

HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

August 25, 2014

The Hancock County Board of Education met on Monday, August 25, 2014, in the Board Office, New Cumberland, commencing at 5:00 p.m. Board Members present: Patsy Brancazio, Michelle Chappell, Toni Hinerman, John Manypenny, and Jerry Durante, President.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 11, the special meetings of August 14 and August 18, 2014, were presented for approval.

John Manypenny moved and was supported by Michelle Chappell that the minutes be approved.

Motion Carried: Brancazio, Chappell, Hinerman, Manypenny, and Durante, President.

CALLERS

1. Carolyn Thomas addressed the Board with regards to the overcrowding of the buses and her son having to stand at a bus stop with high school students. Mrs. Thomas stated that the rights of the parents are gone; it has been taken away by the Board. Mrs. Thomas begged the Board to please reconsider busing middle school and high school students together.

2. Tim Taylor addressed the Board in regard to the centralization of the bus fleet to New Cumberland. Mr. Taylor does not agree with this. If there is an emergency in Weirton, the response time will be greatly affected. Mr. Taylor also addressed the Board in regard to the overcrowding of the buses, saying that students were taken off one bus and put on another; the parents had no idea where their children were or what bus they were on.

3. Gabrella Fighiroae addressed the Board regarding the start time for students at the middle school. After doing research, it has been determined that middle/high school students' biological clocks change, and they are awake longer in the evening; they need to sleep until 8:00 in the morning. The more acceptable time for school to start for middle /high school would be 8:30 or later. Mr. Durante stated that he read the article. It was presented to various school systems for their input, and their answer was that they can't provide transportation needed to students at those stated times unless they receive extra revenue from the State or Government with their current budget.

4. Simon Fighiroae addressed the board with complaints about the overcrowding of the buses. There were 3 to a seat and others sitting on laps, on the floor or standing. Mr. Fighiroae also complained about the freeze time at Oak Glen Middle for the last fifteen minutes of the day. He is not able to pick up his child during this time; he has to wait a good 25 minutes.

5. Desiree Brooks addressed the Board in regard to her son's first day of school. There were 88 children on his bus in the A.M., 92 children on the ride home. Ms. Brooks would like to see aides on the buses. If the county can't provide them, then she would like for them to look into having parents volunteer. The volunteers could help with the bullying and keeping students in their seats. Mr. Durante stated that possibly the parents could volunteer to stand at the bus stops. He also stated that the bus situation is being addressed. Mr. Durante indicated that there were three (3) people from transportation at tonight's meeting taking notes so they can go back and check into the complaints and concerns. The Transportation Department knows that we had overcrowded buses, and we have made adjustments as needed. We will need time to work all the

problems out. Mr. Durante also assured the parents that each bus is equipped with an audio/visual camera.

6. Matt Keenan, Director of Haller Park Daycare, addressed the Board in regard to transporting students to his daycare. Mr. Keenan stated that there was a letter written by Miss Smith that students would be transported to all Weirton area daycare centers. There is no transportation for the students that attend his daycare. Miss Smith stated that she did not write the letter, and his daycare center is located in Brooke County. She stated Hancock County students cannot be transported into Brooke County. Miss Smith also stated that Hancock County Schools have never transported any students to his daycare. Mr. Keenan stated that the daycare had, in the past, been able to use Weirton Transit, but with the earlier start time and end time of the school they are not able to work it into their schedule. Miss Smith stated that she has spoken with the driver from Weirton Transit, and he doesn't see a problem. He is first in line so he is able to get in and get out as quickly as possible. A parent interceded and stated that she was told that two (2) buses go into Brooke County to pick up and drop off students. Mr. Brancazio stated that they could rest assure that if there are any bus drivers that pick up students in Brooke County, it will be dealt with. Miss Smith stated that she would have Mr. Shepard check to see where the Brooke/Hancock county line is and will see where the closest bus stop could be scheduled for the daycare.

7. Joshua Gooding addressed the Board in support of Mr. Keegan and the Haller Park Daycare Center. Mr. Durante explained that this was already addressed and the Transportation Department is going to look into a bus stop that is conducive to the Daycare. If it is something that can be done, a bus stop will be added, as long as the stop is in Hancock County.

8. Darcy Giordano addressed the Board in regard to her son being lost the first day of school. Ms. Giordano stated that her son didn't get off at his stop so she went to the school. They were unaware that he was still at the school; she is concerned about whose responsibility it is to make sure children get on the correct bus.

Mr. Durante stated that the Board was going to recess for a 5 (five) minute break.

The Board reconvened in regular session at 7:40 p.m.

