

HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 8, 2004

The Hancock County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, March 8, 2004, in the Board Room, New Cumberland, commencing at 7:00 p.m. Board Members present: Joe Barnabei, John Manypenny, Ronald Daugherty, Chris Fair and Craig Andrews, President.

The minutes of the special meeting of February 18, 2004, regular meeting of February 24, 2004 and the special meeting of February 25, 2004, were presented for approval.

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

Motion Carried: Vote yes: Barnabei, Manypenny, Daugherty, Fair, and Andrews, President.

CALLERS

1. Mr. and Mrs. Walters – requested an executive session with the board.
2. Mrs. Helen Lott addressed the board regarding the accessibility to Oak Glen High School for handicapped students. Mrs. Lott stated that she thought the board was giving misleading information to the press and she stated that she resents having to come before the board to speak up on this situation. Mrs. Lott stated that students with disabilities need accessibility now, and she wants these needs addressed immediately. Mr. Kaser stated that the board has addressed the requirements mandated by the Office of Civil Rights and that there have been some of the requirements met, and that the remaining requirements will be addressed starting June 10th and finishing August 20th. A lengthy discussion followed.

INFORMATION

A. Student/Staff Recognition

Joshua Oyster – Oak Glen High School reported that Oak Glen’s wrestling dynasty capped off their season with their eighth straight state championship, the girls’ basketball team ended their season with a loss in the regional championship to Magnolia, the boys’ basketball team will face Magnolia Thursday in the regional championship, Target Ambassadors are holding an overnigher this weekend, Key Club is planning a Sadie Hawkins dance later this month, and they are making preparations for a trip to the state Key Club convention in April, and Oak Glen will be holding a blood drive, the third this year.

Ashley Sobotka – Weir High School, was not in attendance.

B. Update Oak Glen Middle School

Mr. Kaser reported that the contractors are making progress in a variety of areas, trusses are in place on the commons area, two-thirds of the roof insulation is up on the gym, and window framing is to begin March 15 in the classroom building. Mr. Andrews asked if the project was still on schedule, and Mr. Kaser stated that that’s what they keep telling him.

Mr. Kaser stated that he received a letter from Mary Kay Harrison, Office of Child Nutrition stating that two of our schools have been awarded the Rise and Shine Award. Broadview Elementary School received this award for having the highest breakfast participation in the county for the 03-04 school year. New Manchester Elementary School received the Best Award opt Breakfast Expansion Award, for having the greatest increase in participation from the 02-03 to the 03-04 school year.

Mr. Kaser stated that Fran Jones has been selected to be a member of the 2004 American HEART Leadership Cadre.

Mr. Kaser stated that Lou Casini was recognized as the winner of the first Robert Bernat Memorial Award aimed at honoring a band member for his play, relationships with the band and the audience and overall citizenship. Mr. Casini is a member of the River City Brass Band.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. PERSONNEL

1. TRANSFERS -- CERTIFIED

It is recommended that the following transfers be approved, effective the 2004-05 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Cindy Kovalcik	Teacher (Grade 5) Allison Elementary	Teacher (Grade 5) Oak Glen Middle/Countywide
Michael J. Mousadis	Teacher (MI/BD) Weir Middle	Teacher (Multi) Weir Middle
Karen Randolph	Speech-Lang. Pathologist Countywide Base-Weirton Heights Elem.	Pre-School Classroom Replication Coordinator Countywide
Scott Feely	Teacher (Science) Oak Glen High	Teacher (Science) Weir Middle
Debbie Myers	Teacher (Grade 5) Oak Glen Middle/Countywide	Teacher (Grade 6) Oak Glen Middle/Countywide

2. ASSIGNMENT -- CERTIFIED

It is recommended that the following be approved as a substitute teacher for the 2003-04 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Areas of Certification</u>
Schelley Moss	Multi-subjects K-8, Early Education Pre-K-K

3. ASSIGNMENT -- VOLUNTEER

It is recommended that the following be approved, effective the 2003-04 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
William Curtis	Volunteer Girls' Track Coach Oak Glen Middle School

4. ASSIGNMENT – COACHING – CERTIFIED

It is recommended that the following assignment be approved, effective the 2003-04 school year; * he has met state guidelines established for non-certified personnel employed in a coaching position.

