

**PENDLETON COUNTY SCHOOLS
FIFTH COUNTY BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020**

The Pendleton County Board of Education convened in regular session on Tuesday, September 22, 2020, at the Pendleton County Middle/High School at 5:30 p.m. The following members were present: J.D. Wilkins – President, Sonny O’Neil, Charles Burgoyne, Betty Kimble and Teresa Heavner. Central Office Staff present: Charles Hedrick, Superintendent, Nicole Hevener, Lisa Jamison, Travis Heavner, J. P. Mowery and Tim Johnson. Others in attendance were: Shawn Stinson, Christine Lambert, Ryan Lambert, Randy Roberson and Janet Roberson.

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 – Retirement Recognition

Retirees from the School Year 2020 were honored and presented with retirement plaques and a gift provided by Pendleton Community Bank. Those honored included:

Randy Roberson – 30 years

Rebecca Schlaegel – 17 Years

Presentation – Schoology – Christine Lambert

Christine Lambert, Teacher at BES, made a presentation to the Board regarding Schoology, a platform that is being introduced to staff and students to assist with remote learning in the future.

Minutes of the September 1, 2020 Board Meetings/Executive Session

Upon a recommendation by Mr. Hedrick and a motion by Mr. O’Neil, seconded by Mr. Burgoyne, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2020 Board Meetings/Executive Session as presented.

Personnel

Retirements/Resignations

Joshua Nesselrodt – Central Office Custodian – Resignation

Amanda Simmons – Substitute Nurse/Aide – Resignation

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

Employment of Personnel

Extra-Curricular Coaching Positions at Pendleton County Middle/High School

Mary Hebb - Cross Country Coach

Charlene Tennant - Substitute Aide

Summer Lloyd – Substitute Aid

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

Approval of Contracts

Purchase of Planning Periods

Amanda Rader: Special Education Case Management

Duty Free Lunch Agreement: None for approval.

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

Approval of Volunteers/Chaperones There were none for approval.

Leaves of Absence There were none for approval.

Finance

Treasurer’s Report August 2020

Mr. Mowery presented the August 2020 Treasurer’s Report to the Board for approval.

Upon a recommendation by Mr. Hedrick and a motion by Ms. Kimble, seconded by Mr. Burgoyne, the Board voted unanimously to approve the August 2020 Treasurer’s Report as presented.

FY 2020 Year-End Financials

Mr. Mowery presented the FY 2020 Year-End Financials 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 FY 2020 Year-End Financials as presented.

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Budget Revisions There were no Budget Revisions

Deferring Payroll Tax Obligations

Mr. Mowery presented a Payroll Tax Deferral option to the Board. He recommended that the Board not participate in this option.

Upon a recommendation by Mr. Hedrick and a motion by Mr. Burgoyne, seconded by Mr. O'Neil, the Board voted unanimously to not participate in the Payroll Tax Deferral Obligation Option.

Financial Update

Mr. Mowery had no other financial update information for the Board.

Old Business

Re-entry Plan

Mr. Hedrick presented the Board with changes that were made to the Re-entry plan to add additional guidance documents from the WVDE, our internal documents used for screening and new color code guidelines from the state.

New Business

Attendance Waivers

Mr. Johnson presented five Attendance Waivers to the Board for approval.

Upon a recommendation by Mr. Hedrick and a motion by Mr. Burgoyne, seconded by Mr. O'Neil, the Board voted unanimously to approve attendance waivers #2020-2021-1, #2020-2021-2, #2020-2021-3, #2020-2021-4, and #2020-2021-5 as presented.

Educational Leave Plan

Mr. Johnson presented an Educational Leave Plan to the Board for approval.

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

Policies for Review

Mr. Mowery presented Policies for Review to the Board for a first reading.

Upon a recommendation by Mr. Hedrick and a motion by Ms. Heavner, seconded by Ms. Kimble, the Board voted unanimously to approve this as a first reading of the Policies for Review as presented and acknowledge receipt of the waiver request for Policy 5202.

Facilities

Facilities Update

Mr. Johnson updated the Board on the following facilities information: BES roof project completed, Special Education cameras have been placed, NFES construction is nearing completion, work has been done on the entrance road at NFES, new windows have been placed at NFES, annex walls have been painted but other issues have been uncovered that will need to be addressed before carpeting can be placed, staff has been trained on the new camera system and PCHS, heating systems have been brought online at PCHS, roofing project is nearing completion at PCMHS, Bus cameras have been placed on all buses, plans are being made so the construction project can continue at PCMHS throughout the school year and CEFP work is continuing.

Other

School Improvement/Student Achievement

Mr. Heavner informed the Board of where we are with students who signed up for virtual learning. He discussed challenges that arose and discussions that were held with WV Virtual administrators to address issues and concerns from parents, students and local facilitators. He noted that many students had returned to in person instruction at their school and that he is working on getting those students back into the classroom and making sure they have curriculum supplies. He is also working on getting distributed mobile devices back into the schools from those students who have opted out. He explained that teachers have prepared and distributed two weeks of plans for remote learning, if the need arises prior to receiving Chrome Books and that he had no update on when the Chrome Books would be received. He informed the Board that he had worked at a school one day as a substitute teacher and was amazed at how well the students had been trained on COVID protocols and the special procedures that had been put in place to avoid contact outside of their core group.

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Superintendent's Update

Mr. Hedrick updated the Board on all of the positive things that have been happening despite the many challenges we are facing this school year. He too discussed issues with virtual learning and the discussions that were held WV Virtual administrators to address those issues and concerns. He praised the local staff for their diligence in working through the enrollment and unenrollment processes, working on getting students back into the classroom, working with teachers to implement Schoology, and for getting students prepared for remote learning if and when the need arises. He noted that STAR assessments have begun at the schools to get benchmark data on students and results so far were better than expected. He informed the Board that he had visited all of the schools over the last two weeks and was pleased to see that students are complying with COVID protocols and noted that they seem to be thankful to be back in school. He noted that major building renovations had been on going to improve our schools and that new support staff, such as nurses, counselors, technology specialists and CIS personnel had been hired to support students and staff. He also noted that through it all, the school system was still able to reduce their debt and place funds in emergency savings. He explained that the lack of substitutes may cause closure issues as it has in other counties when employees are required to self-quarantine.

Conference/Meeting Update

Mr. Hedrick will be in Fairmont for WVSSA meeting on September 24 & 25.

The next regular meeting of the Pendleton County Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, at the Pendleton County Middle/High School at 5:30 p.m.

Upon a recommendation by Mr. Hedrick and a motion by Ms. Kimble, seconded by Mr. O'Neil, the meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.