

**PENDLETON COUNTY SCHOOLS
FOURTEENTH COUNTY BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2013**

The Pendleton County Board of Education convened in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at the Pendleton County Middle/High School Library. The following members were present: J. D. Wilkins- President, Richard Gillespie- Vice-President, Teresa Heavner, Sonny O'Neil, and Betty Kimble. Central Office Staff present: Douglas Lambert, Superintendent, Charles Hedrick, J. P. Mowery, Ann Bennett, and Nancy Blankenship. At 5:45 P.M., the Pendleton County Middle/High School Home-Ed Department served dinner to the Board Members and Central Office Staff.

At 6:30 P.M. The Board recognized students who achieved Exemplary Status on the WESTEST for the 2011-2012 school year. They also recognized Pendleton County Middle/High School for achieving Exemplary Status. The Board met with the PCM/HS LSIC/Faculty Senate until 7:25 P.M.

Call to Order by President: President Wilkins called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 February 5, 2013 Board Meeting/Executive Session: Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Ms. Kimble, seconded by Ms. Heavner the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the above Board Meeting.

Personnel:

Retirements/Resignations: There were no retirements/resignations.

Approval of Volunteers/Chaperones: There were no volunteers/chaperones to be approved..

Finance:

FY 2013-2014 Preliminary Budget: Mr. Mowery talked about the preliminary budget. The preliminary budget will be presented at a later meeting. He talked about Forest Land Funding, Medicaid Funding and other funding sources.

Financial Update: Mr. Mowery gave the Board Members information on Legal Fees and Propane costs and usage.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business:

Out of County Transfer Request - Grant to Pendleton: Mr. Lambert gave the Board Members information on an out-of-county transfer request from a family who have moved to Grant County. They are requesting for their children to continue to attend Pendleton County Schools. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. O'Neil seconded by Ms. Heavner the Board voted unanimously to approve the request for these children to attend Pendleton County Schools the remainder of the school year. There was discussion about a policy for deadlines for students from other counties transferring into Pendleton County Schools.

Dissolution of Architect Contract/Agreement: Mr. Mowery talked to the Board Members about the meeting with Dr. Mark Manchin from the School Building Authority and the Design/Build Concept. The Board had previously signed a contract with Williamson Shriver Architects for future building projects. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. Gillespie seconded by Mr. O'Neil the Board voted unanimously to dissolve the Architect Contract/Agreement with Williamson Shriver Architects.

Permission to move forward on Design/Build Concept: Mr. Mowery gave the Board Members information on the Design/Build Concept. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Ms. Heavner seconded by Ms. Kimble the Board voted unanimously to give permission to move forward on the Design/Build Concept.

FES Project: Mr. Mowery gave the Board information on the Road to \$1,000,000 in Local Funds for a new Franklin Elementary School. He talked about the QZAB Bonds that are an interest free way to borrow money and pay back in 10-20 years. Mr. Mowery talked about possibility of selling the board office, selling the FES land and the value of new FES Building land. There was also discussion about Lease/Purchase. Mr. Mowery told the board members that very soon there would need to be an option to purchase land for the new FES building. He also talked about other possible fund raising. Mr. Mowery gave the board members a copy of the state code dealing with sale of land and land acquisition.

QZAB (Qualified Zone Academy Bond Program) Bonds: Mr. Mowery gave the Board information on the process for QZAB Process and Bonds and fees for the process. This is a way for school systems to borrow money at no interest and pay back over a period of time. Upon Mr. Lambert's recommendation and a motion by Mr. Gillespie seconded by Mr. O'Neil the Board voted unanimously to proceed with the QZAB Process for \$679,000 and hire McLiney and Associates to proceed with the process.

SBVC Pay Increase Request: This item will continue to be on a future agenda.

Other:

WV School Board Association Winter Conference: The WV School Board Association Winter Conference will be held in Charleston on March 8/9, 2013.

Conference/Meeting Update: Mr. Lambert attended Interim Sessions in Charleston on February 9/10. He will attend Dr. Phares Superintendent's Advisory Meeting in Charleston on February 22; Legislative Meetings in Charleston on February 26 and the OEPA Flexibility Waiver Task Force Meeting in Charleston on February 27.

Superintendent's Contract/Evaluation: Upon a motion by Mr. O'Neil seconded by Ms. Heavner the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 8:55 P.M. to discuss the Superintendent's Contract and Evaluation. The Board returned to regular session at 10:40 P.M. with no action taken. Upon a motion by Mr. Gillespie seconded by Ms. Kimble the Board unanimously agreed to extend Superintendent Lambert's contract for two years (2013-2014 and 2014-2015) and issued the following statement. "The Pendleton County Board of Education met and evaluated Superintendent Douglas S. Lambert at their Board Meeting on February 19, 2013. Mr. Lambert has met, shown progress and/or exceeded all goals set by the Board. The Board is pleased with the direction the county has taken and in the future will continue to positively maintain the level of achievement while working collaboratively amongst all shareholders."

The next meeting of the Pendleton County Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2012, at Franklin Elementary School with dinner at 5:30 P.M. and Academic Recognition in the Auditorium beginning at 6:30 P.M. Upon a motion by Ms. Heavner seconded by Mr. O'Neil the meeting was adjourned at 10:46 P.M.