

## HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 10, 2014

The Hancock County Board of Education met on Monday, November 10, 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 October 27, 2014, were presented for approval.

John Manypenny moved and was supported by Toni Hinerman that the minutes be approved.

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

### CALLERS

None

### INFORMATION

#### 1. Nick Zervos – Annual RESA 6 Update

Mr. Zervos gave his annual update, see attached. Mr. Zervos stated that there was an independent firm that did an assessment of the State's educational program and recommended to use more RESA input.

#### 2. Update on Bond Call Projects – Ron Blatt

Ron Blatt stated that contracts have been awarded for demolition of the three elementary schools. On November 6<sup>th</sup> a pre-demolition meeting was held. Mr. Blatt stated that by the end of the month physical demolition will be starting. Mr. Blatt also stated that a progress meeting has been scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Durante asked about the playground area at the new elementary school. Mr. Blatt stated that the Pre K playground is being used, the additional mulching has been added to the other playground area the only thing left is the sliding board. Mr. Blatt stated that the ladder part is stable, the landing is still swaying some, and they are waiting for the manufacture to get back to them with information.

Mr. Durante asked if someone had looked into the noise level coming from the chillers. Mr. Blatt stated that there was a meeting with Gil Themes today and they will get back with him with a price. Mr. Durante stated that notification should be sent to the area's that are being affected by the noise to let them know that the Board is working on a solution and we want to do it right. Mr. Brancazio stated that even with the added soundproofing there will still be some noise from the chillers, it won't be absolute silence.

Mr. Brancazio stated that he has been approached about the north end doors not shutting properly at Weirton Elementary School. Mr. Blatt stated that Cattrell Company has been notified and will be checking into this problem. Mr. Brancazio stated that the doors have never functioned properly and this needs to be done immediately because it is a safety issue.

3. WVEA salary campaign information for the upcoming legislative session.

WVEA salary campaign information asking the Board to show support by signing a resolution for competitive pay.

Melanie Donofe provided the Board with information on WVEA salary campaign information and has asked the Board to show support by signing a resolution for competitive pay. Miss Donofe stated that Senate Bill 391 established a pay raise for current year and also set a goal to raise the minimum salary for beginning teachers by the year 2019. The resolution will be on the next regular agenda for board approval. Melanie gave each board member a copy of the WV School Journal magazine.

4. Middle Schools Update

Miss Smith gave an update for the middle schools. Miss Smith stated that both schools participated in an Anti-bullying program; OGMS works with local groups and churches to provide students with a backpack of food on Fridays, so that students in need have nutritious food over the weekend. 5<sup>th</sup> grade language arts teacher, Tammy Fields, is writing test questions for the Smarter Balanced simulation tests. These questions will be used statewide. Weir Middle has a Book Swap, this is where students have the chance to bring in books they have already read and swap them out for a different book, they participated in the annual Weirton United Way Walk and Builders Club held a Clothing Drive. Both schools are getting ready for the OEPA visits that will be held Thursday and Friday.

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**A. PERSONNEL**

1. ASSIGNMENTS -- COACHING -- CERTIFIED

It is recommended that the following assignments be approved, effective the 2014-15 school year. The individual indicated with an asterisk (\*) has met state guidelines established for non-certified personnel employed in coaching activities:

OAK GLEN HIGH SCHOOL

Boys' Basketball Assistant  
Girls' Volleyball Chaperone

Chris Skeeles\*  
Carol Rosenlieb

WEIR HIGH SCHOOL

Cheerleading

Maria Miller

2. TRANSFER – CLASSIFIED

It is recommended that the following transfers be approved effective November 12, 2014:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Sue Clutter	Custodian II Oak Glen High School 220 days/8 hours	Custodian II Allison Elementary 220 days/8 hours
Bunny Pradovich	Substitute Custodian	Custodian II Weir High School 220 days/8 hours

3. RESIGNATION – CLASSIFIED

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Sandra Douglas	Secretary	Retirement	November 3, 2014
Catherine Colabrese	Secretary	Retirement	December 1, 2014

4. RESIGNATION – CLASSIFIED - SUBSTITUTE

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Jessica Shaw	LPN/Aide	Personal	October 30, 2014
Hannah Gilchrist	Custodian	Personal	November 10, 2014

5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE – CLASSIFIED

It is recommended that the following unpaid leave of absence be approved effective September 9, 2014, through the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Valerie Tibbs	Bus Operator	Medical

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

Patsy Brancazio moved and was supported by Toni Hinerman that items 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 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.

