

Board of Education Regular Meeting
 April 20, 2026, 6:00 PM
 Sharp Middle School
 District Training Room
 35 Wright Road
 Butler, KY 41006

Attendance Taken at: 6:00 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 Representative

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

A. Approve Agenda

Order #26-10714 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to amend the agenda by adding: "Executive Session VII.A. Per KRS 61.810 (1)(C)--Discussions of Proposed or Pending Litigation Against or on Behalf of the Public Agency" following the consent agenda passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Schack and a second by Mr. Kevin Barnard.

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

Motion Carried

Order #26-10715 - Motion to Amend Passed: To amend the motion from: "A recommendation to approve the agenda" to: "Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to amend the agenda by adding: "Executive Session A. Per KRS 61.810 (1)(C)--Discussions of Proposed or Pending Litigation Against or on Behalf of the Public Agency" following the consent agenda" passed with a motion by Mr. Derek Brown and a second by Mr. Kevin Barnard.

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

Motion Carried

B. Pledge of Allegiance

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

C. Mission Statement

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

D. Moment of Silence**E. Great News****II. Portrait of a Graduate Presentations****III. Communications****A. Audience Comments****B. Board Member Comments****C. Superintendent Report****D. Personnel Actions**

Personnel Changes Board Meeting				
April 20, 2026				
Last Name	First Name	Location	Position	Effective Date
Hired				
Baker	Angelika	DIST	Substitute Teacher	4/1/2026
Dunn	Louisa	PHS	Volleyball Assistant Coach	3/26/2026
Emery	Katie	PHS	Assistant Girls Soccer Coach	4/2/2026
Hicks	Candace (Blair)	BOE	Executive Director of Teaching & Learning	7/1/2026
Ice	Ava	DIST	Substitute Teacher	3/25/2026
Mattill	Mabel	PHS	Track Assistant Coach	3/25/2026
Rodda	Rebecca	DIST	Substitute Teacher	3/25/2026
Resigned				
Arnold	Kellie	SES	Special Ed Teacher	6/30/2026
Blackaby	Alex	PHS	Girls Assistant Soccer Coach	3/19/2026
Cummins	Nicholas	DIST	Substitute Teacher	3/15/2026
Rogers	Caleb	PHS	Football Assistant Coach	3/26/2026
Workman	Kim	PHS	JV Softball Coach	3/6/2026
Retire				
Pugh	Laura	BOE	Ex Dir of Teaching and Learning	6/30/2026
Moore	Michael	SMS	Instructional Assistant I	6/30/2026

IV. Written Communications & Reports

A. DPP Report

B. Transportation Monthly Trip Report

C. SBDM Minutes

D. FRYSC Reports

E. Public Relations Report

F. Quarterly Reports

G. PHS Trip Request--FFA

H. PHS Trip Request--NJROTC

I. SMS Trip Request--FCCLA

J. Final SBDM Staffing/Instructional Allocations 2026-27

K. Maintenance/Technology Report

L. Monthly Financial Report

V. Action Agenda

A. 25-26 Amended School Calendar

Order #26-10716 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to approve the amended calendar for 2025-26 passed with a motion by Mrs. Amber Beebe and a second by Mr. Kevin Barnard.

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

B. 2026-27 Amended School Calendar

Order #26-10717 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to approve the amended calendar for 2026-27 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

C. 2026-27 District Technology Plan

Order #26-10718 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to approve the 2026-27 district technology plan passed with a motion by Mr. Derek Brown and a second by Mr. Kevin Barnard.

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

D. District Allocations and Section 7 Allocations Add-On Request

Order #26-10719 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to approve the 2026-27 district allocations and section 7 allocations as listed 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

E. NES HVAC Project--Pay App 1 to CMTA

Order #26-10720 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to approve the payment application #1 to CMTA as submitted passed with a motion by Mr. Derek Brown and a second by Mrs. Amber Beebe.

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

F. Psychological Evaluation Services Contract

Order #26-10721 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to approve the contract with the Counseling and Diagnostic Center to provide psychological evaluation services to the district for the 2026-27 school year passed with a motion by Mrs. Amber Beebe and a second by Mr. Derek Brown.

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

G. Preschool Tuition

Order #26-10722 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to approve the 2026-27 preschool tuition rate 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

H. Acceptance of Donation

Order #26-10723 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to approve the donation from Mr. Moreland passed with a motion by Mr. Derek Brown and a second by Mrs. Amber Beebe.

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

Motion Carried

VI. Consent Agenda

Order #26-10724 - 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; Schack-Yes; Beebe-Yes; Barnard--Yes; Brown--Yes.

Motion Carried

A. Board Meeting Minutes

B. Treasurer's Report

C. Speech Language Therapy Contract

D. Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy Contract

E. Orders of the Treasurer

F. Project Grad Donation Request

G. Leave Requests

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BOARD MEMO

DATE: 4/20/2026
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:

Ronette Kennedy – SES– Teacher - The request for intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence will begin approximately February 17, 2026, and end approximately the end of the school year.

Nancy Adams – PHS– Instructional Assistant I- The request for Family Medical Leave of Absence will begin approximately April 15, 2026, and end approximately May 27, 2026.

Charissa Gregg – NES– Cook/Baker I- The request for Family Medical Leave of Absence will begin approximately March 30, 2026, and end approximately April 6, 2026

I recommend approval by the Board.



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

VII. Executive Session

Order #26-10725 - Motion Passed: A recommendation to go into Executive Session 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

- A.** Per KRS 61.810 (1)(C)-- Discussions of Proposed or Pending Litigation Against or on behalf of the Public Agency

VIII. Return From Executive Session

Order #26-10726 - Motion Passed: A motion to return from Executive Session 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

IX. Adjournment

Order #26-10727 - 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