

**Board of Education Regular Meeting
May 18, 2026, 6:00 PM
District Training Room
Sharp Middle School
35 Wright Road
Butler, KY 41006**

Attendance Taken at : 5:57 PM

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Cheri Griffin--Chairperson

Mrs. Laura Schack—Vice Chairperson

Mr. Kevin Barnard

Mrs. Amber Beebe

Mr. Derek Brown

Updated Attendance:

Mrs. Cheri Griffin was updated to absent at: 6:33 PM

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 #26-10728 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to approve the agenda 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

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Jennifer Pierce, Director of Finance/Human Services, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Mission Statement

Mr. Matt Compton, Executive Director of Student Services/Pupil Personnel, read the Mission Statement.

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

Personnel Changes Board Meeting				
May 18, 2026				
Last Name	First Name	Location	Position	Effective Date
Hired				
Baugh	Kennedy	PHS	JV Softball Coach	4/6/2026
Hart	Hannah	DIST	Substitute Teacher	5/4/2026
Sturgill	Alexandria	SES	Clerical Assistant/Attendance Clerk	7/1/2026
Resigned				
Coulter	Paul	SMS	Assistant Football Coach	4/17/2026
Cummins	Tonya	SMS	Assistant Volleyball coach	5/4/2026
Herrmann	Amber	SES	Clerical Assistant I	5/28/2026
Lester	Laura	NES	Teacher	6/30/2026
Miller	Pamela	SES	Custodial Supervisor	4/17/2026
Sturgill	Alexandria	PHS	Registrar	6/30/2026
White	Ethan	PHS	Assistant Football Coach	4/14/2026
Terminated				
Gregg	Charissa	NES	Cook/Baker I	4/27/2026

III. Written Communications & Reports**A. DPP Report****B. Transportation Monthly Trip Report****C. SBDM Minutes****D. FRYSC Reports****E. Public Relations Report****F. PCHS Trip Request--FCCLA****G. PCHS Trip Request--GATES**

H. 2026-27 School PD Plans

I. Maintenance/Technology Report

J. Monthly Financial Report

IV. Action Agenda

A. NES HVAC Project--Revised BG-1

Order #26-10729 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to approve the revised BG-1 as attached. 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. NES HVAC Project--Pay App 2 to CMTA

Order #26-10730 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to approve payment for Payment Application #2 to CMTA as submitted 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

C. Sharp Middle School—Tennis Court Addition—Pay App 3 (Final) to OHeil

Order #26-10731 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to approve Payment Application #3 to O'Heil Site Solutions as submitted 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

D. 2026-27 Bond of Depository

Order #26-10732 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to approve the attached bond of depository with Heritage Bank 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

E. 2026-27 Fidelity Bond

Order #26-10733 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to approve the fidelity bond of treasurer form as presented 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

F. Athletic Trainer Contract

Order #26-10734 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to approve the athletic training coverage contract between Harrison Memorial Hospital and Pendleton County Schools as presented 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

G. Postage Meter Lease

Order #26-10735 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to approve the postage meter lease agreement with Pitney Bowes as presented, 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

H. Auditor Contract

Order #26-10736 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to approve the auditor contract with Kelley Galloway Smith Goolsby PSC passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Schack and a second by Mr. Derek Brown.

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

I. SERVPRO Master Service Agreement

Order #26-10737 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation for approval of the Master Service Agreement with SERVPRO as attached 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

J. SRO Agreement

Order #26-10738 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to approve the SRO agreement as attached 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

K. Job Description--Administrative Secretary II-Teaching and Learning

Order #26-10739 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to approve the attached job description 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

L. 2026-27 Tentative Budget

Order #26-10740 – Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to approve the attached tentative budget passed with a motion by Mrs. Amber Beebe and a second by Mrs. Laura Schack.

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

M. 2026-27 Salary Schedule

Order #26-10741 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to approve the 2026-27 Salary Schedule as presented 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

N. Acceptance of Donation

Order #26-10742 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to accept the donation from the Northern Elementary PTO 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

V. Consent Agenda

Order #26-10743 - Motion Passed: A recommendation to approve the Consent Agenda passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Schack 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. Treasurer's Report

C. District Chairpersons for IEP & Section 504 Meeting

D. Visual Instruction Contract

E. Orientation and Mobility Contract

F. Request Tracker--Helpdesk Program Renewal

G. Orders of the Treasurer

H. Leave Requests

BOARD MEMO

DATE: 05/18/2026
 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:

Eileen Baker – PHS– Teacher - The request for intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence will begin approximately April 1, 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

VI. Executive Session

A. KRS 156.557 (6)(C)--Superintendent Evaluation—Summative

Order #26-10744 - Motion Passed: A recommendation to go into Executive Session passed with a motion by Mr. Kevin Barnard and a second by Mr. Derek Brown.

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

VII. Return from Executive Session

Order #26-10745 - Motion Passed: A recommendation to return from Executive Session passed with a motion by Mr. Derek Brown and a second by Mr. Kevin Barnard.

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

VIII. Results of Superintendent Summative Evaluation



Superintendent Evaluation

May 18, 2026

Per board policy and contract language, the Pendleton County Board of Education conducted the summative evaluation of the superintendent. The three standards evaluated were: Instructional Leadership, Managerial Leadership, and Influential Leadership.

The rankings available to the board for each standard were: Exemplary, Accomplished, Developing, and Growth Required. **The superintendent scored Exemplary on all 3 standards**

Goals for the superintendent will be established in July 2026.

Cheri Griffin, Board Chairperson

Joe Buerkley, Superintendent

Order #26-10746 - Motion Passed: A recommendation to approve Superintendent Buerkley's Summative Evaluation passed with a motion by Mr. Kevin Barnard and a second by Mrs. Amber Beebe.

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

IX. Adjournment

Order #26-10747 - Motion Passed: A recommendation to adjourn passed with a motion by Mrs. Amber Beebe and a second by Mr. Derek Brown.

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

_____ Board Chairperson

_____ Board Secretary