

HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 14, 2009

The Hancock County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, September 14, 2009, 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 August 24, 2009, 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

Judy Mullins and Diane Zirkle, Hancock County ESP representatives addressed the Board with concerns over the centralization of the buses/garage. Judy stated that the bus drivers have not received any data from the Board and they would like some answers to some of their concerns. Diane Zirkle stated that with the centralization of the bus fleet, there is going to be extra fuel costs, extra mileage and possible increase in driver's wages, if possible they would like an independent study done. Miss Smith stated that there have been some studies done and our figures are not the same as yours, everything that we do we are duplicating and we would like to secure our buses better than they are. A lengthy discussion followed. No action was taken nor needed.

Ms. Docie Moore addressed that Board regarding the changing of a bus stop, temporarily, from Pearl Street to Washington Street. Ms. Moore stated that she had been in a car accident a while back and still can not get around without assistance. Ms. Moore stated that she does have a golf cart that she uses to go back and forth to the bus stop, but was told by the City of New Cumberland that it is illegal to drive the golf cart on public streets, so she is requesting that the bus stop be moved to the next street (Jefferson) where she can see the stop from her own yard. Mr. Durante asked that she contact Mr. Tim Reinard at the Transportation Department, and he should be able to take care of it for her.

INFORMATION

1. Weir High/Weir Middle HVAC update

Mr. Dziatkowicz stated that the HVAC project at the Weir High/Weir Middle complex is going very well; change orders have been approved by the School Building Authority and if the weather permits, a lot to of the outside work can continue. Excavating has begun at Weir Middle School.

2. H1N1 Update

Ms. Sue Krukowski provided the Board with some handouts that have been made available to staff, students and parents regarding the H1N1 and how Hancock County Schools are preparing for this and the seasonal influenza as well. Ms. Krukowski stated that our staff has been trained and informed, with the maintenance department having been trained on how to keep the buildings clean. Ms. Krukowski also stated that we are working with the Health Department; the schools have certain areas for students that might be feeling ill with the flu and have purchased special masks for them to wear. Information is coming in daily. Miss Smith stated that some PTA's have supplied hand sanitizers to the schools and service personnel were given hand sanitizers at their staff development.

3. 2009-2010 Beginning of Year Update

Miss Smith stated that the 2009-2010 school year has gotten off to a good start. Total enrollment as of September 9, 2009 is 4283 students, we have added some Pre-K programs that have helped increase the enrollment while our high schools enrollment are down slightly.

4. School Building Authority – School Safety Access Plan funding

Miss Smith stated that she has received official notice that our Safety Plan has been approved. See Attached.

5. Teacher of the Year Banquet

Miss Smith stated that she attended a celebration in Charleston honoring the 2010 Teacher of Year. The banquet was held on September 9<sup>th</sup>, and Denise Miller, Hancock County Schools Teacher of the Year represented Hancock County Schools well.

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**A. PERSONNEL**

**1. RESIGNATION -- CERTIFIED**

It is recommended that the following resignation be approved, effective 9/21/09:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Nicholas Cekinovich	Assistant Technology Coordinator Countywide	Other Employment

Miss Smith presented item 1 and recommended approval.

Chris Fair moved and was supported by Laura Greathouse that item 1 be approved.

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

2. ASSIGNMENT -- CERTIFIED

It is recommended that the following assignment be approved, effective 9/29/09:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Deg.Exp.</u>
Steven McKinney	Assistant Technology Coordinator Countywide, Base-Curriculum 240 days Technology County Contact (Extra-Curricular)	MA/7

3. TRANSFER -- CERTIFIED

It is recommended that the following transfer be approved, effective 9/16/09:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Diana Johnston	Substitute Teacher Countywide	Teacher (Kindergarten) New Manchester Elem.

4. UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

It is recommended that the following unpaid leave of absence be approved, effective 11/2/09 - 1/1/10 (to return to work on 1/4/10):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Suzy Mastrantoni	Teacher (Pre-school Sp. Needs) Broadview Elementary	Maternity

5. TEACHING IN LIEU OF PLANNING PERIOD -- CERTIFIED

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

OAK GLEN HIGH SCHOOL

Anne Ford, Chorus, all year



OAK GLEN HIGH SCHOOL

Curriculum & Instructional Team Leaders

Math/Science/Technology	Jules Adam
Humanities	Kelsey Hayward
Life Skills	Jeanne Roberts

WEIR HIGH SCHOOL

Curriculum & Instructional Team Leaders

Math/Science	Andrea Anderson
Humanities	Cynthia Jividen
Life Skills	Elaine High

Environmental Science Club Sponsor	John Colabrese
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9. SUBSTITUTES -- CERTIFIED

It is recommended that the following be approved as substitute teachers, effective the 2009-10 school year: (SEE ATTACHED LIST)

10. ASSIGNMENTS -- ADULT EVENING PROGRAM -- CERTIFIED

It is recommended that the following instructors be approved for the adult evening program at the Rockefeller Career Center, effective the 2009-10 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>
Bill Marino	GED
James Chappell	Welding
Richard Ford	Computers
Nicholas Cekinovich	Computers
Samuel Cekinovich	Electrical Wiring
Joan Murray	CNA
Wendy DeAngelis	CNA

