

## HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 27, 2014

The Hancock County Board of Education met on Monday, January 27, 2014, in the Board Office, New Cumberland, commencing at 5:00 p.m. Board Members present: Patsy Brancazio, Laura Greathouse, Toni Hinerman, John Manypenny, and Jerry Durante, President.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting, January 13, 2014, were presented for approval.

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

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

### CALLERS

Judy Mullins, President of the Hancock County Educational Support Professional Association and Christina Risk, bus operator, addressed the board with concerns over moving the south fleet of buses to the transportation department that is located across from the JDR IV Career Center. Judy stated that the bus drivers had a meeting with Miss Smith back in September of 2009, where she promised them that the buses would be able to park and refuel at the new elementary school. Ms. Mullins did state that this was made prior to the passage of the board levy. They stated that their concern is for the safety of the students in the Weirton area. Stating that it is approximately 14 miles to the closest Weirton based school from the transportation building, with a turnover time of at least 30 minutes and could be in excess of 45 minutes. The bus drivers were told that if there were to be an evacuation of the students in Weirton, they would go to residence homes in the area or a neighborhood church. Mrs. Risk stated that cost is another factor, buses do not get good fuel economy and it would increase the cost of fuel by \$100,000.00 per year. Mrs. Risk also stated that it would increase the mileage on the buses by 40 miles per day. Ms. Mullins stated that there would be an increase in salary for the bus drivers for the extra time to drive to New Cumberland. Ms. Mullins also addressed the current transportation facility is not adequate to handle the additional personnel. Both, Ms. Mullins and Mrs. Risk believe that a better solution would be to operate the Weirton buses on the grounds of one of the schools that is scheduled for demolition.

Mr. Durante told the bus drivers that the Board will take every concern that was raised and will look at every aspect of it, see which is feasible.

### INFORMATION

#### 1. Faculty Senate and School Improvement Council

##### Weir Middle School

Stacy Slack, Faculty Senate/ School Improvement Council  
Peri Dimitriou, Student

Reports Attached.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

### **A. PERSONNEL**

#### **1. RESIGNATIONS – CERTIFIED**

It is recommended that the following resignations be approved, effective the end of the 2013-2014 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Walda Elliott	Teacher (TMI Profound) Weir High	Retirement
Cindy Jividen	Teacher (Social Studies) Weir High	Retirement
Diana Mikula	Teacher (Computer Lab Resource) Weirton Heights Elementary	Retirement
Richard Myers	Teacher (Physical Education/Health) Oak Glen Middle	Retirement
Roberta O'Brien	Teacher (Grade 4) Weirton Heights Elementary	Retirement
Karen Olszewski	Speech-Language Pathologist Countywide, Base-Weir Middle	Retirement
Virginia Parsons	Teacher (Grade 6) Weir Middle	Retirement
Bonnie Queses	Teacher (Grade 2) Liberty Elementary	Retirement
Nicholas Queses	Teacher (Grade 6) Weir Middle	Retirement
Linda Romitti	Teacher (Grade 1) Broadview Elementary	Retirement
Joanne Rusinovich	Teacher (Kindergarten) Weirton Heights Elementary	Retirement
Lisa Topley	Teacher (Grade 2) Liberty Elementary	Retirement
Joyce Znoy	Teacher (EMI) Weir High	Retirement
Debra Zuccolotto	Teacher (Grade 6) Weir Middle	Retirement

Miss Smith presented item 1 and recommended approval.

Patsy Brancazio moved and was supported by Toni Hinerman that item 1 be approved.

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

2. PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES VACANCY LIST FOR 2014-2015:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>
Social Studies 9-12	Weir High
Special Education 9-12 (MI Profound)	Weir High
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Weir Middle
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Weir Middle
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Weir Middle
Physical Education/Health 5-8	Oak Glen Middle
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Weirton Elementary School
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Weirton Elementary School
Speech-Language Pathologist	Itinerant (Countywide)

3. ASSIGNMENT –CERTIFIED

It is recommended that the following assignments be approved, effective the 2013-2014 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Area of Certification</u>
Linda Abercrombie	Substitute Teacher Countywide	Elementary Education/ Early Childhood PK-8
Claire Juszczak	Substitute Teacher Countywide	General Science 5-Ad/ Biology Education 9-Ad
Joseph Jimboy	Substitute Teacher Countywide	Health/Physical Education K-12
Megan Baxter	Substitute Teacher Countywide	Elementary Education K-6/ Special Education K-6
Jordan Wells	Substitute Teacher Countywide	Elementary Education K-6/ Math 5-9/Special Education/Autism
Ashley Zago	Substitute Teacher Countywide	English 5-Ad
Alex Kuntupis	Substitute Teacher Countywide	Elementary Education K-6
Heather Vanscoy	Substitute Teacher Countywide	Elementary Education K-6/ Music Education P-Ad

