

**Pendleton County Schools
Board of Education Regular Fifth-Thursday Meeting
October 31, 2013 7:00 PM
Northern Elementary Library**

Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mr. Daryl Mullins
Ms. Shawn Nordheim
Mr. Tony Spence
Dr. William Verax

Absent Board Members:

Mr. Mark Ross

Pendleton County Schools Mission

Pendleton County Schools pledge is to meet the unique needs of our students through a culture of *Expectation, Engagement, and Continuous Growth* so every student is prepared for the 21st Century.

I. Call to Order

Dr. William Verax, Board Vice-Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

I.A. Approve Agenda

Order #9279 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Strong's recommendation to approve the agenda passed with a motion by Mr. Daryl Mullins and a second by Mr. Tony Spence with the addition of the following item:

III.E. Approval of Common Carrier - FBLA - Texas - Delta Airlines

VOTE: Mullins-Yes; Nordheim-Yes; Spence-Yes; Verax-Yes

ABSENT: Ross

MOTION CARRIED.

I.B. Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Verax led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I.C. Mission Statement

Superintendent Strong read the Mission Statement.

I.D. NES Presentation

Mr. Darell Pugh, Principal, welcomed everyone and Art teacher, Ms. Buffy Houchens gave a presentation on Artsonia.

II. Discussion Items**II.A. 2012-13 Audit Report - Denise Keene**

Ms. Denise Keene was present to give her findings of the FY 2012-13 audit. Ms. Keene reported:

- Management points had went down and even though the district started the fiscal year with a 2% contingency as required by law, the district ended the fiscal year with even a higher contingency at approximately \$1.5 million.
- Very pleased with effectiveness of the district finance structure.
- Great job on refinancing the bonds which will save the district about \$1.3 million over the length of present bond terms.
- Due to unfunded state mandates and rising cost overall, a tax increase would probably be required in the future.
- The district finances received an unmodified opinion, which is the best opinion that can be given on this type of audit.
- The finance records are the best they have been in the past few years.

Mr. Strong reminded the board that the improvement of the finance records had been an ongoing project since he started with the district in 2011. This improvement and the passage of the 2013-14 Working Budget in September will provide us with better information to continue our work in providing available funds and resources. He stated that our efforts to improve learning will be enhanced due to this work. The board members were in agreement as Dr. Verax complimented Mr. Strong, the Finance Department, and administrative team on their efforts for turning the district around.

II.B. KY Center for School Safety - Jon Akers

Mr. John Akers, director for the Center for School Safety, shared information on changes in school safety procedures and discussed the issue of guns in schools. Mr. Akers expressed that he is against staff having guns in schools. Adopt a Cop is a good program that gets law enforcement in the schools.

II.C. Gifted & Talented Program Update

Ms. Pam Harper and Ms. Michelle Lustenberg gave a presentation about the Gifted/Talented program in our district.

II.D. 2013-14 Superintendent Evaluation Pilot

Mr. Strong discussed the Next Generation Superintendent Evaluation System, which our district is a pilot. He went over the steps and procedures that we are required to complete. Current evaluation forms were given to board members to be returned to the board chairperson by November 15.

III. Action Agenda**III.A. KETS Offer of Assistance FY-2014**

This is the School Facilities Construction Commission's (SFCC) first offer of assistance for FY 13-14. This offer is based on final FT-2013 statewide ADA figures. Accepted state technology fund offers must be matched equally by the Board of Education or can be escrowed for up to three (3) years.

Order #9280 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Strong's recommendation to approve the School Facilities Construction Commission KETS first offer of assistance for FY 13-14 in the amount of \$22,427, and be equally matched by the Board of Education, passed with a motion by Mr. Daryl Mullins and a second by Mr. Tony Spence.

VOTE: Mullins-Yes; Nordheim-Yes; Spence-Yes; Verax-Yes
ABSENT: Ross
MOTION CARRIED.

III.B. State Education Funding Resolution

Order #9281 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Strong's recommendation to approve the State Education Funding Resolution passed with a motion by Mr. Tony Spence and a second by Mr. Daryl Mullins.

VOTE: Mullins-Yes; Nordheim-Yes; Spence-Yes; Verax-Yes
ABSENT: Ross
MOTION CARRIED.

III.C. Approval of FY2012-13 Audit

Order #9282 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Strong's recommendation to approve the FY2013-14 district audit passed with a motion by Ms. Shawn Nordheim and a second by Mr. Tony Spence.

VOTE: Mullins-Yes; Nordheim-Yes; Spence-Yes; Verax-Yes
ABSENT: Ross
MOTION CARRIED.

III.D. Declare Surplus Property/Trophy & Uniform Auction

Order #9283 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Strong's recommendation to declare surplus of excess trophies and old athletic uniforms and offer them at auction to the public passed with a motion by Mr. Daryl Mullins and a second by Ms. Shawn Nordheim.

VOTE: Mullins-Yes; Nordheim-Yes; Spence-Yes; Verax-Yes
ABSENT: Ross
MOTION CARRIED.

III.E. Approval of Common Carrier - PHS FBLA - Texas - Delta Airlines - November 7-10, 2013

Order #9284 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Strong's recommendation to approve the PHS FBLA Trip to Texas via Delta Airline passed with a motion by Mr. Tony Spence and a second by Mr. Daryl Mullins.

***VOTE:** Mullins-Yes; Nordheim-Yes; Spence-Yes; Verax-Yes
ABSENT: Ross
MOTION CARRIED.*

IV. Adjournment

Order #9285 - Motion Passed: A motion to adjourn the meeting passed with a motion by Mr. Tony Spence and a second by Ms. Shawn Nordheim.

***VOTE:** Mullins-Yes; Nordheim-Yes; Spence-Yes; Verax-Yes
ABSENT: Ross
MOTION CARRIED.*

Chairperson

Superintendent