INFORMATION

1. Nancy Holdsworth, first grade teacher at New Manchester Elementary, is one of three WV State Finalists for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST)

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. PERSONNEL

1. RESIGNATIONS -- CERTIFIED

It is recommended that the following resignations be approved, effective the dates indicated:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Renee Bailey	Teacher (Multi-cat./Autism) Oak Glen Middle	Other employment	8/23/14
Jennifer Turner	Teacher (Academic Resource Specialist) Oak Glen Middle	Other employment	9/10/14
Megan Russell	Substitute Teacher Countywide	Other employment	8/18/14
Nicole Cottle	Substitute Teacher Countywide	Other employment	8/19/14

2. TRANSFERS -- CERTIFIED

It is recommended that the following transfers be approved, effective 8/26/14:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Natalie Ware	Substitute Teacher Countywide	Teacher (Special Ed./Autism/BD) Weirton Elementary
Amanda Tournay	Substitute Teacher Countywide	Teacher (Spanish) Weir Middle

3. ASSIGNMENTS -- EXTRA-CURRICULAR

It is recommended that the following assignments be approved, effective the 2014-15 school year:

OAK GLEN HIGH SCHOOL

Key Club	Lesley Michaud
Newspaper	Morgan Martin

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTIONAL TEAM LEADERS

OAK GLEN HIGH SCHOOL

Humanities	Adam Howell
Life Skills	Jeanne Roberts
Math, Science, Technology	Deborah Churella

WEIR HIGH SCHOOL

English/Social Studies	Donna Ferguson
Science/Math	Catherine Barnabei
Elective Non-core	Elaine Kimmins

4. ASSIGNMENTS -- SUBSTITUTES -- CERTIFIED

It is recommended that the following assignments be approved, effective the 2014-15 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Areas of Certification</u>
Linda Makar	Elementary Education 1-6, Learning Disabilities K-12
Charlotte Mergen	Spanish 7-12, Social Studies 7-12
Diana Mikula	Elementary Education 1-8, Mental Retardation 1-9
Roberta O'Brien	Elementary Education 1-6
Joanne Rusinovich	Elementary Education 1-8
Lisa Topley	Multi-subjects K-8, Learning Disabilities K-12, English 9-12
Joyce Znoy	Elementary Education 1-6,
Debra Zuccolotto	Elementary Education 1-6, Mentally Impaired 1-12, Learning Disabilities 1-12

4a. ASSIGNMENT -- SUBSTITUTE -- CERTIFIED

It is recommended that the following assignment be approved, effective the 2014-15 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Areas of Certification</u>
Ryan Wells	Social Studies 5-Adult

5. ASSIGNMENT -- COACHING -- CERTIFIED

It is recommended that the following assignment be approved, effective the 2014-15 school year. He has met state guidelines established for non-certified personnel employed in coaching activities.

WEIR HIGH SCHOOL

Football Assistant (paid by Boosters' Club) Sean Stevens*

Miss Smith presented items 1, 2, 3, 4, 4a, & 5 and recommended approval.

Toni Hinerman moved and was supported that items 1, 2,3 ,4 , 4a, & 5 be approved.

Motion Carried: Brancazio, Chappell, Hinerman, Manypenny, and Durante, President.

6. TERMINATION OF RECORDS - CLASSIFIED

It is recommended that the following termination of records be approved.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Richard Gibson	Bus Operator	Deceased

7. NEW POSITION

It is recommended that the following position be approved for the 2014-2015 school year

Classified

Bus Operator – 5.75 hours

Miss Smith presented items 6 & 7 and recommended approval.

John Manypenny moved and was supported by Toni Hinerman that items 6 & 7 be approved.

Motion Carried: Brancazio, Chappell, Hinerman, Manypenny, and Durante, President.

B. FINANCE

1. LIST OF BILLS

It is recommended that the list of bills be approved for payment.

Miss Smith presented the list of bills and recommended approval.

Patsy Brancazio moved and was supported by Michelle Chappell that the list of bills be approved.

Motion Carried: Brancazio, Chappell, Hinerman, Manypenny, and Durante, President.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. APPROVAL OF INVOICES

The following invoice has been submitted to the School Building Authority and is pending SBA approval:

<u>Company</u>	<u>SBA Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
W.G. Tomko, Inc.	Weirton Elementary	\$ 6,393.90
Miracle Recreation Equip.	Weirton Elementary	\$ 59,975.00
Virco	Weirton Elementary	\$ 12,800.46
Virco	Weirton Elementary	\$ 67.38

Miss Smith presented item 1 and recommended approval.

Michelle Chappell moved and was supported by John Manypenny that item 1 be approved.

Motion Carried: Brancazio, Chappell, Hinerman, Manypenny, and Durante, President.

2. STUDENT ACCEPTANCE

It is recommended that the following student acceptance be approved, for the 2014-15 school year:

CODE: HCX268
HCX1010

Miss Smith presented item 2 and recommended approval.

Toni Hinerman moved and was supported by Michelle Chappell that item 2 be approved.

Motion Carried: Brancazio, Chappell, Hinerman, Manypenny, and Durante, President.

