

**Board of Education Regular Meeting
August 31, 2026 6:00 PM ET (5:00 CT)
Sharp Middle School
District Training Room
35 Wright Road
Butler, KY 41006**

Attendance Taken at: 5:57 PM

Present Board Members:

Ms. Cheri Griffin--Chair

Mrs. Laura Schack—Vice Chair

Mr. Kevin Barnard

Mrs. Amber Beebe

Mr. Derek Brown

Tanner Morris—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

Chair Griffin called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

A. Approve Agenda

Order #26-10779 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to approve the 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

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Mission Statement

D. Moment of Silence

E. 2026 Retiree Recognition

II. Communications

A. Audience Comments

B. Board Member Comments

C. Superintendent Report

D. Personnel Actions

Personnel Changes Board Meeting				
August 31, 2026				
Last Name	First Name	Location	Position	Effective Date
Hired				
Ammerman	Angela	NES	Kindergarten Teacher	7/21/2026
Deaton	Amber	DIST	Substitute School Nurse	8/3/2026
Eubanks	Nick	SMS	Assistant Football coach	7/14/2026
Geiman	Julia	SES	Cook/Baker I	8/10/2026
Herrmann	Amber	DIST	Substitute Instructional Assistant	8/10/2026
Herrmann	Amber	DIST	Substitute Teacher	8/10/2026
Kirsch	Jordan	SMS	Teacher	7/23/2026
Logan	Bonnie	SMS	Teacher	8/6/2026
Mattill	Mabel	PHS	Boys Soccer Assistant Coach	7/24/2026
Roberts	Kayla	NES	Instructional Assistant I	7/21/2026
Robinson	Cassandra	NES	Cook/Baker I	8/10/2026
Sebastian	Jackie	PHS	Instructional Assistant I	7/14/2026
Stacy	AnnMarie	NES	Teacher	7/8/2026
Teegarden	Jimmy	DSS	Bus Driver	8/10/2026
Varnier	Eric	PHS	SBMH Guidance Counselor/Social Worker	8/6/2026
Wroblewski	Megan	SES	Cook/Baker I	7/30/2026
Younger	Lisa	BOE	Accounts Payable/Receivable Clerk	8/24/2026
Resigned				
Black	Taylor	DSS	Bus Driver	7/31/2026
Brinthaup	Catherine	PHS	School Based Mental Health Guidance Counselor/Social Worker	7/16/2026
Burton	Samantha	SMS	Cook/Baker	7/14/2026
Florence	Gary	DSS	Bus Driver	7/16/2026
Lucius	Ashley	DIST	Substitute School Nurse	7/21/2026
Monroe	Clay	PHS	Instructional Assistant I	7/22/2026
Nichols	Kendall	PHS	Assistant Cheer Coach	8/16/2026
Pennington	Orialla	NES	Instructional Assistant I	7/15/2026
Retired				
Wood	Dawn	BOE	Accounts Payable Clerk	9/30/2026
Transfer				
Seedle	Brandy	SMS	Cook/Baker I from SES	7/30/2026

III. Written Communications & Reports

A. Transportation Monthly Trip Report

B. SBDM Minutes

C. FRYSC Reports

D. Public Relations Report

E. NES Field Trip Request--2nd Grade

F. PCHS Trip Request--GATES

G. PCHS Trip Requests--FCCLA

H. Maintenance/Technology Report

I. Monthly Financial Report

IV. Action Agenda

A. Set 2026-27 Tax Rate

Order #26-10780 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to approve the following tax rates be set for the school year 2026-27: Real Property – 59.9 cents Tangible Personal Property – 63.5 cents Motor Vehicle - 55.0 cents Aircraft – 63.5 cents 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. NES HVAC Project---Pay App #5 to CMTA

Order #26-10781 – Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to approve payment for Payment Application #5 to CMTA as submitted passed with a motion by Mr. Kevin Barnard and a second by Mrs. Laura Schack.

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

C. PPBR Letter of Intent--CMTA

Order #26-10782 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to approve and execute the LOI with CMTA 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. Adult Price Meals-A la Carte

Order #26-10783 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to move to the a la carte pricing for adult price meals rather than using the FNS Instruction 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

E. Food Service Bids

Order #26-10784 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to approve the Food Service Bids as presented passed with a motion by Mr. Kevin Barnard and a second by Mrs. Laura Schack.

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

F. Emergency Certification

Order #26-10785 – Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to approve the emergency certification request as presented 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

G. PHS Prom Agreement

Order #26-10786 – Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to approve the 2027 PHS Prom Contract 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

V. Consent Agenda

Order #26-10787 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Buerkley's recommendation to approve 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

A. Board Meeting Minutes

B. Treasurer's Report

C. 2026-27 Daily Schedules

D. Imagination Library Donation

E. Orders of the Treasurer

F. Leave of Absence Requests

BOARD MEMO

DATE: 8/31/2026
 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:

Nancy Adams – PHS– Instructional Assistant I - The request for intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence will begin approximately August 10, 2026, and end approximately the end of the school year.

Michelle Faulkner – NES – Cook/Baker I - The request for Family Medical Leave of Absence will begin approximately August 10, 2026, and end approximately September 21, 2026.

Jessica Callen – SMS– Cook/Baker I - The request for Family Medical Leave of Absence will begin approximately August 10, 2026, and end approximately August 20, 2026.

I recommend approval by the Board.



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

VI. Executive Session

Order #26-10788 - Motion Passed: A recommendation to go into Executive Session passed with a motion by Mr. Kevin Barnard and a second by Mrs. Laura Schack.

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

B. Board Policy 01.43 and KRS 61.810(1)(f)- Student Discipline Action

VII. Return from Executive Session

Order #26-10789 - Motion Passed: A recommendation to return from Executive Session 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

VIII. Amend Agenda

Order #26-10790 - Motion Passed: A recommendation to amend the agenda to add item IX-- Approval of a resolution authorizing litigation against social media companies and Item X--approval of the multidistrict litigation contingency fee agreement 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

IX. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Litigation Against Social Media Companies

Order #26-10791 – Motion Passed: A recommendation to approve a resolution authorizing litigation against social media companies 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

X. Approval of the Multidistrict Litigation Contingency Fee Agreement

Order #26-10792 - Motion Passed: A recommendation to approve the multidistrict litigation contingency fee agreement 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

XI. Adjournment

Order #26-10793 – Motion Passed: A recommendation to adjourn 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

_____ Board Chairperson

_____ Board Secretary