

HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 14, 2014

The Hancock County Board of Education met on Wednesday, May 14, 2014, at the JDR IV Career Center, 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 of April 28, 2014, and the special meeting of May 5, 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.

**** Please note that the agenda was taken out of order during the caller and information section.**

INFORMATION

2. Young Writers' Contest

The Hancock County Board of Education would like to recognize the following student for being selected as a winner in the 9 – 10 Grade category of the West Virginia Young Writers Contest: Georgia read her short story to the Board.

Georgia Beatty, Student
Sonya Letterie, Teacher

Mr. Durante presented Georgia with a certificate.

1. HANCOCK COUNTY SCHOOLS' TEACHER OF THE YEAR NOMINEES:

Allison Elementary	-	Rachelle Jenkins
Broadview Elementary	-	Rose Mary Morris
Liberty Elementary	-	Donna Carnes
New Manchester	-	Brittany Cook
Weirton Heights Elem	-	Angela Myers
Oak Glen Middle	-	Velda Icard
Weir Middle	-	Amy Porreca
Oak Glen High	-	Jeanne Roberts
Weir High	-	Betty Smith
JDR IV Career Center	-	Joan Murray

Mr. Durante presented each nominee with a plaque. After each nominee was introduced, Miss Smith announced that Hancock County Schools 2015 Teacher of the Year was Mrs. Betty Smith from Weir High School. Cake was served after the announcement.

3. 3-2-1 Academic Challenge online competition

Weir Middle, St. Joseph and St. Paul's gifted program students and higher level reading students from Weir Middle participated in the 3-2-1 Academic Challenge online competition. The competed against 98 teams nationwide and came in first in the NATION, scoring 301 points/96%.

This is a repeat performance for them as they scored first in the nation in the fall also. The members of the team were: Whitney Abbott, Ryan Bodrog, Natalie Cramer, Nick D'Amico, Jimmie DiGiacinto, Jillian Dotson, Ben Fedoush, Josh Fidler, Caroline Fodor, Nathan Frank, Isaiah Glasure, Meghan Hawthorne, Brent Hinchee, Frank Ty Hudacheck, Madison Marshall, Michael Miller, Hannah Minger, Allison Phillips, Mason Rice, William Rice, Dakota Wagner, Tyler Wright, and from St. Joseph's Joey Garan and Gianna Mascio; from St. Paul's Kelsey Crawford and Sydney Crawford.

4. Allen T. Allison Principals' Million Minutes Reading Challenge.

Mrs. Hartung and Mrs. Marchese are pleased to inform the Board that as of April 30, 2014, the students and staff of Allen T. Allison Elementary School have documented reading for 1,005,730 minutes. The challenge was to reach one million minutes by the end of the school year.

Miss Smith announced that this Sunday, May 18th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, the public is invited to tour the new Weirton Elementary School. Shuttle buses will be running from Stravaggi's to the new school to accommodate parking.

5. Update on Weirton Elementary Bond Call Projects – Ron Blatt

Mr. Blatt stated that the Fire Marshall has granted occupancy at the new elementary school. Mr. Blatt also stated that the contractors are currently working on the punch list items. Furniture has arrived and is in its proper place. Mr. Blatt stated that because of the weather the planting of the grass seed, the laying of the asphalt, and lines been striped have all been delayed. A cost report was given to each board member.

CALLERS

Christina Risk, bus driver, addressed the Board in regards to the south end buses being moved to the transportation department next school year. Mrs. Risk stated that she and Mrs. Mullins addressed the board earlier in the year and asked the Board to look into this a little more before making this a final move. Mrs. Risk stated that Miss Smith, Mr. Neely, Ms. Petrovich and Mr. Shepherd did ride some of the bus routes, but not all of them, and at this time no solution was given to the bus drivers. Mrs. Risk stated that a request for a cost analysis was made but up to now, none was received or any courtesy phone call returned. Mrs. Risk stated that some issues have yet to be resolved like parking/break-room/restrooms/parking terrain/ cost for fuel and safety of the children. Mrs. Risk stated to Mr. Brancazio that the Board had said that it would not provide transportation to any employee, however for the last four years it has been provided for the four bus drivers that park their buses at the New Cumberland bus garage and have Weirton area bus runs.

Mr. Durante stated that Miss Smith has made an administrative decision based on what the Board asked her to do. She did what was asked and had every concern that you had looked into. Only in Hancock County Schools does an employee determine where the employer parks buses.

Mr. Durante stated that the Board would never cause unnecessary expense to Hancock County Schools system or jeopardize the safety of any student. Mr. Durante stated that Miss Smith has made the decision and this is the last time the Board will entertain any appearance on this subject, Mrs. Risk is welcome to come back and discuss anything she wants with the Board of Education but we will not discuss the location of the buses again.