3. CHANGE ORDER

It is recommended that the change order for Pusateri Excavating Inc. to excavate the playground area at Weirton Elementary be approved in the amount of \$110,108.17

Miss Smith presented item 3 and recommended approval.

Toni Hinerman moved and was supported by Michelle Chappell that item 3 be approved.

Motion Carried: Brancazio, Chappell, Hinerman, Manypenny, and Durante, President.

4. AGREEMENT – ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

It is recommended that Hancock County Schools enter into the following agreement for Architectural Services for the softball field at Weir High School:

Louis P Bernardi

Miss Smith presented item 4 and recommended approval.

John Manypenny moved and was supported by Toni Hinerman that item 4 be approved.

Motion Carried: Brancazio, Chappell, Hinerman, Manypenny, and Durante, President.

5. AGREEMENTS – HEALTHCARE SERVICES AGREEMENT

It is recommended that Hancock County Schools enter into the following agreements, effective August 1, 2014, for three (3) consecutive years:

Weirton Medical Center - Oak Glen High School
Weirton Medical Center - Weir High School

Miss Smith presented item 5 and recommended approval.

Michelle Chappell moved and was supported by Toni Hinerman that item 5 be approved.

Motion Carried: Brancazio, Chappell, Hinerman, Manypenny, and Durante, President.

6. REQUEST FOR OVERNIGHT TRIP

Approval for overnight trip for Oak Glen Middle School Volleyball team to Clarksburg, WV, September 26 - 27, 2014 to participate in a volleyball tournament.

Miss Smith presented item 6 and recommended approval.

Michelle Chappell moved and was supported by John Manypenny that item 6 be approved.

Motion Carried: Brancazio, Chappell, Hinerman, Manypenny, and Durante, President.

7. SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

The following list of support organizations is being presented for approval for the 2014-15 school year. Each organization has been provided with Accounting Procedures for Support Organizations Guidelines and Hancock County Board of Education Policy DIA – Individual School and Support Organizations Accounting Procedures.

Oak Glen Middle PTSA
OGHS Baseball Boosters
Cheer Bear Boosters
OGHS Grapplers Club
OGHS Soccer Boosters
Weir High Band Boosters
Weir High Soccer Boosters
Weir High Swim Team Boosters
Weir High Track Boosters
Weir High Volleyball Boosters
Weir High Parent Group - Class of 2015

Miss Smith presented item 7 and recommended approval.

Patsy Brancazio moved and was supported by Michelle Chappell that item 7 be approved.

Motion Carried: Brancazio, Chappell, Hinerman, Manypenny, and Durante, President.

8. SURPLUS PROPERTY

It is recommended that the following be declared surplus property:

Freezer B

Miss Smith presented item 8 and recommended approval.

Patsy Brancazio moved and was supported by Toni Hinerman that item 8 be approved.

Motion Carried: Brancazio, Chappell, Hinerman, Manypenny, and Durante, President.

9. CARGO VAN PURCHASE

It is recommended that the purchase of two (2) cargo vans from Washington Ford be approved,

<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Price</u>
2013 Ford Cargo Van – E250 – 4,628 miles	\$21,994.00
2013 Ford Cargo Van – E250 – 5,367 miles	\$21,994.00

Miss Smith presented item 9 and recommended approval.

John Manypenny moved and was supported by Toni Hinerman that item 9 be approved.

Motion Carried: Brancazio, Chappell, Hinerman, Manypenny, and Durante, President.

NEW BUSINESS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Auction for the surplus property will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2014.

Miss Smith presented item 1 and recommended approval.

John Manypenny moved and was supported by Toni Hinerman that item 1 be approved.

Motion Carried: Brancazio, Chappell, Hinerman, Manypenny, and Durante, President.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

POLICY ISSUES

1. The following policies were being presented at a second reading. These policies were passed at a first reading on Monday, July 14, 2014 and sent out for comments. Comments were received.

GCCA	Personal Sick Leave
GCCAF	FMLA
GCCAG	Parental Leave Act
GCCAH	Military Leave
GDD	Vacation
GK	Leave without Pay

2. The following policy is being recommended to go out for adoption:

IKFB	Embedded Credit
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3. The following policy is being recommended for re-adoption:

IKF	Graduation Requirements
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Miss Smith presented items 1, 2, & 3 and recommended approval.

Toni Hinerman moved and was supported by John Manypenny that items 1, 2, & 3 be approved.

Motion Carried: Brancazio, Chappell, Hinerman, Manypenny, and Durante, President.

MEETING

Tuesday, August 26, 2014 5:00 p.m. Special Meeting
Board of Education
Board Room, New Cumberland

Purpose of this meeting: Employee meeting

Monday, September 8, 2014 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
Board of Education
Board Room, New Cumberland

With no further business before the board, Mr. Durante declared the meeting adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Gerald Durante, President

Suzan L. Smith, Secretary