

Board of Education Regular Meeting
January 12, 2026 6:00 PM
District Training Room
Sharp Middle School
35 Wright Road
Butler, KY 41006

Attendance Taken at : 5:59 PM

Present Board Members:

Ms. Cheri Griffin—Chairperson

Mrs. Laura Schack—Vice Chairperson

Mr. Kevin Barnard

Mrs. Amber Beebe

Mr. Derek Brown

Ava Wood—Student Board Member

Pendleton County Schools Mission

Pendleton County Schools is committed to graduating every student college and/or career ready by empowering staff to deliver high quality instruction and services in a safe and trusting environment.

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Griffin called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

A. Approve Agenda

Order #26-10689 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to approve the agenda passed with a motion by Mr. Derek Brown and a second by Mrs. Laura Schack.

VOTE: Griffin-Yes; Schack-Yes; Beebe-Yes; Barnard--Yes; Brown--Yes.

Motion Carried

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Miss Ava Wood, Student Board Member, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Mission Statement

Miss Ava Wood, Student Board Member, read the Mission Statement.

D. Moment of Silence

II. Communications

A. Audience Comments

B. Board Member Comments

C. Superintendent Report

D. Board Member Appreciation Recognition

E. Personnel Actions

Personnel Changes Board Meeting				
January 12, 2026				
Last Name	First Name	Location	Position	Effective Date
Hired				
Brownfield	Stacy	SES	Custodian 220 day	12/26/2025
Hinson	Brooke	DIST	Substitute Teacher	12/12/2025
Kells	Derrick	SES	Teacher	12/22/2025
Sebastian	Sabrina	DIST	Substitute School Nurse	12/5/2025
Turner	Alyssa	DIST	Substitute Teacher	12/29/2025
Resigned				
Chaplin	Craig	PHS/SMS	Cross Country Coach	12/8/2025
Jones	Jessica	PHS/SMS	Cook/baker I	12/19/2025

F. Written Communications & Reports

1. DPP Report

2. Transportation Monthly Trip Reports

3. Public Relations Report

G. PCHS Trip Request--Contemporary Arts Center

H. Maintenance & Technology Reports

I. Monthly Financial Report

III. Action Agenda

A. Emergency Certification

Order #26-10690 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to approve the emergency certification request as presented passed with a motion by Mr. Kevin Barnard and a second by Mrs. Amber Beebe.

VOTE: Griffin-Yes; Schack-Yes; Beebe-Yes; Barnard--Yes; Brown--Yes.

Motion Carried

IV. Discussion

A. 2026-27 Draft Budget

V. Consent Agenda

Order #26-10691 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to approve the Consent Agenda passed with a motion by Mr. Kevin Barnard and a second by Mr. Derek Brown.

VOTE: Griffin-Yes; Schack-Yes; Beebe-Yes; Barnard--Yes; Brown--Yes.

Motion Carried

A. Board Meeting Minutes

B. Orders of the Treasurer

C. Treasurer Report

D. Leave of Absence Requests

BOARD MEMO

DATE: 01/12/2026
TO: Mr. Buerkley & Board Members
FR: Jennifer K. Pierce
RE: Request for Leaves

A request for Leave of Absence has been received from the following:

Sara Remley – PHS – Teacher - The request for Family Medical Leave will begin approximately January 12, 2026, and end approximately February 20, 2026

Grace Gruner – NES– Teacher - The request for Family Medical Leave will begin approximately November 24, 2025, and end approximately the end of the school year.

I recommend approval by the Board.



Name: Jennifer K. Pierce
 Title: Director of Finance and Human Resources

VI. Adjournment

Order #26-10692 - Motion Passed: A recommendation to adjourn passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Schack and a second by Mrs. Amber Beebe.

VOTE: Griffin-Yes; Schack-Yes; Beebe-Yes; Barnard--Yes; Brown--Yes.

Motion Carried

_____ Board Chairperson

_____ Board Secretary