

Pendleton County Schools Ninth County Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 13, 2007

The Pendleton County Board of Education convened in Regular Session on Tuesday, November 13, 2007, at the North Fork Elementary School. 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; J. P. Mowery and Nancy Blankenship. Also present was John Jenkins, Armanda Heavner, Mr. & Mrs. Gene McConnell, Larry Thomas, Bob Grimm, and Ed Tallman, *The Pendleton Times*.

Mr. Lambert and the Board of Education recognized North Fork Elementary students for the academic achievement from 6:00 - 6:10 P.M.

The Board enjoyed a dinner prepared by the North Fork Elementary School Staff and then met with the North Fork Elementary School LSIC/Faculty Senate from 6:10 - 6:58 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT: President Wilkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 October 23, 2007 Board Meeting and November 3, 2007 Board Retreat/Work Session: Mr. Lambert requested that the minutes of the November 3, 2007 Board Retreat/Work Session state that no official action was taken at the Board Retreat/Work Session. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Ms. Bowers, seconded by Dr. Hoover, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the above Board Meetings with the one addition/correction.

FINANCE:

Bills Presented for Approval Month Ended October 31, 2007: Mr. Mowery presented the bills for approval for the month ended October 31, 2007, in the amount of \$699,996.75. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. Cassell, seconded by Mr. Gillespie, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Bills as presented.

Treasurer's Report Month Ended October 31, 2007: Mr. Mowery gave a Treasurer's Report for the month ended October 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 Dr. Hoover, seconded by Ms. Bowers, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

November Budget Supplements: Mr. Mowery presented budget supplements in the amounts of: #100-\$1,615.00; #101-\$1,944.00; #102-\$2,190.00; #103-\$5,271,392.28; #104-\$256.00. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Mr. Cassell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Budget Supplements as presented.

Proposed School Aid Formula: Mr. Lambert and Mr. Mowery provided the Board Members with a summary of the school aid formula proposals that are out for consideration and discussion at the present time. Mr. Lambert attended the Superintendent's monthly conference in Morgantown. Both

Pendleton and Hardy counties will be in a budget deficit.

Financial Update: Mr. Mowery gave the Board Members handouts showing by county comparisons of: 1) Statewide Expenditures for Instructional Supplies - Pendleton County is 54th; Substitute Service Personnel Salary Expenditures - Pendleton County is the 4th lowest in the State; Professional Personnel Substitute Salary Expenditures; and Board Members Salaries - Pendleton County is the 3rd lowest in the State.

OLD BUSINESS:

FHS Pictures: Bob Grimm was present as a representative of the Pendleton County Commission is presently the custodian of the FHS Pictures. He told the Board Members that having them at the Pendleton Community Building is presenting more of a problem that was anticipated in regard to having to continually take them down and put them back up when the room is rented resulting in damage to the picture frames and more manpower hours that what was originally anticipated. The County Commission has to rely on rental fees for money to use for repairs to the Community Building. There was discussion about finding a permanent place for the pictures so that they won't be damaged. This item was tabled until the first January Meeting.

Removal of Policies T.10.1.2 Student Transportation and T.10.1.3 Guidelines for Curricular and Extra-Curricular Trips - for further review and adjustments: Mr. Lambert told the Board Members that as discussed at the Board Retreat/Work Session these policies were being brought before the Board for action. Mr. Lambert's recommendation was to remove Policies T.1 Student Transportation and T.1.5 Guidelines for Curricular and Extra-Curricular Trips for further review and adjustments. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. Cassell, seconded by Ms. Bowers, the Board voted unanimously to approve the removal of the above policies.

NEW BUSINESS:

Promotion/Retention Policy: Review of the Promotion/Retention Policy was requested by the Pendleton County Middle School teachers specific to the seventh and eighth grade policy. This item was tabled until the first January Board Meeting.

Sgt. Clinton R. Hedrick Honorary Proposal: There was extensive discussion about the proposal that came from the October 23rd Board Meeting to name the Pendleton County Middle/High School building itself as the Sgt. Clinton R. Hedrick Academic Complex - and that there was never any intention to rename the school - the school will remain the Pendleton County Middle/High School. Upon a motion by Mr. Cassell, seconded by Ms. Bowers, the Board voted unanimously to table this proposal, study all the options in the community to honor veterans and specifically Sgt. Hedrick, investigate the procedure for establishing honoraries such as this; and check the policies and guidelines on legalities for naming buildings for persons in the community. Mr. Cassell will be in charge of forming a committee to conduct the above study. This committee will consist of Mr. Cassell, Gene McConnell, a school administrator, Pam Hartman and other committee members to be chosen.

OTHER INFORMATION ITEMS/BOARD ISSUES:

SVCTC Exemplary Status: Upon a motion Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Dr. Hoover, the Board voted unanimously at 8:17 P.M. to go into Executive Session to discuss South Branch Vocational Career Technical Center Exemplary Status. The Board returned to regular session at 8:31 P.M. Mr. Lambert gave the Board Members a copy of the letter from the State Department stating that South Branch Vocational Career Technical Center had achieved Exemplary Status.

Administrative Flow Chart/Administrator's Assessment Profile: Mr. Lambert gave the Board

Members a copy of the Administrative Flow Chart and the Administrator's Assessment Profile for Pendleton County Schools.

School Superintendent's Meeting: Mr. Lambert gave the Board Members a copy of correspondence from Martha Dean asking counties if they were willing to participate in a Friend of the Court brief regarding conduct that is disruptive and hurtful. The Board took no action on this request.

Students Exceeding WVDE Time Guidelines on School Buses: Mr. Lambert gave the Board Members a copy of the total number of students exceeding the West Virginia Department of Education's Time Guidelines for the amount of time spent on the bus enroute to and from school.

Christmas Get-Together: The annual Christmas Get-Together will be held on Monday, December 17th at Seneca Caverns Restaurant at 6:30 P.M. The cost will be \$12.00 per person.

Conference/Meeting Update: Mr. Lambert told the Board Members that he and Mr. Mowery will be in Charleston On November 25-28 for Interim Meetings. Mr. Lambert and the Five-Year Strategic Plan Committee will be in Charleston for meetings December 2-4. December 9-11 Mr. Lambert and Mr. Mowery will be in Charleston for December Interim Meetings.

The next meeting of the Pendleton County Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at the Brandywine Elementary School at 6:00 P.M. Upon a motion by Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Ms. Bowers, the Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

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