

HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 11, 2010

The Hancock County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, January 11, 2010, in the Board Room, New Cumberland, commencing at 7:00 p.m. Board Members present: Patsy Brancazio, Chris Fair, Laura Greathouse, John Manypenny, and Jerry Durante, President.

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 21, 2009 and the minutes of the special meeting of December 28, 2009, were presented for approval.

Chris Fair moved and was supported by John Manypenny that the minutes be approved.

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

CALLERS

None

INFORMATION

1. AK Energy – Jim Buch

Mr. Jim Buch addressed the Board regarding a voluntary demand reduction program; with this program you earn money as a backup for the electric grid. Mr. Buch stated that only five of our schools would be participating. Mr. Buch also stated that there is an annual test that is given that you should participate in. This test is done in the months of either August or September. Mr. Buch stated that there is an initial cost of the meters that need to be installed and AK Energy will pay half of the cost, and they also have to be hooked up to a phone line. Mr. Buch stated that you have to sign up for this program by the end of February for the start date of June, and it is renewable on a yearly basis. No action was needed nor taken at this time.

Miss Smith announced that Jackie Fodor, teacher at Weirton Heights Elementary School received her National Board Certification.

Miss Smith stated that due to the snow this past week, school was canceled three days. These three days will have to be made up at the end of the year.

Miss Smith stated that last Wednesday she notified principals that with the snow fall that was being predicted for Thursday afternoon, to send a letter home with the students that school would be dismissing two hours early on Thursday, however due to the freezing rain, school was closed for the entire day. Miss Smith stated that she feels the two hour early dismissal was a good decision and if we are able to notify the parents in advance, will use this method again.

Miss Smith commended the State Road Department on doing such a fine job with the roads.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. PERSONNEL

1. RESIGNATION -- CERTIFIED

It is recommended that the following resignation be approved, effective 1/30/10:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Carla Crawford	Teacher (Art) Countywide Base-N. Man.	Retirement

2. ASSIGNMENT/TRANSFER -- CERTIFIED

It is recommended that the following transfer be approved, effective the 2010-11 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Karen Randolph	Pre-school Classroom Replication Coordinator Broadview Elementary	Speech-Language Pathologist Countywide

3. RESIGNATION -- COACHING -- CERTIFIED

It is recommended that the following coaching resignation be approved, effective 1/11/10:

WEIR HIGH SCHOOL

Boys' Soccer Assistant John J. Pennacchio, Jr.

4. TEACHING IN LIEU OF PLANNING PERIOD -- CERTIFIED

It is recommended that the following be approved for teaching in lieu of her planning period, effective the 2009-10 school year:

WEIR HIGH SCHOOL

Stacy Ruiz Pre-Calculus, Second Semester

5. TRANSFERS - CLASSIFIED

It is recommended that the following transfers be approved effective January 13, 2010

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Allen Katzenmeyer	Custodian II Weir Middle School 220 days/8 hours	Custodian II Rockefeller Career Center 220 days/8 hours
Tonia Witherow	Supervisory Aide IV Transportation 200 days/3.5 hours	Supervisory Aide IV Pre-School Handicapped Initial Placement-New Manchester 200 days/7 hours

6. TRANSFER - CLASSIFIED

It is recommended that the following transfer be approved effective January 22, 2010:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Jodi Headley	Autism Mentor/Aide Weir High School 200 days/7 hours	Supervisory Aide III Transportation 200 days/7 hours To Fill Leave of Absence

7. RESIGNATION – CLASSIFIED

It is recommended that the following resignation be approved effective June 30, 2010:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Albert Stiles, Jr.	Custodian II Oak Glen High School	Retirement

Miss Smith presented personnel items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7, stating the normally we do not move any autism mentor aides (item 6) this time of the year unless it serves to be for the best interest of the student. Miss Smith stated that State Code 18A – 5 – 8 permits the Superintendent to make this decision and after speaking to both the parents and the school, it was determined that this move was at the best interest of the student. Miss Smith then recommended approval.

John Manypenny moved and was supported by Laura Greathouse that the recommendation of the Superintendent be approved.

Motion Carried: Brancazio, Fair, Greathouse, 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.

Chris Fair moved and was supported by Laura Greathouse that the list of bills be approved.

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

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. STUDENT RELEASE

It is recommended that the following student releases be approved, for the 2010-11 school year:

CODE:	BCX1520
	BCX720
	BCX713
	BCX522

2. REQUEST FOR OVERNIGHT TRIP

Approval for overnight trip – 8th grade students from Oak Glen Middle School to Washington, DC. Leaving Oak Glen Middle on Saturday, April 17, 2010 and returning the evening of Sunday, April 18, 2010. List of students, chaperones, and itinerary attached.

3. APPROVAL OF INVOICES

Request authorization to pay invoices pending approval of the School Building Authority:

<u>Company</u>	<u>SBA Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
RA Finnigan	WM/WH HVAC	\$ 263,848.19
McKinley	WM/WH HVAC	\$ 1,061.00
McKinley	OGHS AC	\$ 13,963.57

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

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Update on Oak Glen High School AC.

Miss Smith stated that the design drawings for the Oak Glen High School Air Conditioning project are 100% complete and hopefully we will get them back in a couple of weeks and we can start the bidding process.

2. Sewer line hookup is complete for Oak Glen High School, Oak Glen Middle School, and New Manchester School.

Miss Smith stated that the sewer line hookup is complete for Oak Glen High/Middle School and New Manchester Elementary School.

3. **APPROVAL TO DISBAND SUPPORT ORGANIZATION**

It is recommended to disband and not recognize the Weir High Band Parents Inc.

Miss Smith stated that she is asking the Board to approve to disband and not recognize the Weir High Band Parents, Inc. This support organization has not turned in the required paperwork.

Patsy Brancazio moved and was supported by John Manypenny that the Board approve to disband the support organization under the name of Weir High Band Parents Inc.

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

4. **SUPPORT ORGANIZATION APPROVAL**

The following support organization is being presented for approval for the 2009-10 school year. This 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 and has submitted all necessary information for approval.

Weir High Band Boosters

Miss Smith presented item 4 stating that this support organization has received their tax exempt number and everything has been presented to the Finance Office and Mr. Campinelli has approved them as a Support Organization.

John Manypenny moved and was supported by Patsy Brancazio, with question, that item 4 be approved. Mr. Brancazio asked about the van that the Weir High Band uses. Miss Smith stated that the van does not belong to the school system, it does belong to the booster organization. Mr. Campinelli stated that the van is titled to the band parents and it will be up to them to transfer the title to the new organization. After a lengthy discussion, Miss Smith stated that she will look into this further and get back with the Board.

Mr. Brancazio asked about the status of the payment for stratuswave, stating that it was not on the list of bills to be paid. Mr. Campinelli stated that the check has been sent, that he was under the assumption that after the testing was done to see if everything was running okay, it was okay to send the payment. A discussion was held. No action was needed and none taken.

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

POLICY ISSUES

None

MEETINGS

January 12, 2010	6:00 p.m.	Special Meeting, Hancock County Board of Education, Board Room, New Cumberland
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Purpose of this meeting – Mid-Year Update/Business

January 13, 2010	6:00 p.m.	Special Meeting, Hancock County Board of Education Board Room, New Cumberland
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Purpose of this meeting – RIF/Transfer Hearings/Business

January 25, 2010	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting, Hancock County Board of Education, Board Room, New Cumberland
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With no further business before the board, Mr. Durante adjourned the meeting.

Gerald Durante, President

Suzan L. Smith, Secretary