

## **Pendleton County Schools Third County Board Meeting Tuesday, August 26, 2008**

The Pendleton County Board of Education convened in Regular Session on Tuesday, August 12, 2008, at the Pendleton County Board of Education Annex. The following members were present: J. D. Wilkins, President; Richard Gillespie, Vice-President; Teresa Bowers; Sonny O'Neil and Betty Kimble. Central Office Staff present: Douglas Lambert, Superintendent; J. P. Mowery; Donald Bucher and Nancy R. Blankenship. Also Present: Jessica Lamb and Pam Schrader from Eastern Community and Technical College, parent, grandparent 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.

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

**Eastern Community & Technical College - Jessica Lamb:** Jessica Lamb gave a presentation about Eastern Community and Technical College and the offerings available for students in this area. She talked about opportunities, economy, top employers and needs of employers in Pendleton County. She talked about dual credit classes, the articulation agreement which allows students the chance to earn college credit in high school, and the EDGE Program that is available to students at Pendleton County High School where they can "Earn a Degree and Graduate Early." With the EDGE program students could graduate from high school with an Associate Degree.

**G.E.D. Presentation - Amanda Barger, Eastern Community & Technical College:** Jessica Lamb did a presentation on the G.E.D. Program in Ms. Barger's absence. The G.E.D. Program will begin on September 3rd and will be held on Wednesday nights 6:30 - 8:30 P.M. through the Pendleton County Access Center. The G.E.D. Program is free and classes will be held September, 2008 through June, 2009. Depending on needs and number of students there may also be classes in the North Fork Area. The G.E.D. classes are also available to students trying to keep their driver's license and Home-Schooled Children.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

**The minutes of the August 12, 2008 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**

#### **Employment of Personnel:**

Brian Bland - 5th Grade Elementary Education Teacher – FES  
Crystal Ceely - Part-Time Reading/Math Interventionist – BES  
William Jake Conrad - Substitute Teacher

Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Ms. Kimble, seconded by Ms. Bowers, the Board voted unanimously to approve the employment of the above personnel.

**Resignations/Retirements:** There were no resignations/retirements.

## **FINANCE:**

**Surplus Sale:** Mr. Mowery reported that \$1,600 had been made at the Surplus Sale held on Saturday, August 23rd. There are several buses for sale through the government auction. Mr. Mowery told the Board Members that the State is selling some of its surplus property on EBay.

**Policy Updates - Second Reading/Adoption:** Mr. Mowery presented policies prepared by Dr. Bill Rosier for a second reading/adoption. The policies will be adopted as presented with the following exceptions: P.3.15 will be held for future changes/approval; P.25/P.25.1 will be removed; R.7 with defining school staff as Pendleton County School Staff and T.9 with change from central office personnel to all personnel. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Mr. O'Neil, the Board voted unanimously to approve the policies with the changes noted above. There was discussion about the Facility Policy regarding facility usage fees and deposits. This policy will be discussed at the next Board Meeting. Mr. Lambert gave the Board Members a copy of handout which will be sent out with all requests for facility usage requests.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was no old business.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Out-of-School Attendance Zone Request:** A parent, her mother and children came before the Board to request that her children who have been attending Franklin Elementary School be allowed to continue there although she has moved to the Brandywine Elementary School attendance area. The family has lived in and out of the Franklin Elementary School attendance area for the past several years. There was discussion about Board Policy S.5.2, effective Fall, 2006. The Board's decision was that if the parent could provide proof of residency in the Brandywine School attendance area prior to 9/20/06, and there were no permanent changes during the succeeding school terms her children would be allowed to continue to attend Franklin Elementary School pending class size requirements. If class size exceeds the number allowed by state law then her children will need to school in their attendance zone. The parent will be required to provide proof of residency in the Brandywine Attendance Area prior to 9/20/06 to Mr. Lambert by Friday, August 29th.

## **OTHER:**

**Report on Distance Learning through SBVCTC:** Mr. Lambert reported to the Board that there will be a Distance Learning Class through South Branch Vocational Career and Technical Center for the Junior Class. This will be a History Class taught by Mary Warner. This class is being taught so that students will not be short credits for graduation due to losing class time for transit to the Vocational School.

**Fall Retreat:** Mr. Lambert told the Board Members that the Board Retreat will most likely be held on Saturday, November 1st at the Navy Base. Mr. Gillespie will check on arrangements at the Navy Base. Principals and Central Office Staff will be invited to participate in the Retreat.

**Change of Meeting Date - October 14th Board Meeting:** There was discussion about changing the October 14th Board Meeting Date. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Ms. Bowers, seconded by Mr. Gillespie, the Board voted unanimously to change the October 14th Board Meeting to Monday, October 13th.

**Fall WV School Board Association Conference - Charleston:** The fall WV School Board Association Meeting will be held in Charleston on September 12/13. All Board Members indicated that they will be attending. Ms. Blankenship has made arrangements for room reservations and registration.

**Beginning of School Year Breakfast/Activities:** The beginning of school year breakfast was held on Thursday, August 21st. Pendleton Community Bank provided the breakfast which was prepared by the Superintendent, Board Members and Central Office Staff. Mr. Lambert reported lots of positive comments from personnel thanking everyone for preparing and serving the breakfast. Mr. Lambert also reported that the personnel really appreciated the bags that Pendleton Community Bank had given to employees.

**Conference/Meeting Update:** Mr. Lambert will attend the RESA Meeting in Martinsburg on Thursday, 8/28. Mr. Gillespie and Mr. O'Neil will have the opportunity to participate via video conferencing at the Board Annex. A possibility exists that Mr. Lambert, as a member of the SBVCTC Board will be in Morgantown 9/1-9/3 regarding the Tammy Kitzmiller Civil Case. On September 9th new employees will attend the Board Meeting. John Houff from RESA will also be making a presentation at that meeting. Mr. O'Neil brought up biodiesel and there was discussion about that. Mr. O'Neil will look into the requirements check with Atlantic Oil and report back to the Board Members and Superintendent.

The next meeting of the Pendleton County Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2008, at Pendleton County Board of Education Annex at 6:00 P.M. Upon a motion by Ms. Bow-ers, seconded by Ms. Kimble, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 P.M.

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