

HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 12, 2010

The Hancock County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 12, 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 special meeting of March 23, 2010, the regular meeting of March 23, 2010, the special meeting of March 25, 2010, and the special meeting of April 6, 2010 were presented for approval.

John Manypenny moved and was supported by Laura Greathouse that the minutes be approved.

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

CALLERS

None

INFORMATION

A. Young Writers' Contest

The Hancock County Board of Education would like to recognize the following students for being named county winners in the 2009 Young Writers' Contest:

Level 1-2	Joey Cowher, Liberty Elementary, Deborah Coss, Teacher
Level 3-4	Allina Owen, Liberty Elementary Barbara Switzer, Teacher
Level 11-12	Jesse Beilhart, Oak Glen High Rebecca Vukas, Teacher

Miss Smith stated that Hancock County Schools had three winners in the 2009 Young Writers' Contest. These students will be traveling to the University of Charleston on May 7th for the Young Writers Celebration.

B. The Education Alliance –Mini Grants

Andrea Anderson – Weir High
Anne Ford – Oak Glen Middle/High

Miss Smith stated that Andrea Anderson and Anne Ford had been awarded mini grants for The Education Alliance. Mrs. Ford discussed the three grants she was awarded. Mrs. Ford encouraged teachers to apply for these grants, stating that there are a lot of grants available. She was awarded \$1,500.00 total.

C. West Virginia Skills USA

The Hancock County Board of Education would like to congratulate the following students from the John D. Rockefeller IV Career Center on their accomplishments at the 2010 Skills Competition:

Roger Fiest – Gold Medal in Electronics Installation and Maintenance – Post Secondary

Nathan James – Gold Medal in Electronics Installation and Maintenance – Secondary

Shawn Karnich – Silver Medal in Electronics Technology – Post Secondary

Zachary Greenlief – Bronze Medal in Electronics Technology - Secondary

Shawn Burnham – Culinary Art

Kyle Carey – Job Interview

John Raynor – Chapter Display

Kent Sayre – Promotional Bulletin Board

Kyle West – Automotive Service Technology

Marty Zangus – Welding Technology

Miss Smith and the Board of Education congratulated these students for their accomplishments at the 2010 Skills Competition. Mr. Ed Zawatski explained the competition and stated that the two gold medalists will be traveling to Kansas City for the National Competition being held June 21 – 25, 2010. This is the third consecutive year that a student has been competing at the National Level.

Miss Smith also noted that she received a notice from Mr. Ray Seifert that John Ward, student at Weir High School had been selected for the Pittsburgh Symphony's side – by – side and Audience of the Future concert. This concert will be held on Tuesday, April 20th at the Heinz Hall, Pittsburgh. John Ward plays the trumpet.

D. Ed Specs Committee update for proposed Weirton Elementary School project.

Miss Smith stated that Planning Advocates were developing the Educational Specifications for the New Weirton Elementary School. Miss Smith stated that there were representatives from every phase from the elementary level, professional and service personnel that met on the evening of March 24th and all day on April 8th and 9th. This school will be a very large elementary school housing approximately 950 students. Miss Smith stated that the new elementary school committee traveled to Marshall County to tour two new schools and will be traveling to Steubenville in the near future. Miss Smith stated that the new Weirton Elementary School will be a State of the Art facility.

E. Weir High/Weir Middle HVAC project update

Miss Smith stated a meeting for updates was held Thursday, April 8th. Mr. Dziatkowicz stated that the air handlers are being installed at Weir High School. At Weir Middle School they are still working with the piping. Mr. Dziatkowicz stated that the work is still behind schedule. Miss Smith stated that they are still working toward the goal of having the air conditioning working in the gym area in time for Weir High Graduation.

Miss Smith stated that work has started on the Air Conditioning project at Oak Glen High School. Miss Smith stated that goal of this project is to be have it completed by the start of next school year. Mr. Durante stated that the Board is very much appreciative of what the School Building Authority has done for Hancock County Schools. The School Building Authority has awarded Hancock County Schools system close to 7 million dollars for these projects.

Miss Smith thanked two students from Weir High School that were in attendance for their patience during the renovations. Miss Smith stated that she knows it is an inconvenience now but it will be well worth it when the project is completed.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. PERSONNEL

1. RESIGNATION -- CERTIFIED

It is recommended that the following resignation be approved, effective 6/10/10:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Linda McGuire	Teacher (Grade 5) Weir Middle	Retirement

2. TERMINATION -- CERTIFIED

It is recommended that the following termination be approved, effective 4/12/10:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Brandy Byers	Substitute Teacher Countywide	Administrative Release

3. CHANGE IN DATE OF UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE -- CERTIFIED

It is recommended that the following change in the unpaid leave of absence (maternity) be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Valerie Dawson	Teacher (Grade 3) Allison Elementary	4/9/10 - 4/25/10 (Return 4/26/10)	4/16/10 - 5/2/10 (Return 5/3/10)

4. 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>
Megan Bartolovich	Teacher (Multi-cat./Elem.) Oak Glen Middle	Teacher (Grade 6) Oak Glen Middle
Tammi Brown	Teacher (Grade 5) Weir Middle	Teacher (Art) Countywide, Base-N. Man.
Jennifer Schiavoni	Teacher (Multi-cat./Content area specialization/Autism) Weir High	Teacher (Transition and Secondary Career Education) Rockefeller Career Center

5. ASSIGNMENT -- CERTIFIED

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Degree/Exp.</u>
Ashley Wolfe	Teacher (Multi-cat./ Elem./Autism) Weirton Heights Elem.	Bachelor/0

6. SUSPENSION -- CERTIFIED

It is recommended that the following employee's suspension be approved, effective the 2009-10 school year (March 19 - 25), due to disciplinary reasons, and that the contract be adjusted from 200 to 195 days.