Miss Smith stated that she herself looked into this as well as the transportation department. Miss Smith stated that having one location is the best solution, this location is where the mechanics are located, and a wash bay will also be installed at the location. Miss Smith stated that she looked into neighboring counties and both Brooke and Ohio Counties have their buses at one central location. Hancock County is the smallest county and there is no reason why Hancock County must have two locations to park buses. She stated that it is much more economical to have one bus garage and not have to duplicate facilities.

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>Date</u>
Sonya Lettieri	Teacher (English) Weir High	Relocating	6/11/14
Breanna Hayes	Athletic Trainer Oak Glen High	Personal	6/30/14
Cassie Newlun	Substitute School Nurse Countywide	Administrative Release	5/14/14
Barbara Logue	Principal Oak Glen High	Retirement	6/30/14

1a. RESIGNATION -- CERTIFIED

It is recommended that the following resignation be approved, effective 6/30/14:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Alice Klakos	Assistant Principal Oak Glen High	Retirement

2. TRANSFERS -- CERTIFIED

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Kaitlin Karpinski	Teacher (Grade 1) New Manchester Elementary	Teacher (Grade 1) Weirton Elementary
Ashley Pietrangelo	Teacher (Special Ed./ Autism/Self-contained) Weirton Elementary	Teacher (Grade 3) Weirton Elementary
Sarah Walter	Teacher (Special Ed./ Autism/Self-contained) Weirton Elementary	Teacher (Special Ed./Autism/ Resource-Co-teaching) Weirton Elementary

3. ASSIGNMENT -- CERTIFIED

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Degree/Exp.</u>
Carrie Rine	Teacher (Multi-cat./Content area specialization/Autism) Weir High	MA/0

4. RESIGNATION -- COACHING -- CERTIFIED

It is recommended that the following resignation be approved, effective 4/30/14, due to personal reasons:

OAK GLEN HIGH SCHOOL

Girls' Basketball Assistant Ronald Harris

5. RESIGNATIONS/EXTRA-CURRICULAR -- CERTIFIED

It is recommended that the following resignations be approved, effective the end of the 2013-14 school year, due to relocating:

WEIR HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 2016	Sonya Lettieri
Yearbook	Sonya Lettieri
Literary Magazine Co-Sponsor	Sonya Lettieri

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

Patsy Brancazio moved and was supported by Laura Greathouse that items 1, 1a, 2, 3, 4, & 5 be approved.

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

6. ASSIGNMENT -- COACHING -- CERTIFIED

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

WEIR HIGH SCHOOL

Boys' Basketball Assistant

Joseph Jimboy

7. SPECIAL EDUCATION (ESY) SUMMER PROGRAM

It is recommended that the following assignments be approved. The program begins with a half-day for teachers on Friday, June 13, 2014 (planning/preparation), and concludes on Thursday, July 3, 2014, with a full-day for teachers (grades/closing). All sessions will be from 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at Weir Middle School.

Pre-school Special Needs/Itinerant
Speech-Language Pathologist
Elementary/Multi-cat./Autism
Elementary/Multi-cat./Autism
Elementary/Multi-cat./Autism
Elementary/Multi-cat./Autism
Substitute

Jennifer Sanner
Karen Randolph
Errin Lawton
Dina Kolman
Kelly Firman
Amy Yobbagy
Andrew Romitti

Miss Smith presented items 6 & 7 and recommended approval.

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

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

8. TRANSFERS -- CLASSIFIED

It is recommended that the following transfers be approved effective 2014-2015 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Michele DeGarmo	Custodian II Oak Glen Middle 220 days/8 hours	Custodian IV/GM Weir High School 240 days/8 hours
Anthony Makricosta	Custodian II Broadview 220 days/8 hours	Custodian II Oak Glen High/Countywide 220 days/8 hours
Robin Lojszczyk	Sup Aide III Bus 35 Transportation 200 days/7 hours	Sup Aide III Bus 92 Transportation 200 days/7 hours
Amanda Shoup	RIF	Sup Aide III Bus 23 Transportation 200 days/7 hours

8a. TRANSFER – CLASSIFIED

It is recommended that the following transfer be approved effective 2014-2015 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Thomas Wiley Davis	Sub Food Truck Dr/ Custodian	Custodian IV/GM Weir High School 240 days/8 hrs.

