

**Board of Education Regular Meeting
March 16, 2026, 6:00 PM
District Training Room
Sharp Middle School
35 Wright Road
Butler, KY 41006**

Attendance taken at: 5:54 PM

Present Board Members:

Ms. Cheri Griffin--Chairperson

Mr. Kevin Barnard

Mrs. Amber Beebe

Mr. Derek Brown

Ava Wood—Student Board Member

Absent Board Members:

Mrs. Laura Schack—Vice Chairperson

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 6:00 pm.

A. Approve Agenda

Order #26-10706 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to approve the agenda passed with a motion by Mr. Kevin Barnard and a second by Mr. Derek Brown.

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

Motion Carried

B. Pledge of Allegiance

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

C. Mission Statement

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

D. Moment of Silence**E. Great News****II. School Presentations****A. Northern Elementary School****B. Sharp Middle School****III. Communications****A. Audience Comments****B. Board Member Comments****C. Superintendent Report****D. Personnel Actions**

Personnel Changes Board Meeting				
March 16, 2026				
Last Name	First Name	Location	Position	Effective Date
Hired				
Buntain	Macie	DIST	Substitute Teacher	2/18/2026
Fisher	Gunner	PHS	Assistant Football Coach	2/10/2026
Fisher	Gunner	DIST	Substitute Teacher	2/19/2026
Kordes	Mallory	PHS	Assistant Track Coach	2/6/2026
McKinney	Amy	DIST	Substitute Teacher	2/10/2026
Pribble	Regina	DIST	Substitute Teacher	2/4/2026
Richardson	Kylie	PHS	Assistant Softball Coach	2/23/2026
Resigned				
Mann	Sarah	DIST	Substitute Teacher	2/23/2026
Turner	Jessica	SMS	Cook/Baker I	2/20/2026
Retire				
Pugh	Laura	BOE	Ex Dir of Teaching and Learning	TBD
Wirth	Jon	BOE	Athletic Director	7/31/2026

IV. Written Communications & Reports**A. DPP Report****B. Transportation Monthly Trip Report****C. SBDM Minutes****D. FRYSC Reports****E. Maintenance/Technology Report**

F. KETS 2nd Offer of Assistance

G. NES Field Trip Request–Great American Ballpark

H. NES Field Trip Request–Ronald McDonald House

I. SES Field Trip Requests–Cincinnati Zoo

J. SMS Academic Team Trip Request

K. Public Relations Report

L. Monthly Financial Report

V. Action Agenda

A. Pendleton County Recreation–Purchase of Mower

Order #26-10707 – Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to approve the district's contribution of \$998.34 toward the purchase of the Pendleton County Recreation's mower as presented passed with a motion by Mr. Derek Brown and a second by Mr. Kevin Barnard.

**VOTE: Griffin-Yes; Beebe-Yes; Barnard--Yes; Brown–Yes.
Motion Carried**

B. Declare Surplus Buses

Order #26-10708 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to approve that the board surplus bus #508 and bus #707 passed with a motion by Mrs. Amber Beebe and a second by Mr. Derek Brown.

**VOTE: Griffin-Yes; Beebe-Yes; Barnard--Yes; Brown–Yes.
Motion Carried**

C. Participation in KISTA 2026 Used Bus Sale

Order #26-10709 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to approve the resolution with KISTA in order to participate in the 2026 Used Bus Sale passed with a motion by Mr. Kevin Barnard and a second by Mr. Derek Brown.

**VOTE: Griffin-Yes; Beebe-Yes; Barnard--Yes; Brown–Yes.
Motion Carried**

D. Acceptance of Donation

Order #26-10710 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to accept the donation from Darling Ingredients Inc. passed with a motion by Mr. Derek Brown and a second by Mrs. Amber Beebe.

VOTE: Griffin-Yes; Beebe-Yes; Barnard--Yes; Brown--Yes.
Motion Carried

E. Permission to Set PHS Class of 2026 Graduation Date

Order #26-10711 - Motion Passed: A recommendation to grant permission to the superintendent to work with Pendleton County High School Principal Chad Simms to establish the 2025–2026 graduation date passed with a motion by Mr. Kevin Barnard and a second by Mr. Derek Brown.

VOTE: Griffin-Yes; Beebe-Yes; Barnard--Yes; Brown--Yes.
Motion Carried

VI. Consent Agenda

Order #26-10712 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to approve the Consent Agenda passed with a motion by Mr. Derek Brown and a second by Mrs. Amber Beebe.

VOTE: Griffin-Yes; Beebe-Yes; Barnard--Yes; Brown--Yes.
Motion Carried

A. Board Meeting Minutes

B. Continuation of Learning Plan for 2026-27 School Year

C. Professional Development Diagnostic for SY 26-27

D. Treasurer's Report

E. Orders of the Treasurer

F. Leave Requests

BOARD MEMO

DATE: 3/16/2026
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:

Becky Woodyard – SES– Teacher - The request for intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence will begin approximately February 5, 2026, and end approximately the end of the school year.

Jaclynn Phillips – SES– Cook/Baker - The request for Family Medical Leave will begin approximately February 27, 2026, and end approximately March 16, 2026.

Jaimie Mann – PHS– Teacher- The request for Family Medical Leave of Absence will begin approximately March 9, 2026, and end approximately May 1, 2026.

Emily Calk –SMS– Teacher- The request for Maternity Leave of Absence will begin approximately May 11, 2026, and end approximately end of the school year.

Megan Maddy – SES– Teacher - The request for intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence will begin approximately February 2, 2026, 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

VII. Adjournment

Order #26-10713 - Motion Passed: A recommendation to adjourn passed with a motion by Mr. Derek Brown and a second by Mr. Kevin Barnard.

VOTE: Griffin-Yes; Beebe-Yes; Barnard--Yes; Brown–Yes.
Motion Carried

_____ Board Chairperson

_____ Board Secretary