

HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 9, 2009

The Hancock County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, November 9, 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 October 21, the special meeting of October 27, the special meeting of October 28 and the special meeting of November 2, 2009, 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

1. Title I Distinguished Schools – Suzan Smith

Weirton Heights Elementary
Broadview Elementary

Miss Smith announced that Hancock County Schools has two (2) schools that have attained Title I Distinguished Schools status, Weirton Heights and Broadview Elementary. Miss Smith read the requirements that have to be met in order to receive this award: See Attached. Mr. Durante presented the schools with a certificate for their achievement.

2. Nutrition Online Tool Kit – Nancy Karavolos

Mrs. Nancy Karavolos presented a power point presentation to the Board explaining the Online Tool Kit. This is designed to keep parents and the public aware of any changes to the policy and helping them to understand the importance of childhood nutrition.

3. Healthy Choice Award – Nancy Karavolos
4. Local Wellness Policy Acknowledgement – Nancy Karavolos

Mrs. Nancy Karavolos shared two (2) recent awards received by the Food Service Department. Mrs. Karavolos stated that 53 out of 55 counties are involved with the Healthy Choice. Mrs. Karavolos stated that Hancock County is one of only three counties that have met all Local Wellness Policy guidelines. Mrs. Karavolos gave posters and note card to people in attendance, the note cards will be filled out and sent to the West Virginia Department of Education.

Miss Smith wanted to share with the Board additional recognition; Mrs. Laura Greathouse was awarded First Place in Creative Writing and Third Place in Poetry at the Community Educational Outreach Service Club. Mrs. Greathouse was one of a possible 7,000 applicants. The Community Educational Outreach Service Club is part of the WVU Extension Service. Mr. Durante presented Mrs. Greathouse with a Certificate.

5. Weir High/Weir Middle HVAC update

Miss Smith stated that she attended a progress meeting last week. This project is moving right along. Miss Smith stated that in one area of the school, there is not enough room for the piping, but this problem is being worked on. Miss Smith stated that the unit ventilators are being installed in the classroom, four at a time. Miss Smith stated that the boilers should be installed later this week, but we will be using the old boiler system unless we have an emergency.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. PERSONNEL

1. ASSIGNMENT -- COACHING -- CERTIFIED

It is recommended that the following assignment be approved, effective the 2009-10 school year. This individual has met state guidelines established for non-certified personnel in coaching activities.

OAK GLEN HIGH SCHOOL

Football Assistant (Unpaid)

John Wiseman

Miss Smith presented personnel 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.

B. FINANCE

1. LIST OF BILLS

It is recommended that the list of bills be approved for payment.

Miss Smith presented sets 1, 2, 3, 4, & 8 and recommended approval.

John Manypenny moved and was supported by Patsy Brancazio that sets 1, 2, 3, 4, & 8 be approved.

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

Miss Smith presented set 5 and recommended approval.

Chris Fair moved and was supported by Jerry Durante that set 5 be approved.

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

Miss Smith presented set 6 and recommended approval.

John Manypenny moved and was supported by Patsy Brancazio that set 6 be approved.

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

Miss Smith presented set 7 and recommended approval.

Patsy Brancazio moved and was supported by Laura Greathouse that set 7 be approved.

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

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. 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 Track Boosters

Oak Glen High Basketball Boosters

Miss Smith presented item 1 and recommended approval.

Patsy Brancazio moved and was supported by John Manypenny 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 Finnegan	WH/WM HVAC	\$ 419,637.46

Miss Smith presented item 2 and recommended approval.

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

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

3. EXPULSION

It is recommended that the following student be expelled from all Hancock County Schools for a period of one year:

OGX182 commencing on November 10, 2009

Miss Smith presented item 3 and recommended approval.

John Manypenny moved and was supported by Patsy Brancazio that item 3 be approved.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Miss Smith stated that she doesn't have any additional information regarding the fuel tanks.

Mr. Durante stated that a couple of weeks ago the Board was approached by WVEA President, Melanie Donofe. Ms. Donofe asked the Board to resume meeting with the WVEA periodically, like they have in the past. Mr. Durante stated that the productivity of the meetings will determine their continuance. Mr. Durante asked that the Organizations abide by time allotted each one, and that the meetings will be held prior to the Board of Education's regular or special meetings. Mr. Durante also asked that they not bring day to day problems before the Board, those need to be addressed through the proper channels. Mr. Durante stated that it is not a requirement to meet with the board, but that all meetings will be coordinated though Miss Smith.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **SCHOOL MESSENGER INFORMATION**

Miss Smith stated that she had attended a demonstration from School Messenger. This company provides a notification system. This notification system calls parents/guardians with any message we would program it to send: Example: snow delay/cancellation/PTA meetings/delayed busses. This system can call an individual school or a certain grade level within the school or the entire student body and staff. Miss Smith stated that this service has been approved by the West Virginia Department of Education. Miss Smith stated that this system is very easy to use and the cost for twelve month, unlimited package would be \$11,199.75 per year and would be linked to our WVEIS system. Miss Smith stated that if parents don't want to be notified they can opt out of the system. Jennifer DiGiacinto stated that 37 out of 55 counties in West Virginia use this system. Jennifer DiGiacinto also stated that this system can complete the entire calling procedure in just minutes and if there is no answer the system will try back at a later time. Chris Fair asked if we go with this system will it eliminate the television notification. Miss Smith stated that it will not eliminate television notification at this time. Laura Greathouse asked about a set up fee and if each individual principal would have access to the system. Miss Smith answered that each school would have access to the system but there needs to be some training on the system first, and that the cost given includes all training and start up fees. Patsy Brancazio asked if Miss Smith could get more information from other schools that use this system and report back to the Board at a later time. Miss Smith stated that Brooke and Ohio Counties use this system and seemed very pleased with the results, but that she will monitor it with them and report back to the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

POLICY ISSUES

None

MEETINGS

November 23, 2009	7:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting, Hancock County Board of Education, New Cumberland 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