

Pendleton County Schools Fourth County Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 11, 2007

The Pendleton County Board of Education convened in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 11, 2007, at the Pendleton County Board of Education Annex. 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, and J. P. Mowery.

CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT: Vice-President Hoover 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 August 28, 2007 Board Meeting and Executive Sessions: Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. Cassell, seconded by Ms. Bowers, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the above Board Meeting.

FINANCE:

Bills Presented for Approval Month Ended August 31, 2007: Mr. Mowery presented the bills for approval for the month ended August 31, 2007, in the amount of \$644,973.94. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. Wilkins, seconded by Mr. Cassell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Bills as presented.

Treasurer's Report Month Ended August 31, 2007: Mr. Mowery gave a Treasurer's Report for the month ended August 31, 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 July Treasurer's Report.

Budget Supplements: Mr. Mowery presented a budget supplement in the amount of \$7,089.00. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Ms. Bowers, seconded by Mr. Wilkins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Budget Supplements as presented.

Budget Transfers: Mr. Mowery presented budget transfers in the amount of \$566,248.00 transferring money into appropriate line items. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. Cassell, seconded by Ms. Bowers, the Board voted unanimously to approve the budget transfers.

Financial Update: Mr. Mowery gave the Board Members an audio of the NPR Broadcast and a copy of the Martinsburg New Journal article on the Interim Meeting held on September 10th. Mr. Mowery and Mr. Lambert spoke before the Interim Committee on the School Aide Funding Formula. They gave the Board Members a copy of the handouts they used when speaking before the Interim Committee. Mr. Gillespie asked about the Franklin Elementary School electric bill in comparison with the other schools. Mr. Mowery will check on that item.

Web Site Update: Mr. Mowery gave the Board Members a handout showing the number of visits to the webpage. Visits to the website have increased 74%.

Policy Review: Mr. Mowery presented Group I of the Policy Manual Revisions for the First Reading. There was discussion about the policy on Energy Conservation. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommenda-

tion and a motion by Mr. Wilkin, seconded by Ms. Bowers, the Board voted unanimously to approve the First Reading of the Group I Policy Manual Revisions. There was also discussion about the Policy F.7.1 on Travel Allowances. Mr. Mowery will come back to Board with a revision on the amount for hotel accommodations.

NEW BUSINESS:

Out of County Transfer Request: Mr. Lambert presented an out-of-county transfer request for children to attend Grant County Schools. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. Cassell, seconded by Ms. Bower, the Board voted unanimously to approve the out of county transfer request.

OTHER INFORMATION ITEMS/BOARD ISSUES:

AYP: Mr. Lambert told the Board that all Pendleton County Schools had made AYP. With our first accrued professional development day this Friday, staffs at all schools will be analyzing the data and identifying strengths and weaknesses and formulating strategies to address such. Mr. Lambert hopes to have a full report for the Board at the first October meeting.

Five-Year Plan: Mr. Lambert told the Board that the Five Year Plan for the county had been submitted on schedule on September 15th. The school plans are due October 15th.

Bleacher Update: Mr. Mowery and Mr. Gillespie updated the Board Members on the Bleacher project. There are some cross-braces that need to be put in. The grass is coming back in and greening up. They also discussed the new flagpole.

Brandywine Elementary School Project Update: There was discussion about the road bore - extra costs, work and responsibilities.

WV School Board Association Fall Meetings: The West Virginia School Board Association's Fall Conference will be held September 14/15 in Charleston. Mr. Lambert gave the Board members a copy of the agenda. Nancy Blankenship will be attending the Superintendent's Secretaries meeting held in conjunction with the School Board Association Meeting.

Fall Retreat: Mr. Lambert gave the Board Members a copy of a tentative agenda for the fall retreat. Mr. Gillespie will make the arrangements for the meals.

Conference/Meeting Update: Mr. Lambert attended a meeting for a K-12 distance learning initiative through RESA.

The next meeting of the Pendleton County Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, September 25, 2007 at Franklin Elementary School at 6:00 P.M.

Upon a motion by Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Mr. Cassell, the Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

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