

**PENDLETON COUNTY SCHOOLS
TWELVTH COUNTY BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017**

The Pendleton County Board of Education convened in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 17, 2017, at the Brandywine Elementary School. The following members were present: J.D. Wilkins - President, Richard Gillespie, Teresa Heavner, Sonny O'Neil and Betty Kimble. Central Office Staff present: Charles Hedrick, Superintendent, J. P. Mowery, Nicole Hevener, Rick Linaburg and Lisa Jamison. Others in attendance were: Terri McCoy, Travis Heavner and numerous BES Staff members, parents and students. At 5:15 p.m., the Board Members and Central Office staff enjoyed a meal prepared by the Brandywine Elementary Staff and BSA. After dinner the Board, BES staff, parents and students met in the gym for the award presentation portion of the meeting.

Mr. Heavner and Mr. Hedrick presented Award Certificates to all the BES students who excelled in the WV Summative Assessment tests in the 2015-2016 School year. Twenty-six students were recognized for their skills in ELA, Math and Science.

Call to Order by the President

President Wilkins called the Board meeting to order at 6:17 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation: Mr. Hedrick led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Wilkins led the group in prayer.

Calendar Hearing Ms. Nicole Hevener completed the first public hearing for the 2017-2018 Calendar. The calendar hearing ended at 6:28 p.m.

The Board then heard from the following: Mr. Heavner welcomed all the Board members to the meeting and praised his staff for their participation in preparing and conducting the meeting.

Amy Eason, LSIC Chair, discussed their recent project of obtaining new lights for the gymnasium. She discussed their plan to spruce up the outside of the school and their efforts to obtain grant funding to accomplish that goal.

Erin Eye, Keely Smith and Kim Keplinger discussed the use of newly state provided PALS assessments program that they are using for students in grades K-2 to measure academic growth. They also shared a short video presentation that outlined the use of the new program and the benefits that it provides.

Cheryl McClanahan, President to the BSA, discussed what they have done to support the school in the last year. Their fundraising efforts helped to replace mats at the PCMHS gymnasium, new books for the Library and AR Program, lighting for the stage, new basketball and cheerleading uniforms, blinds for the cafeteria, staff reimbursement for supplies, teacher appreciation week, Spring Fling, and Pendletonoply game sales— whose proceeds are used only for the AR program and AR rewards.

Mr. Heavner, Erin Eye and Patty Sickler discussed the NASA Lego Robot program completed with the 1st and 4th grade students. The program requires the students to build and program their own robots. NASA loans the kits to school systems to encourage STEM studies in younger children. Ms. Eye shared a short video presentation by the students showing their joint parent build night and their classroom building activities. Two students were on hand to show the Board their creations and demonstrate how they worked.

Public Comment There was no public comment.

Student Recognition

Mr. Hedrick recognized students who received the Academic and Responsible student of the month at PCMHS, as well as the winners of the Geography Bee at NFES.

Consent Agenda Items:

Minutes of the December 20, 2016 Board Meeting/Executive Session

Upon a recommendation by Mr. Hedrick and a motion by Mr. O'Neil, seconded by Ms. Kimble, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the above Board Meeting.

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Personnel:

Resignations/Retirements:

Misty Campbell – Science – PCHS – Resignation

Rod Cooper – Head Football Coach - PCHS - Resignation

Upon a recommendation by Mr. Hedrick and a motion by Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Ms. Kimble, the Board voted unanimously to approve the above retirement/resignations with regret.

Employment of Personnel:

Breanna Griffin - 5th Grade Teacher – NFES

TBD Math Interventionist (9th – 12th Grade)

TBD Substitute Bus Drivers

TBD Track Coach – PCMHS

Jennifer Apple - Long-Term Substitute Teachers

Claudia Evick - Short-Term Substitute Teachers

TBD Itinerant Special Education

TBD Assistant Softball Coach – PCMHS

Upon a recommendation by Mr. Hedrick and a motion by Mr. O’Neil, seconded by Ms. Heavner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the employment of the above personnel.

Approval of Volunteers/Chaperones:

BES Volunteers – Morgan Paige Keplinger

NFES Volunteers - Donna Kisamore Rena Vance Amanda Solarchick

PCMHS Chaperones - Bobby Keesecker

PCMHS Volunteers - J D Heavner

Upon a recommendation by Mr. Hedrick and a motion by Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Ms. Heavner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the above volunteers and chaperones for countywide use.

Leave of Absence There were no Leave of Absences for approval.

Finance:

Treasurer’s Report for Approval Month Ending December 31, 2016

Mr. Mowery presented the December 31, 2016 Treasurer’s Report to the Board for approval.

Upon a recommendation by Mr. Hedrick and a motion by Ms. Heavner, seconded by Ms. Kimble, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented.

Bills to Approve

Mr. Mowery presented the Bills for Approval for Month End December 31, 2016. Bills totaled \$475. 995.92.

Upon a recommendation by Mr. Hedrick and a motion by Ms. Kimble, seconded by Ms. Heavner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Bills as presented.

Budget Revisions

Mr. Mowery presented Budget Transfers totaling \$156,000.00 to the Board for approval.

Upon a recommendation by Mr. Hedrick and a motion by Mr. O’Neil, seconded by Ms. Kimble, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Budget Revisions as presented.

