

HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 25, 2010

The Hancock County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, January 25, 2010, in the Board Room, New Cumberland, commencing at 6:30 p.m. Board Members present: Patsy Brancazio, Chris Fair, Laura Greathouse, John Manypenny, and Jerry Durante, President.

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 11, 2010, the minutes of the special meeting of January 12, 2010 and the special meeting of January 13, 2010, were presented for approval.

John Manypenny moved and was supported by Patsy Brancazio that the minutes be approved.

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

CALLERS

None

INFORMATION

Miss Smith stated that after Mr. Smell has addressed the Board, she would like the Board to act on the item under New Business. This will be taken out of order according to the agenda.

1. Comvest – Jeff Smell

Miss Smith introduced Mr. Jeff Smell, from Comvest, which is a placement agency which finds tax exempt financing for government entities. Mr. Smell stated that the QZAB (Qualified Zone Academy Bond) loan has been finalized for the Weir High/Weir Middle HVAC project. Mr. Smell stated that he had found a bank that will be funding the QZAB loan from Luray, Virginia. The bank is the Page Valley Bank. Mr. Smell stated that the resolution needs to be approved, this loan has a supplement charge at 0.75% per year resulting in the Board of Education paying a debt service in the amount \$42,441.83 annually for the next 15 years. A requirement for the QZAB agreement is a 10% match from local businesses/organization, Newbrough Photo and Weir Athletic Alumni Association will provide the match.

Mr. Durante stated that he is very appreciative for the help Hancock County Schools has received from the SBA with the MIP funding. Mr. Durante also thanked the SBA for allowing the Board to secure the QZAB funding. Mr. Durante stated that the total amount of funding received is roughly 5.5 million dollars.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### 1. Qualified Zone Academy Bond

It is recommended to approve the attached Qualified Zone Academy Bond agreement in the amount of \$600,000.00 between the Hancock County Board of Education and the Page Valley Bank.

Miss Smith presented item 1 and recommended approval.

Chris Fair moved and was supported by John Manypenny that item 1 be approved.

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

### 2. Faculty Senate and School Improvement Council

#### Weir High School

Mr. Perri introduced staff in attendance.

Alyssa Mick Faculty Senate  
Cathy Barnabei, School Improvement Council  
Megan Morgan, Student Council

Reports Attached

#### Weir Middle School

Mr. Enich introduced staff in attendance.

Janelle Bickel, Faculty Senate  
Dan Enich, School Improvement Council  
Morgan Goff, Student

Reports Attached.

### 3. Wellness – Nancy Karavolos

Mrs. Karavolos stated that she attended a conference at the WV Department of Education and she is happy to report that two of Hancock County Schools have been chosen to participate in this new pilot program regarding Wellness. The two schools that were chosen were Oak Glen High School and Broadview. Mrs. Karavolos stated that there will be a wellness team that will include people from the two schools as well as someone from RESA 6. They will be attending training sometime in April. Mrs. Karavolos also stated that three people from the wellness committee will also be attending the training. After the trainings Mrs. Karavolos stated she will report back to the Board.

4. Innovation Grant

Hancock County Schools did not receive the innovation grant.

Miss Smith informed the Board that Hancock County Schools did not receive the Innovation grant, but will be considered in the future if more money becomes available.

5. Critical Skills Grant – Wayne Neely

Money is being held until June 1, 2010 or after

Miss Smith stated that Hancock County Schools has received the Critical Skills Grant, but the money is being held until after June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**A. PERSONNEL**

1. RIFS -- CERTIFIED

It is recommended that the following be approved for reduction-in-force, effective the end of the 2009-10 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present Position</u>
Keri Everhart	Teacher (Multi-cat./Content area spec./Autism) Weir Middle School
Amy Greathouse	Teacher (Multi-categorical/Elementary) Oak Glen Middle School
Diana Johnston	Teacher (Kindergarten) New Manchester Elementary School
Ashley Kaufman	Teacher (Kindergarten) Allison Elementary School

2. TRANSFERS -- CERTIFIED

It is recommended that the following be approved for placement on transfer and subsequent assignment, effective the 2010-11 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present Position</u>
Angela Glyptis	Teacher (Multi-categorical/Elementary/Autism) Liberty/New Manchester Elementary
Neil Randolph	Teacher (Music-Band/General) Oak Glen Middle

3. TRANSFERS -- CERTIFIED

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Sandra Connell	Teacher (Grade 2) Liberty Elementary	Teacher (Grade 3) Liberty Elementary
Katherine Smith	Teacher (Grade 4) Allison Elementary	Teacher (Kindergarten) Allison Elementary
Amy Wilson	Teacher (Grade 4) Allison Elementary	Teacher (Art) Countywide, Base-N. Man.

4. ASSIGNMENTS -- COACHING -- CERTIFIED

It is recommended that the following coaching assignments be approved, effective the 2009-10 school year. Those indicated with an asterisk (\*) have met state guidelines established for non-certified personnel in coaching activities.

