

**PENDLETON COUNTY SCHOOLS
SIXTEENTH COUNTY BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021**

The Pendleton County Board of Education convened in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at the Pendleton County Middle High School at 5:30 p.m. The following members were present: JD Wilkins, Sonny O'Neil, Charles Burgoyne, Betty Kimble, and Teresa Heavner. Central Office Staff present: Charles Hedrick, Superintendent, J.P. Mowery, Nicole Hevener, Tim Johnson, Travis Heavner and Lisa Jamison. Others in attendance were: Shawn Stinson.

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.

Public Comment There was no public comment.

Student/Staff Recognition

Mr. Hedrick shared the following student recognition with the Board: Academic and Responsible Students of the Month for December and February from PCMHS.

Minutes of the February 16, 2021 Board Meeting

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

Personnel

Resignations/Retirements

Kitty Sponaule, Retirement, Kindergarten Aide @ NFES

Marsha Keller, Retirement, Counselor @ PCMHS

Beverly Eye, Retirement, Math Teacher @ PCMHS

Darla Young, Resignation, Substitute Teacher

Upon a recommendation by Mr. Hedrick and a motion by Mr. Burgoyne, seconded by Ms. Kimble, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Resignations/Retirements as presented, with regret.

Employment of Personnel

Barbara Whitecotton – Assistant Principal/Academic Coach @ FES

Sarah Mullenax – Restricted Short-Term Substitute Teacher

Faith Harper – Restricted Short-Term Substitute Teacher

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

Approval of Volunteers/Chaperones There were none for approval.

Approval of Contracts

Jennifer Cook - Purchase of Planning Period (FES School Allocation)

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

Leaves of Absence There were no Leaves of Absence for approval.

Finance

Treasurer's Report February 2021

Mr. Mowery presented the February 2021 Treasurer's Report to the Board for approval.

Upon a recommendation by Mr. Hedrick and a motion by Mr. Burgoyne, seconded by Ms. Heavner, the Board voted unanimously to approved the February 2021 Treasurer's Report as presented.

Bills for Approval February 2021

Mr. Mowery presented the February 2021 Bills to the Board for approval. Bills totaled: \$1,032,228.27

Upon a recommendation by Mr. Hedrick and a motion by Mr. Burgoyne, seconded by Mr. O'Neil, the Board voted unanimously to approved the February 2021 Bills as presented.

Budget Revisions There were no Budget Revisions to approve.

Financial Update

Mr. Mowery updated the Board on the following financial items: Columbia Gas Tax Valuation reduction and its negative affect the school budget; Falling state public utility valuations in 2021 and steeper declines expected in 2022; Tax assessed valuations trends from 2001 through 2022; Legislation to remove school legal advertisements out of the local newspapers; County Teacher of the year and Service Personnel of the year selection process.

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Facilities

Facilities Update

Mr. Johnson updated the Board on the following facilities information: Working at NFES to get chimney added to BARD units on the back of the building to block the wind so they will not shut down during those conditions; Mason and Berry will be back on March 3 at PCMHS to get heat working in the auditorium; DSO is still here working on piping and duct work at night to get as much done as possible before they pull out. They will return on June 7 to get the work completed before school resumes; Waiting on bids for painting and other needs projects to get them prioritized; Looking at a security grant for lighting and door systems for NFES, Bus Garage and Board office; Grant to be pursued to get older doors at PCMHS replaced; new bus has been ordered and will be here in May.

Old Business There was none to discuss.

New Business There was none to discuss.

Other:

School Improvement/Student Achievement Update

Mr. Heavner updated the Board on the following school improvement/student achievement: T Mobile hot spots have been delivered to Janice Heavner at PCMHS to get them distributed to students who were identified earlier. Students who have received them are experiencing success with this new technology. The only issue is that the T Mobile map was not quite accurate indicating locations where they would work. Preschool registration online has been completed. At last check there were around 40 preschool registrations completed. Follow up will now begin to get all needed paperwork submitted. Summer school survey has been recirculated and several responses have been received. State department is now having a weekly webinar to prepare counties for Summer school offerings. Funding will be provided by the state for the program.

Superintendent's Update

Mr. Hedrick updated the Board on the following items: Basketball spectator guidelines include parents, grandparents and household members, but will be revisited later if room is adequate to add additional spectators. State funding for county summer school has been approved. Grant was offered for additional CSI grant funds and additional support projects and application was submitted. It has been approved in the amount of \$154,000. Updated school calendar for 2021 will change last day for students to June 4 and last day for staff to June 7.

Conference/Meeting Update

Mr. Hedrick and Ms. Hevener will be in Fairmont on March 12 for WVASA training on legal updates provided by Attorney Jason Long.

The next regular meeting of the Pendleton County Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at the Pendleton County Middle High School at 5:30 p.m.

Upon a motion by Mr. O'Neil, seconded by Mr. Burgoyne, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.