Lease Purchase Refinancing

Mr. Mowery presented the options on a Lease Purchase Refinancing agreement to the Board for review. No action was needed at this time.

Financial Update

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Mr. Mowery updated the Board on the following items: Legislative response on requests for Flexible Funding Options at the local level, Medicaid funding, Pocahontas Times article concerning Forest money, W-2 Calendar-year reconciliation.

Old Business:

Facilities

Mr. Linaburg updated the Board on the following Facilities information: Recent propane issues at PCMHS and action taken; SBA Annual Inspection Report with no identified deficiencies, but recommendations regarding HVAC at PCMHS; MIP Grant Update.

Navy Base

Terri McCoy of the Pendleton Times informed the Board that there is to be a press release this week, but that no information of the content of the release was available.

New Business:

Policies for 1st Reading and Review

Mr. Mowery presented the following policies to the Board for the 1st reading and review: Fundraising Policy, Personal Leave and Vacation Policy.

Upon a recommendation by Mr. Hedrick and a motion by Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Mr. O'Neil, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 1st Reading of the policies as presented. The 2nd and final reading will take place at a future meeting to be announced.

Budget Work Session

Mr. Mowery and Mr. Hedrick discussed the need for a Budget Work Session with the Board and asked that they look at their schedules to select a date for that session at the February 7, 2017 meeting.

Student Transfers

Mr. Hedrick presented a student transfer to the Board for approval. The tenth grade student who recently moved into Pendleton County wished to continue schooling in Randolph County.

OUT-OF COUNTY STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS

01-17-17

Parent Name	Student Name	Grade	Transfer School	Renewal or NEW
Cooper, James A & Stephanie		10	Randolph-Harman High	New

Upon a recommendation by Mr. Hedrick and a motion by Ms. Heavner, seconded by Ms. Kimble, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Student Transfer as presented.

Other:

Fifth Month Attendance

Mr. Linaburg presented the Fifth Month Attendance Report to the Board for Review.

Inclement Weather

Mr. Linaburg discussed with the Board his recent discussions with surrounding counties concerning changes they are making in Inclement Weather delays. No action needed at this time.

Conference/Meeting Update.

Mr. Hedrick will be in Bridgeport on January 26 – 27 for Assoc. of School Administrators meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Pendleton County Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at the Pendleton County Board of Education Annex at 6:00 P.M. There will be a special meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at the Franklin Elementary School beginning at 5:30.

Upon a motion by Mr. O'Neil, seconded by Mr. Gillespie, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

**PENDLETON COUNTY SCHOOLS
THIRTEENTH COUNTY BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2017
SPECIAL SESSION**

The Pendleton County Board of Education convened in Special Session on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at the Franklin Elementary School beginning at 5:30 p.m. to conduct student expulsion hearings according to WV State Code 6-9A-4b-3. The following members were present: J.D. Wilkins - President, Teresa Heavner, and Sonny O'Neil. Central Office staff in attendance were: Charles Hedrick, Superintendent, Nicole Hevener and Lisa Jamison. Others in attendance were: Lori Hull, Principal, PCMHS, student #2016-2017-1 and parents, Stuart Bowers and Kevin Sponaule.

Call to Order by the President

President Wilkins called the Board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation: Mr. Hedrick led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Wilkins led the group in prayer.

Student Hearings:

Student #2016-2017-1

At 5:31 p.m., the Student Hearing convened. Parents, student and their counsel attended, along with counsel for the Board. Mr. Wilkins explained the rules of the hearing and the options for open or closed session. The parent requested, through counsel, that the Session be closed. The Board entered closed session at 5:31 p.m.

Ms. Lori Hull, Principal, Pendleton County Middle High School, gave testimony and a summary of student #2016-2017-1's discipline records, attendance records, and transcripts and statements from the student and other witnesses. Ms. Hull recommended student be expelled for one year (365 days), according to WV Code 18A-5-1. Stuart Bowers spoke on behalf of the student and parents.

The Superintendent and Board members then asked questions of the student, who was advised by counsel to refrain from answering questions, due to future proceedings that may occur. His counsel then answered on his behalf.

Upon a recommendation by Mr. Hedrick and a motion by Mr. O'Neil, seconded by Ms. Heavner, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive session at 5:48 p.m. to conduct a hearing according to WV State Code 6-9A-4b-3. The Board returned to regular session at 5:53 p.m. with no action taken.

Upon a recommendation by Mr. Hedrick and a motion by Mr. O'Neil, seconded by Ms. Heavner, the Board voted unanimously, including Mr. Wilkins, to suspend Student #2016-2017-1 for the one year (365 days) according to WV State Code 6-9A-4b-3 effective January 18, 2017. The student will receive homebound instruction to continue their education. The student will not be allowed on school grounds or to attend any school functions during the suspension. The student will be allowed to return to school on probation at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year, but remain on probation until January 18, 2018.

Personnel

Extra Duty Contracts

Beverly Eye Cathy Bennett Michael Puchany

Ms. Hevener presented the Extra Duty Contracts to the Board for approval.

Upon a recommendation by Mr. Hedrick and a motion by Ms. Heavner, seconded by Mr. O'Neil, the Board voted unanimously to approve the contracts as presented.

Upon a motion by Ms. Heavner, seconded by Mr. O'Neil, the special meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.