

**PENDLETON COUNTY SCHOOLS  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2012**

The Pendleton County Board of Education convened in Special Session on Thursday, May 24, 2012, at the Pendleton County Board Middle/High School Library. The following members were present: J. D. Wilkins- President, Richard Gillespie- Vice-President, Teresa Heavner, Betty Kimble, and Sonny O'Neil. Central Office Staff present: Douglas Lambert, Superintendent, J. P. Mowery, Donald Bucher, Charles Hedrick, and Nancy Blankenship. Also present: Timothy Woodward, Lance Moran, Sam Yokum, PCM/HS Faculty, students and parents.

**Call to Order by President:** President Wilkins called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.  
**Pendleton County High School Incident:** Mr. Wilkins explained to all present how the meeting would proceed and that the Board would go into Executive Session to obtain legal counsel prior to the meeting and then return to special session. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. Gillespie seconded by Mr. O'Neil the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 6:31 P.M. to obtain legal counsel according to WV State Code. The Board returned to regular session at 7:00 P.M. with no action taken. Mr. Wilkins explained to the Board the procedure and guidelines for the meeting. He told the group that there would be some public comment allowed by representatives of groups. The guidelines for the meeting prohibit attack on individuals whether staff or students, name names or positions. Several teachers, students and parents spoke to the Board Members about the incident and on behalf and in support of Mr. Woodward.. Mr. Lambert, on behalf the of the Pendleton County Board of Education told the group that the Board fully supports Mr. Woodward and the job he has done and that their only purpose was to assess whether they, as a school system, had done the right thing in regards to the incident. Mr. Woodward addressed the Board regarding the sequence of events relating to the incident. Mr. Lambert also spoke to the group. The Board took a break at 7:45 P.M. and resumed at 8:00 P.M. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. O'Neil seconded by Ms. Heavner the Board went into Executive Session at 8:01 P.M. for further investigation of PCHS incident. The Board returned to regular session at 10:36 P.M. with no action taken.

**The next meeting of the Pendleton County Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, June 5, 2012, at the Pendleton County Board of Education Annex at 6:00 P.M. Upon a motion by Ms. Heavner seconded by Ms. Kimble the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 P.M.**