

MINUTES
Pendleton School District 16R Board of Directors
WORK SESSION

December 3, 2024

8:00 am | Board Room and Virtual | 107 NE 10th Street, Pendleton, OR 97801

Present: Patrick Gregg, Chair
Beth Harrison, Vice-Chair
Anne Keeler
Jill Pace
Preston Eagleheart
Ryan Lehnert
Matt Yoshioka, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
Michelle Jones, Director of Business Services
Julie Smith, Director of Special Programs
Kevin Dinning, Director of Human Resources
Kevin Headings, Superintendent
Ronda Thornburg, Executive Secretary

Absent: Mason Murphy (without prior notice)

The meeting was in person and offered virtually.

1. Opening and Call to Order *Board Chair*

Chair Gregg welcomed everyone and called the work session to order at 8:01 a.m.

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance

The group stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.2. Meeting Audio Recorded

Chair Gregg stated that this meeting is being audio recorded.

2. FFA Students – National Convention Report *Marty Campbell*

Abbie Wilks and Casey Van Dorn, FFA students, presented an overview with highlights from the National FFA Convention that took place in Indianapolis, Indiana. They included key points about Churchill Downs and how Kentucky's racing industry is considered part of the Agricultural Industry. Favorite moments from the trip included Mr. Campbell narrating the whole drive on the trip. The convention offered opportunities to meet new people from around the country and learn what they do and what they have to offer to the world and the ag industry. The students were able to learn, grow as people, and be better advocates for their industry. Mr. Campbell thanked the board for letting them cross state lines to attend the convention and then come in and present today.

3. OSBA Annual Convention Report

Directors Harrison, Lehnert, and Eagleheart attended the annual convention, and each shared their takeaway.

4. At-A-Glance Report Cards *Matt Yoshioka*

- 4.1. Pendleton School District
- 4.2. Pendleton Early Learning Center
- 4.3. McKay Creek Elementary
- 4.4. Sherwood Heights Elementary
- 4.5. Washington Elementary
- 4.6. Sunridge Middle School

- 4.7. Pendleton High School
- 4.8. Hawthorne Alternative High School
- 4.9. Nixyaawii Community School

Mr. Yoshioka explained what defines a regular attender and how missing two days a month affects academics. He noted that graduation rates are from June 2023 because students have the summer to meet the requirements to graduate with their class. All the other data on the report cards are as of spring 2024. He was available for questions.

5. Action Items

5.1. Human Resources *Kevin Dinning*

5.1.1. Approve Personnel Report

Mr. Dinning presented the personnel report for consideration and action.

Extra Duty	Volunteer	Brian Chambers	Coach	PHS
		Bryan McQuinn	Coach	PHS

Director Keeler motioned that the personnel recommendations for the December 3, 2024, work session be approved as presented. Director Harrison seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Review Agenda – December 9, 2024 Regular Board Meeting *Board Chair*

Kevin Headings pointed out that there will be students in the spotlight at the regular board meetings each month by building.

Chair Gregg shared that the executive committee should be receiving three bids for a search firm for the superintendent search process this week and would like to add it to Monday’s agenda.

7. Agenda Items for Future Work Sessions *Board Chair*

Potential topics suggested:

- January: CTE/Schools to Careers, Dual Credit/AP Classes, TAG Program
- February: PVLA/Home Connections, Graduation Data
- March: Sports and Extracurriculars
- April: OSBA Professional Development
- May: After School Programs, Facilities
- June: End-of-Year Reports - Washington/McKay/Sherwood

Director Keeler would like to add an in-depth look at what is being provided for math, science, and STEM to January’s work session.

8. Suggestions and Comments from Visitors *Board Chair*

No suggestions or comments.

9. Information

9.1. First Student, Inc. Update *Matt Yoshioka*

We are working on snow routes, and they should be posted soon. There is a potential to apply for another grant for additional electric buses, which will need approval by the board.

9.2. 2024 Winter Programs

PELC	12/5/2024	Bees, Owl, Dragonflies - 9:30 a.m.
		Squirrels, Racoons, Foxes - 10:25 a.m.
		Coyotes & Beavers - 11:10 a.m.

Bears & Otters - 1:25 p.m.

McKay	12/11/2024	Grade 1 - 8:30 a.m. Grades 2 & 4 - 9:20 AM Grades 3 & 5 - 10:30
Sherwood	12/17/2024	Grades 1, 2 & 3 - 9:00 AM Grades 4 & 5 - 10:00 AM
Washington	12/19/2024	Grade 1 - 9:00 a.m. Grades 2 & 3 - 10:30 AM Grades 4 & 5 - 1:00 p.m.
Sunridge	12/10/2024 12/12/2024 12/13/2024	Choir Concert - 7:00 p.m. Instrumental Concert - 7:00 p.m. 6th Grade Concert - 10:00 a.m. in Gym
PHS	12/16/2024 12/18/2024	Instrumental Concert - 7:00 p.m. in PHS Auditorium Choral Concert - 7:00 p.m. in PHS Auditorium

10. School Visit Reports

Adopt-A-School Assignments:

- PELC – Mason Murphy
- McKay – Ryan Lehnert
- Sherwood – Jill Pace
- Washington – Beth Harrison
- SMS – Anne Keeler
- PHS/Hawthorne – Preston Eagleheart
- All Schools – Patrick Gregg

Director Harrison visited Washington, where the leadership is trying new things, discontinuing the use of things that no longer work, and engaging with kids of today, not kids of the past.

Chair Gregg attended conferences at SMS, talking to teachers about what they were doing in the classrooms.

11. Adjournment *Board Chair*

With no further business brought forward for the good of the order, the meeting adjourned at 8:56 a.m.

Patrick Gregg, Board Chair

Kevin Headings, Superintendent

Ronda Thornburg, Executive Secretary

Date