Toni Hinerman moved and was supported by John Manypenny that the list of bills be approved.

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

**C. MISCELLANEOUS**

1. National Board of Professional Teaching Standards

It is recommended that classroom teachers who hold a valid renewal certificate issued by the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards receive \$2500.00 annually from county Board funds for the life of the renewal certificate, but in no event more than ten years for any one renewal certificate.

Miss Smith presented item 1 and recommended approval.

Patsy Brancazio moved and was supported by Michelle Chappell that item 1 be approved.

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

2. SHORT-DAY STUDENTS

It is recommended that the following short-day students be approved for the 2014-15 school year:  
(This is for the second trimester)

CODE: SDS/OG/43

Miss Smith presented item 2 and recommended approval.

John Manypenny moved and was supported by Toni Hinerman that item 2 be approved.

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

3. OVERNIGHT TRIP

Approval for an overnight trip for Oak Glen High School baseball program to Myrtle Beach, SC. The students will be leaving April 13<sup>th</sup> and returning April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Miss Smith presented item 3 and recommended approval.

Michelle Chappell moved and was supported by Patsy Brancazio that item 3 be approved.

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

4. STUDENT ACCEPTANCE

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

CODE:            HCX24                            HCX14

Miss Smith presented item 4 and recommended approval.

Toni Hinerman moved and was supported by Michelle Chappell that item 4 be approved.

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

5. APPROVAL OF INVOICES

Authorization is requested to pay invoices, pending approval of the School Building Authority:

<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>SBA PROJECT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
McKinley & Assoc.	Weirton Elementary	\$ 14,430.72
Mike Pusateri Excavating	Weirton Elementary	\$ 47,071.24

Miss Smith presented item 5 and recommended approval.

Patsy Brancazio moved and was supported by Toni Hinerman that item 5 be approved.

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

6. BIDS –FREEZER

The following bids were received for a 8x20x8 Kolpack walk-in freezer. It is recommended that the bid(s) indicated by the asterisk (\*) be approved.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BID</u>
Clay County Schools	&2,500.00*

7. BIDS –PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

The following bids were received for playground equipment. It is recommended that the bid(s) indicated by the asterisk (\*) be approved.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BID</u>
Clay County Schools	\$ 250.00
Ron Blatt	\$ 300.00*

Miss Smith presented items 6 & 7 and recommended approval.

Toni Hinerman moved and was supported by Patsy Brancazio that items 6 & 7 be approved.

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

8. AGREEMENT – WHEELING JESUIT UNIVERSITY

It is recommended that Hancock County Schools enter into a Field Base/Clinical agreement with Wheeling Jesuit University for student teachers.

Miss Smith presented item 8 and recommended approval.

John Manypenny moved and was supported by Toni Hinerman that item 8 be approved.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Lighting at the Baseball/Softball League in Chester

Discussion and possible recommendation.

Miss Smith stated that David Brown, president of the Oak Glen Junior Bears baseball-softball league is asking for permission to install lighting at the three ball fields that are adjacent to Allison Elementary School. After a brief discussion, Mr. Durante stated that he didn't feel the Board was ready to make a motion on this. Mr. Brancazio stated that this needs to be done properly. Mr. Durante stated that the board needs to understand legally what's involved. Miss Smith stated that she would like to have written assurance that the Board will not be stuck with maintenance and repairs in the future. Mrs. Chappell stated that the field are close to private homes and the Board also has to make sure that the lights are not shining in people's homes. Miss Smith will look into this further.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Mrs. Chappell stated that she attended the 4-H banquet and there were over 50 awards given to students and leaders. Mrs. Chappell stated that this was a very nice banquet. Miss Smith stated that she was also able to attend.

**POLICY ISSUES**

None

**MEETING**

Monday, November 24, 2014                      5:00 p.m.                      Regular Meeting  
Board of Education  
Board Room, New Cumberland

Miss Smith requested an executive session to discuss a disciplinary act on an employee.

Patsy Brancazio moved and was supported by John Manypenny that the board convene in executive session for the reason stated.

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The Board reconvened in regular session, no action was taken.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Gerald Durante, President

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Suzan L. Smith, Secretary