OAK GLEN HIGH SCHOOL

Girls' Softball Assistant	Sherrie Garner
Boys' Track Assistant	Rance Everly

WEIR HIGH SCHOOL

Girls' Track Assistant	Paul Stevens*
Boys' Track Assistant	James Luevano*
Boys' Track Head	Gerard Spencer*

5. COACHING TRANSFER -- CERTIFIED

It is recommended that the following transfer be approved, effective the 2009-10 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Jason Angle	Girls' Softball Assistant Weir High	Girls' Softball Head Weir High

6. RIF -- TEACHING IN LIEU OF PLANNING PERIOD -- CERTIFIED

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

Dan Owen

Miss Smith recommended personnel items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6 and recommended approval.

Patsy Brancazio moved and was supported by Chris Fair that items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 be approved.

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

7. TRANSFER - CLASSIFIED

It is recommended that the following transfer be approved effective February 1, 2010:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Christal Cowden	Custodian II Weir High School 220 days/8 hours	Custodian II Weir Middle School 220 days/8 hours Afternoon Turn

8. TRANSFER - CLASSIFIED

It is recommended that the following transfer be approved effective January 27, 2010:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Frank Ridgway	Substitute Custodian Countywide	Custodian II Weir High/Weirton Heights 220 days/8 hours To Fill Leave of Absence

9. ASSIGNMENT – SUBSTITUTES - CLASSIFIED

It is recommended that the following person(s) be approved, effective the 2009-2010 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>
Terry Raines	Food Truck Driver/Custodian	Countywide
Jennifer Varner	Supervisory Aide	Countywide
Theresa Price	Supervisory Aide	Countywide

10. RECOMMENDATION FOR RIF – 2010-2011 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Linda S. Geisse	Bus Driver – Mid-Day Run
Betty Colvin	Bus Driver – Mid-Day Run
Lawrence Shane	Bus Driver – Mid-Day Run
Tonia Witherow	Supervisory Aide
Elma Givens	Supervisory Aide
Lisa Enich	Supervisory Aide
Debra Dunham	Supervisory Aide
Cassandra Bryan	LPN/Aide

11. RECOMMENDATION FOR TRANSFER – 2010-2011 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Jodi Headley	Supervisory Aide
Pauline Minnis	Supervisory Aide
Delinda Smearman	Supervisory Aide
Sharon Fowler	Supervisory Aide
Catherine Gruda	Supervisory Aide
Kathryn Altomare	Supervisory Aide
Teena Smithbauer	Supervisory Aide
Debra Lawton	Supervisory Aide
Janet Lallone	LPN/Aide
Laura Headland	LPN/Aide
Sara Williams	LPN/Aide
Gary Barber	Bus Driver
Donald Barr	Bus Driver
Betty Colvin	Bus Driver
Dorothy Dawson	Bus Driver
Betty Mrozek	Bus Driver
Lawrence Shane	Bus Driver
Tonya Wiseman	Bus Driver
Pamela Smith	Bus Driver
Valerie Tibbs	Bus Driver
Robert Amos	Bus Driver
Bill Wiseman	Bus Driver
Elizabeth Drysdale	Bus Driver
Evelyn Brown	Bus Driver
Robert Hans	Bus Driver

12. NEW POSITION

It is recommended that the following position be approved for the 2010-2011 school year

Classified

Autism Mentor/Aide                      Weir Middle School

Miss Smith presented personnel items 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, & 12 and recommended approval.

John Manypenny moved and was supported by Laura Greathouse that items 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, & 12 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 lists 1 & 3 and recommended approval.

Chris Fair moved and was supported by John Manypenny that lists 1 & 3 be approved.

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

Miss Smith presented list 2 and recommended approval.

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

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

Abstained: Durante.

**C. MISCELLANEOUS**

1. STUDENT RELEASE

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

CODE:              BCX1312

Miss Smith presented item 1 and recommended approval.

Chris Fair moved and was supported by Patsy Brancazio that item 1 be approved.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 1. Planning Advocates, Inc.

It is recommended that the attached Planning Advocates proposal and agreement to provide technical assistance in the development of elementary educational specifications be approved.

Miss Smith presented item 1 and recommended approval.

Chris Fair moved and was supported by Patsy Brancazio that item 1 be approved.

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

### 2. PCS – Project & Construction Services, Inc.

It is recommended that the attached Project and Construction Services proposal to provide estimating services be approved.

Miss Smith presented item 2 and recommended approval.

John Manypenny moved and was supported by Chris Fair that item 2 be approved.

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

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Miss Smith informed the Board that she and Mr. Durante had a meeting Wednesday, at Flatwoods regarding the OPEB lawsuit.

Miss Smith informed the Board that she and Ms. Krukowski attended a Webinar with Dr. Steve Paine. The Webinar covered the potential State Budget reduction and President Obama's State of the Union Address where he is supposed to ask for 1.3 billion dollars more in funding for Education. Miss Smith also stated that West Virginia has applied for the Race to the Top grant. Notification should be received sometime in April. Miss Smith stated that all 55 counties signed the Memorandum of Understanding regarding this grant.

Ms. Krukowski stated that they also discussed the WESTEST and Graduation Rates. They have changed the way they figure the graduation rate by using a new formula.

## **POLICY ISSUES**

None

**MEETINGS**

February 8, 2010                      7:00 p.m.                      Regular Meeting, Hancock County  
Board of Education,  
Board Room, New Cumberland

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

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Gerald Durante, President

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Suzan L. Smith, Secretary