4. ASSIGNMENT –CERTIFIED

It is recommended that the following assignment be approved, effective February 3, 2014:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Degree/Exp.</u>
Karin Freese	Teacher (Career Awareness & Learning Skills) Weir Middle	Bachelors/1

5. ASSIGNMENT –CERTIFIED

It is recommended that the following assignment be approved, effective 2013-2014 school year, as needed:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
William Marino	Alternate Examiner TASC Testing (new GED replacement test)

6. RESIGNATION – COACHING – CERTIFIED

It is recommended that the following resignation be approved effective January 14, 2014:

OAK GLEN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Track Assistant	Debbie Masters
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6A. RESIGNATION -- COACHING

It is recommended that the following resignation be approved, effective January 20, 2014, due to personal reasons:

WEIR HIGH SCHOOL

Baseball Head	Robert Rosnick
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7. ASSIGNMENT – COACHING – CERTIFIED

It is recommended that the following assignments be approved effective the 2013-2014 school year:

WEIR HIGH SCHOOL

Girls Track Volunteer Assistant	Tracy Schoolcraft
Girls Track Volunteer Assistant	Tom Apesos

Miss Smith presented items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6a, & 7 and recommended approval.

John Manypenny moved and was supported by Laura Greathouse that items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6a, & 7 be approved.

8. LEAVE OF ABSENCE – PROFESSIONAL

It is recommended that the following unpaid medical leave of absence be approved effective March 8, 2014, through March 24, 2014 (return date March 25, 2014):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Dominique Smith	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher	Maternity

9. TRANSFER - CLASSIFIED

It is recommended that the following transfer be approved effective January 29, 2014:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Willard Douglas	Bus Driver #5 Transportation 200 days/5.75 hours	Bus Driver #122 Transportation 200 days/5.75 hours

10. TRANSFER - CLASSIFIED

It is recommended that the following transfer be approved effective March 3, 2014:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Mishal Hawthorne	Cook III Kitchen/Weir High 200 days/7 hours	Cook II Liberty Elementary 200 days/3.5 hours

11. RESIGNATION – CLASSIFIED - SUBSTITUTE

It is recommended that the following resignation be approved effective January 9, 2014:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Sara Dunfee	Aide	Personal

12. LEAVE OF ABSENCE – CLASSIFIED

It is recommended that the following unpaid Family Medical Leave of Absence (FMLA) be approved effective December 5, 2013:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Timothy J. Shughart	Custodian Weir High School	Medical

Miss Smith presented items 8, 9, 10, 11, & 12 and recommended approval.

John Manypenny moved and was supported by Toni Hinerman that items 8, 9, 10, 11, & 12 be approved.

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

**B. FINANCE**

1. LIST OF BILLS

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

Ms. Smith presented the list of bills and recommended approval.

Laura Greathouse moved and was supported by Toni Hinerman that the list of bills be approved.

Motion Carried: Brancazio, Greathouse, 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>
PSI	Weirton ELE	\$ 38.50

Miss Smith presented item 1 and recommended approval.

Toni Hinerman moved and was supported by Laura Greathouse that item 1 be approved.

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

2. 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 2 and recommended approval.

Laura Greathouse moved and was supported by Toni Hinerman that item 2 be approved.

Motion Carried: Greathouse, Hinerman, Manypenny, and Durante, President.

Abstained: Brancazio.

3. STUDENT ACCEPTANCE

It is recommended that the following student acceptance be approved, for the 2014-2015 school year.

CODE: HCX1119

4. EXPULSION

It is recommended that the following student be expelled from all Hancock County Schools for a period of one year, commencing on January 28, 2014:

CODE: WHX319

Miss Smith presented items 3 & 4 and recommended approval.

John Manypenny moved and was supported by Toni Hinerman that items 3 & 4 be approved.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Recommendation of testing and balances proposal to be approved.

Miss Smith presented item 1 and recommended approval.

Laura Greathouse moved and was supported by Toni Hinerman that item 1 be approved.

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

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Deborah M. Jackson, Superintendent, Burgettstown Area School District

Miss Smith states that with the unbearable loss of three Oak Glen High School students on Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> Hancock County Schools has received lots of support from three states. People have been wonderful providing support in our time of need. Miss Smith received a letter from Deborah M. Jackson, which she read. Miss Smith also stated that Brooke County provided four counselors to help with the return of students on Thursday. Counselors were needed at Oak Glen High School, Oak Glen Middle School and the JDR IV Career Center.

### **POLICY ISSUES**

None

### **MEETING**

Monday, February 3, 2014	5:00 p.m.	Special Meeting Board of Education Board Office, New Cumberland
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Tuesday, February 4, 2014	5:00 p.m.	Special Meeting Board of Education Board Office, New Cumberland
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Purpose of the meetings: Rif and Transfer Hearings.

Monday, February 10, 2014	5:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Board of Education Board Office, New Cumberland
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With no further business before the board, Mr. Durante declared the meeting adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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Gerald Durante, President

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Suzan L. Smith, Secretary