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7. ASSIGNMENTS -- COACHING -- CERTIFIED

It is recommended that the following coaching recommendations be approved, effective the 2010-11 school year. Those indicated with an asterisk (*) have met state guidelines established for non-certified personnel employed in coaching activities.

WEIR HIGH SCHOOL

Football Head	Tom Taylor
Boys' Basketball Head	Michael Granato
Girls' Basketball Head	William Smith
Wrestling Head	Ray Pernel*
Boys' Track Head	Jeffrey Lewis
Girls' Track Head	Angela Glyptis
Girls' Softball Head	Jason Angle
Girls' Volleyball Head	Carrie Magnone
Golf Head	Dave Hinerman*
Boys' Tennis Head	Michael DelRe
Girls' Tennis Head	James Butterworth
Cross-Country Head	James Butterworth
Physical Fitness I	Tom Taylor
Physical Fitness II	Dee Bailey
Boys' Soccer Head	Joseph Pepe*
Swimming Head	Donna Ferguson
Cheerleading Varsity	Faith Magnone

Miss Smith presented items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7 and recommended approval.

Chris Fair moved and was supported by Patsy Brancazio that items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7 be approved.

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

8. ASSIGNMENT – CLASSIFIED

It is recommended that the following person(s) be approved effective May 3, 2010 until the end of the year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>
Christine Zirkle	Bus Driver Pre-School Mid-day run Not to exceed 2 hours	Transportation

9. TRANSFER - CLASSIFIED

It is recommended that the following transfer be approved effective for the 2010-2011 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Jodi Headley	Supervisory Aide IV Transportation	Aide/Autism Mentor Initial Placement–Weir
Middle	200 days/7 hours Filling Leave of Absence	200 days/7 hours

10. TRANSFER - CLASSIFIED

It is recommended that the following transfer be approved effective May 3, 2010:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
JoAnn McClain	Bus Driver - #103 Transportation 200 days/5.75 hours	Bus Driver - #17 Transportation 200 days/5.75 hours

11. TRANSFER - CLASSIFIED

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Kent Ruiz	Substitute Custodian Countywide	Custodian II Weir High School 220 days/8 hours Afternoon Turn

12. LEAVE OF ABSENCE – CLASSIFIED

It is recommended that the following unpaid leave of absence be approved effective April 19, 2010 through June 9, 2010:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Debby Staley	Cook II Oak Glen Middle School	Medical

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

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

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

13. ASSIGNMENT – SUBSTITUTE - CLASSIFIED

It is recommended that the following person(s) be approved for the substitute list for 2009-2010:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>
Richard Mehalko	Custodian	Countywide
Candice Dotson	Secretary	Countywide

Miss Smith stated that she would like to pull Richard Mehalko from the agenda, with that noted, Miss Smith presented item 13 and recommended approval.

Patsy Brancazio moved and was supported by Chris Fair that item 13 be approved, with Richard Mehalko's named removed.

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, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, & 8 and recommended approval.

Chris Fair moved and was supported by Patsy Brancazio that lists 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, & 8 be approved.

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

Abstained: Durante.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. CALENDAR – 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

It is recommended that the enclosed calendar for the 2010-2011 school year be approved.

Miss Smith presented item 1 and recommended approval. Miss Smith stated that there were 11 calendars presented to the calendar committee and out of the 11 there were 3 that were disqualified because they did not meet the qualifications, the committee then chose three calendars to be voted on by the employees. Miss Smith stated that the calendar being presented to the Board received over 50% of the votes.

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

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

2. 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	Weir Middle/High HVAC	\$207,717.84
McKinley	Weir Middle/High HVAC	\$ 2,652.00
McKinley	OGHS/HVAC	\$ 6,382.53
McKinley	CEFP	\$ 874.48

Miss Smith presented item 2 and recommended approval.

John Manypenny moved and was supported by Patsy Brancazio that item 2 be approved.

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

3. SCHOOL BUS RESCUE AND EXTRICATION CLASS

New Manchester Volunteer Fire Department is requesting the use of the John D. Rockefeller IV Career Center parking lot for training in school bus rescue and extrication class, May 22, 2010. This class is sponsored by the United Hancock County Firefighters' Association, and their liability insurance covers any sanctioned training activity.

Miss Smith presented item 3 and recommended approval.

Patsy Brancazio moved and was supported by Chris Fair that item 3 be approved.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Oak Glen High School Air Conditioning project.

This was covered under Information/Reports/Discussions.

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Durante stated that the Board had received several letters from parents of the Weir High Girls' Soccer team in regards of the hiring policy of coaches. Mr. Durante stated that the Board is sympathetic to the problem, but that it is a waste of their time to address the Board of Education regarding the policy of hiring coaches, this is a State Policy and that parents should contact legislators about changing the policy. A discussion followed.

Melanie Donofe invited all educators to attend an Educational Rally next Wednesday, April 21st at John Marshall. This is in regards to the special legislative session being called by the Governor.

POLICY ISSUES

None

MEETINGS

April 19, 2010	6:00 p.m.	Special Meeting, Hancock County Board of Education, Board Room, New Cumberland
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Purpose of this meeting: Superintendent's Evaluation/Business

April 20, 2010 5:30 p.m. Reconvened Meeting, Hancock County
Board of Education,
Board Room, New Cumberland

April 20, 2010 5:45 p.m. Special Meeting, Hancock County
Board of Education,
Board Room, New Cumberland

Purpose of this meeting: Enter Levies & Budget Workshop/Business

April 28, 2010 6:30 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.

Gerald Durante, President

Suzan L. Smith, Secretary