9. ASSIGNMENT – SPECIAL EDUCATION (ESY) SUMMER PROGRAM -- CLASSIFIED

It is recommended that the following assignments be approved. The program will begin on Monday, June 16, 2014, and end on Thursday, July 3, 2014:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>
Patricia Barr	Bus Driver 3.5 Hours/13 Days	Transportation
JoAnn McClain	Bus Driver 3.5 Hours/13 Days	Transportation
Elizabeth J. Miller	Autism Mentor 3.5 Hours/13 Days	Classroom Weir Middle School
Mary Leah Clark	Supervisory Aide II 3.5 Hours/13 Days	Classroom Weir Middle School
Loretta Fisher	Supervisory Aide IV 3.5 Hours/13 days	Transportation
Ila Hanlon	Supervisory Aide II 3.5 Hours/13 days	Transportation
Judy Mullins	Bus Driver Substitute/As Needed	Transportation
Brenda Sayre	Bus Driver Substitute/As Needed	Transportation
Betty Dennis	Bus Driver Substitute/As Needed	Transportation
William Russell King	Bus Driver Substitute/As Needed	Transportation
Jeffrey Plimpton	Bus Driver Substitute/As Needed	Transportation

10. ASSIGNMENT -- CLASSIFIED

It is recommended that the following be approved as a mechanic's helper for the period from June 16, 2014, to August 15, 2014, as needed:

Donald Barr – Transportation

11. RESIGNATION -- CLASSIFIED

It is recommended that the following resignation be approved effective June 9, 2014 (last day worked June 6, 2014):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>
John Montgomery	Custodian II	Personal

11a. RESIGNATION – CLASSIFIED

It is recommended that the following resignation be approved effective June 23, 2014 (last day worked June 23, 2014):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Paul Rafacz	Custodian II	Personal\

Miss Smith presented items 8, 8a, 9, 10, 11, & 11a, stating that on Friday Michelle DeGarmo rescinded her bid on the Weir High custodian position, with that noted, Miss Smith recommended approval.

Patsy Brancazio moved and was supported by Laura Greathouse that items 8, 8a, 9, 10, 11, & 11a 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.

John Manypenny moved and was supported by Patsy Brancazio that the list of bills be approved.

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

2. Bank Depositories -- FY 2014-15

The following banks are being recommended as the depositories for fiscal year 2014 - 2015.

Hancock Savings	Payroll Account
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Miss Smith presented item 2 and recommended approval.

Patsy Brancazio moved and was supported by Toni Hinerman that item 2 be approved.

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

3. SUBSTITUTION OF SECURITIES FOR WESBANCO BANK

Substitute: \$1,200,000 FHLB Note 1.00% due 4/17/2024
Cusip #3130A1HF8

For: \$1,100,000 FFCB Note 2.99 due 9/9/2021
Cusip #31331KXQ8

Miss Smith presented item 3 and recommended approval.

Laura Greathouse moved and was supported by Patsy Brancazio that item 3 be approved.

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

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. 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>
WG Tomko	Weirton Elementary	\$ 665.00
SA Comunale	Weirton Elementary	\$ 29,450.00
Flag Floors	Weirton Elementary	\$ 33,574.32
Enertech	Weirton Elementary	\$ 54,539.50
Cattrell (HVAC)	Weirton Elementary	\$ 70,959.74
Cattrell (General)	Weirton Elementary	\$ 209,431.55
McKinley	Weirton Elementary	\$ 1,820.21
McKinley (SBHC)	Weirton Elementary	\$ 264.00

Miss Smith presented item 1 and recommended approval.

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

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

2. BUS PURCHASES

It is recommended that permission be given to purchase the following buses at a total cost of \$387,616.00. Permission is also requested for the bus mechanics to pick up the buses in Tulsa, Oklahoma, when they are ready.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Quantity/Item</u>	<u>Cost per each</u>
Heritage Truck Centers	2-78-Passenger Buses	\$ 89,285.00
	2-54 Passenger Special Ed. Buses	\$104,523.00

Miss Smith presented item 2 and recommended approval.

Laura Greathouse moved and was supported by Patsy Brancazio that item 2 be approved.

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

3. STUDENT ACCEPTANCES

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

CODE: HCX1419
HCX1219
HCX415
HCX112

4. STUDENT RELEASE

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

CODE: BCX713

Miss Smith presented items 3 & 4 and recommended approval.

John Manypenny moved and was supported by Patsy Brancazio that items 3 & 4 be approved.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Brancazio stated that any out of line services that anyone is receiving in our system needs to be checked out and reined back in with anything that is out of the scope of normal for employees to come and go from work. It is time for the administration to check into these allegations and have things brought back into line for a proper employee – employer relationship.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Miss Smith read Thank You cards from Weir Middle School and Broadview Elementary School staff thanking the Board for the donuts that were given to them for Staff Appreciation, and a Thank You card from Weir High thanking the Board for the extracurricular pay raise.

POLICY ISSUES

1. The following policy is being recommended to go out for revisions:

JL/JLC Hancock County Schools Wellness Policy

Miss Smith presented item1 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.

MEETING

Thursday, May 15, 2014 5:00 p.m. Special Meeting
Board of Education
Board Room, New Cumberland

Purpose of this meeting: Superintendent Evaluation

Tuesday, May 27, 2014 4:30 p.m. Special Meeting
Board of Education
Board Room, New Cumberland

Purpose of this meeting: Budget Hearing and Adoption

Tuesday, May 27, 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 6:25 p.m.

Gerald Durante, President

Suzan L. Smith, Secretary