery gave the Board Members an E-mail from Joe Panetta, the Library Audit Report, and the Library Funding Request. There was discussion about the library request. Request for additional funding died for lack of a motion.

Supplemental Contracts: Mr. Mowery gave the Board Members information on the request for an increase in the amount for the bus driver for the Vo-Tech bus run and for the request for an increase in the amount for the commodity delivery. Mr. Lambert said he also wanted to look at the supplemental contract for calling service personnel substitutes. Mr. Mowery's recommendation was to wait a year or two to see what the budget before increasing any supplemental contracts. This item will be on the next board meeting agenda.

Financial Update: Mr. Mowery gave the Board Members the following information: Electric Usage by School for 2008, 2009 and 2010; Energy Costs (Electric, Fuel Oil, Propane, Water/Sewer, Trash) by Building by month and by school for 2008, 2009, 2010; OPEB Litigation Progress Report and Invoice for \$527.97; article on why Obama's school funding approach is upsetting educators; Child Nutrition Program Food Service Budget for FY 2010 and 2011; Comparisons of other counties meals per cook hour; Calculation of meals per labor hours per school and compared with neighboring counties; Ideal number of cooks versus actual number of cooks and comparisons with other counties; Comparison of lunch costs by county; Total population and the components of change/decline for WV counties July 1, 2008-July 1, 2009; article on FCC Narrowbanding; information on PEIA Dependent Eligibility Audit; The Greatest Windows Tips of All Times – 26 Classic Tips.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Textbook Adoption: Ann Bennett presented the following Mathematics and Family and Consumer Science Textbook List for Adoption:

Scott Foresman: Investigations in Number, Data & Space K-6;

Pearson Ed: Connected Math 2 Grades 6-8;

Glencoe McGraw Hill: Geometry 9-12;

Glencoe McGraw Hill: Applied Geometry 9-12;

Glencoe McGraw Hill: Algebra I Support 8-12;

Glencoe McGraw Hill: Algebra I and II 9-12;

Holt-McDougal: Pre-Calculus 9-12;

Holt McDougal: Trigonometry 9-12;

Prentice-Hall: Conceptual Mathematics 9-12;
CEV Multimedia: Introduction to Agriculture, Power Structural & Technical
Pathway, Plant Systems, Animal Systems;
Goodheart-Wilcox: Life Connections 9-12;
Goodheart-Wilcox: Base 7-12;
Goodheart-Wilcox: Learning for Independence, Family, Employment 9-12;
Glencoe: Food Preparation 9-12;
CEV Multimedia: Child Specialist I & II 9-12;
South Western Cengage: Introduction to Business 9-12;
Thomson or Cengage: Basic Computer Applications 9-12.

Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Ms. Bowers, seconded by Mr. O'Neil, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Textbook Adoption List as presented with the possibility of amendment for Mr. Hudson's textbooks.

Kline Building: Mr. Mowery gave the Board Members a copy of the Kline Building Appraisal from June, 2008. The Kline Property was purchased in 1998 for \$150,000. The Building on 15,345 +/- square feet was appraised in June, 2008 at \$55,000 or the property with the building razed would be appraised at \$75,000. This item will be on the next board meeting agenda.

Board Meeting Schedule for 2010- 2011: Mr. Lambert gave the Board Members a proposed Board Meeting Schedule for 2010-2011. There is a conflict with the August 10 meeting. The suggestion was to change that meeting to August 3. This item will be on the next Board Meeting Agenda.

Memorandum of Understanding - South Branch Vocational School: Mr. Lambert gave the Board Members a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding between the West Virginia Board of Education and Hardy, Grant and Pendleton County Boards of Education for the Delegation of Operations of the South Branch Career and Technical Center.

Eastern Agreement: Mr. Lambert gave the Board Members a copy of the letter he wrote supporting the initiative with Eastern Community and Technical College and the Community and Technical College System of West Virginia that allows school service personnel an opportunity to get a degree through the Board of Governor's Associate in Applied Science program of study.

OTHER:

Retirement Dinner: The Retirement Dinner for 2009-2010 retirees will be held in conjunction with the Board Meeting on June 8th. The Dinner will be held at the Fireside Café at 6:00 P.M. with the Board Meeting following at 7:30 P.M. at the Board of Education Annex.

Change in Grading Scale/Student Eligibility for Promise Scholarship: Shelba Vincell, Guidance Counselor at Pendleton County High School, was present to give the Board Members a report on how the change in grading scale has affected student eligibility for Promise Scholarship. Sixteen students qualified for Promise Scholarship. There are two appeals that have been filed and the possibility of one other student qualifying which may come to a total of 19 Promise Scholarship recipients. Mr. Vincell said the grading scale has not greatly affected the eligibility for Promise Scholarship this year but he will be better able to tell next year if there has been an increase.

Workforce Development: Mr. Lambert gave the Board Members a copy of the letter of commitment to participate in the development of the Youth Council of the Potomac Highlands.

Writing Roadmap/Acuity: Mr. Lambert gave the Board Members a copy of the letter from Dr. Paine, State Superintendent of Schools giving an update on Pendleton County School's usage of Writing Roadmap from September 2009 - April 2010 and also an update on Acuity Usage from September 2009 - March 2010. Pendleton County did really well on both the Writing Roadmap and Acuity Usage activities.

Eighth Month Attendance: Mr. Hedrick gave the Board Members a copy of the Eighth Month Attendance Report and went over the items in the report. There have been thirteen dropouts for the year.

Strategic Plan: There was nothing to report on the Strategic Plan at this meeting.

Conference/Meeting Update: Mr. Lambert has been at Eastern during the afternoons this week for interviews. He will be on vacation on Monday, May 17. He will be Charleston next week for the Interim Session/WVASA Meeting/Howard Seufer School Law Update on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 18/19, RESA Meeting on Thursday, May 20. May 24th there will be an all day Eastern Meeting. WESTEST is next week.

Superintendent's Evaluation: Upon a motion by Mr. O'Neil, seconded by Ms. Bowers, the Board went into Executive Session at 8:05 P.M. to do the Superintendent's Evaluation. The Board returned to regular Session at 9:30 P.M. with no action taken.

The next meeting of the Pendleton County Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, May 25, 2010, at the Pendleton County Board of Education Annex at 6:00 P.M. Upon a motion by Mr. O'Neil, seconded by Ms. Bowers, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 P.M.

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