11. TRANSFER - CLASSIFIED

It is recommended that the following transfer be approved effective September 15, 2009:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Lisa Enich	Supervisory Aide Countywide Substitute	Autism Mentor/Aide Weirton Heights Elementary 200 days/7 hours

12. ASSIGNMENT - CLASSIFIED

It is recommended that the following person(s) be approved pending fingerprints:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>
Janet Lallone	LPN/Aide	Liberty Elementary 200 days/7 hours

13. RESIGNATION – CLASSIFIED - SUBSTITUTE

It is recommended that the following resignation be approved effective August 26, 2009.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Matthew Burns	Aide	Another Position

14. ADMINISTRATIVE RELEASE- SUBSTITUTE

It is recommended that the following administrative release be approved effective August 26, 2009:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>
Jeremiah Stouffer	Bus Driver	Countywide

Miss Smith presented items 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, & 14 and recommended approval.

Chris Fair moved and was supported by Laura Greathouse that items 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14 be approved.

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

15. NEW POSITION

It is recommended that the following position be approved for the 2009-2010 school year:

Classified

Autism Mentor/Aide                      Broadview Pre-School

16. NEW POSITION

It is recommended that the following position be approved for the 2009-2010 school year:

Classified

LPN/Aide                                      Countywide – Based at Allison Elementary

Miss Smith presented items 15 & 16 and recommended approval.

John Manypenny moved and was supported by Chris Fair that items 15 & 16 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 list of bills be approved for payment.

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

**C. MISCELLANEOUS**

**1. 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>
R A Finnegan, Inc.	WMS/WHS HVAC	\$ 244,960.56
McKinley & Assoc.	WMS/WHS HVAC	\$ 5,465.35

Miss Smith presented item 1 and recommended approval.

Patsy Brancazio moved and was supported by Laura Greathouse that item 1 be approved.

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

**2. STUDENT RELEASE**

It is recommended that the following student releases be approved for the 2009-10 school year:

CODE: BCX1018  
BCX124  
BCX131  
BCX131a

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.

**3. SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS**

The following list of support organizations is being presented for approval for the 2009-10 school year. Each 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.

Oak Glen Grapplers Club	Oak Glen Touchdown Club
OGHS Cheer Bear Boosters	*Oak Glen High School Volleyball Boosters
Liberty Elementary PTO	New Manchester PTA
Weir High School Soccer Boosters	Weir High Volleyball Boosters
* Weir High School Swimming Boosters	Weir High Basketball Boosters
* Class of 2012 Parent Group (Weir High)	Weir Football Boosters
Class of 2011 Parent Group (Weir High)	Cheer for Weir
Class of 2010 Parent Group (Weir High)	Weirton Heights PTA

\* New Organization

Miss Smith presented item 3 and recommended approval.

Chris Fair moved and was supported by John Manypenny that item 3 be approved.

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

4. STUDENT ACCEPTANCE

It is recommended that the following student acceptance be approved, for the 2009-10 school year:

CODE: HCX318

Miss Smith presented item 4 and recommended approval.

Chris Fair moved and was supported by Laura Greathouse that item 4 be approved.

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

5. REQUEST FOR OVERNIGHT TRIP

Approval for overnight trip for Oak Glen High Volleyball Team to Parkersburg to participate in a volleyball tournament, September 11 – 12, 2009.

Miss Smith presented item 5 and recommended approval.

John Manypenny moved and was supported by Laura Greathouse that item 5 be approved.

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

Abstained: Brancazio.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Durante stated that the Board attended the Fall Conference for a State Meeting, at this meeting there was discussion concerning the Board's intent to participate in the PEIA lawsuit. Mr. Durante stated that there are 44 other counties that have joined this suit. Not sure what will happen if it proceeds to court. Miss Smith stated that Governor Manchin has requested that he be given time to address this issue before it goes to court.

Miss Smith stated that Governor Manchin also talked about eliminating the RESAs in the State. Miss Smith stated Governor Manchin is requiring a study to determine the productivity of RESAs.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Miss Smith stated that she has received a letter from Mrs. Fenton, President of the Weir High Soccer Boosters; Mrs. Fenton has requested that we notify the Boosters in a timely manner the next time we are going to use their field for any event like the concert held July 6<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Fenton stated that the boosters have spent close to \$500.00 to reseed and fertilize the field. Mr. Brancazio asked why the boosters were using their funds to reseed the field, why is the county not using our funds to reseed and fertilize the field. Mr. Dziatkowicz stated booster clubs come to him to ask if there is anything they can do to contribute. Mr. Brancazio made a motion to reimburse the Soccer Boosters their \$500.00 if money is available, Mr. Manypenny supported this motion. Chris Fair stated that the fields are Hancock County Schools' property and we shouldn't have to pay to use them, we even had people there to clean up afterward the concert to help keep the field nice condition. A brief discussion followed. After the brief discussion, Mr. Brancazio rescinded his motion and Mr. Manypenny withdrew his support to reimburse the Soccer Boosters \$500.00.

## **POLICY ISSUES**

None

## **MEETINGS**

September 28, 2009	7:00 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.

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Gerald Durante, President

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Suzan L. Smith, Secretary