<u>Weir High School</u>	
Girls' Softball Assistant	Terrill Lewis*

5. TRANSFERS -- CLASSIFIED

It is recommended that the following transfers be approved, effective the 2004-05 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Michael Burdette	Custodian III New Manchester Elem. 240 days	Custodian IV/Gen. Maintenance Oak Glen Middle/Countywide 240 days
Brady Miller	Custodian III Rockefeller Career Center 240 days	Custodian I/II Oak Glen Middle/Countywide 220 days
Thomas Thoman	Custodian I/II Oak Glen Middle/Allison 220 days	Custodian I/II Oak Glen Middle/Countywide 220 days
Mary Tice	Custodian III Oak Glen Middle 240 days	Custodian I/II Oak Glen Middle/Countywide 220 days
Patricia Biesecker	Secretary II Oak Glen Middle 220 days	Secretary II/III Oak Glen Middle/Countywide 220 days

TRANSFERS – CLASSIFIED (Continued)

Carole Ricca	Secretary III Special Education Dept. 240 days	Secretary II/III Oak Glen Middle/Countywide 220 days
Sandra Stanley	Cook III Oak Glen Middle 200 days	Cook III Countywide, Base-OG Middle 200 days
Sara Swiger	Cook III Jefferson Elementary 200 days	Cook III Countywide, Base-Weir Middle 200 days
Mary Steinman	Cook II Oak Glen Middle 200 days	Cook I/II Oak Glen Middle/Countywide 200 days
Debby Staley	Cook II Jefferson Elementary 200 days	Cook I/II Oak Glen Middle/Countywide 200 days
Sue Clutter*	Custodian II Jefferson Elementary 220 days	Custodian I/II Oak Glen High 220 days

*Effective 3/10/04

6. RESIGNATIONS -- CLASSIFIED

It is recommended that the following resignations be approved, effective the dates indicated:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Edward Klonowski	Custodian II Weir High 220 days	4/ 1/04	Personal

ADDENDUM

3a. ASSIGNMENT -- VOLUNTEER

It is recommended that the following be approved, effective the 2003-04 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Lisa Seifert	Choreographer – Drama Department

4a. ASSIGNMENT – COACHING – CERTIFIED

It is recommended that the following assignment be approved, effective the 2003-04 school year; * he has met state guidelines established for non-certified personnel employed in a coaching position.

<u>Oak Glen High School</u> Boys' Tennis Head	Tom Ogden*
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Mr. Kaser presented personnel items 1-6 and addendum items 3a and 4a, and recommended approval.

Mr. Daugherty moved with question and was supported by Chris Fair that personnel items 1-6, 3a and 4a be approved.

Mr. Daugherty asked about personnel item 3, there is usually an asterisk beside the name if they have all their requirements. Mr. Kaser stated that he will amend his recommendation to state pending certification.

Mr. Barnabei asked if 3a could be voted on separately.

Mr. Kaser presented personnel items 1-6 and 4a and recommended approval, with item 3 stating pending certification.

Motion Carried: Vote yes: Barnabei, Manypenny, Daugherty, Fair, and Andrews, President.

Mr. Kaser presented personnel item 3a and recommended approval.

Ron Daugherty moved with question and was supported by Chris Fair that personnel item 3a be approved.

Mr. Daugherty asked about this person meeting all requirements. Mr. Kaser stated that yes, she has met the criteria.

Motion Carried: Vote yes: Barnabei, Manypenny, Daugherty, Fair, and Andrews, President.

B. FINANCE

1. List of Bills

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

Mr. Kaser presented the list of bills and recommended approval.

Chris Fair moved and was supported by John Manypenny that the list of bills be approved.

Motion Carried: Vote yes: Barnabei, Manypenny, Daugherty, Fair, and Andrews, President.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Student Release

It is recommended that the following student releases be approved, for the 2003-04 school year.

CODE: BCXNK

Mr. Kaser presented item 1 and recommended approval.

Joe Barnabei moved and was supported by Chris Fair that item 1 be approved.

Motion Carried: Vote yes: Barnabei, Manypenny, Daugherty, Fair, and Andrews, President.

2. Student Release

It is recommended that the following student releases be approved, for the 2004-05 school year.

CODE:	BCXJH	BCXJH
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	BCXMU	BCXKF
	BCXBK	

Mr. Kaser presented personnel item 2 and recommended approval.

John Manypenny moved and was supported by Joe Barnabei that item 2 be approved.

Mr. Barnabei asked if the parents were aware that the State may not allow these moves. Mrs. Fair stated that she has been trying to follow this and hasn't seen anything more on this issue. Melanie Donofe stated that it is still in the committee in regards to the legislature.

Motion Carried: Vote yes: Barnabei, Manypenny, Daugherty, Fair, and Andrews, President.

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>
Colaianni	OGMS	\$ 180,000.00
Sayre Electric	OGMS	\$ 32,985.00
Scalise	OGMS	\$ 108,778.50

Mr. Kaser presented item 3 and recommended approval.

Joe Barnabei moved and was supported by Ron Daugherty that item 3 be approved.

Motion Carried: Vote yes: Barnabei, Manypenny, Daugherty, Fair, and Andrews, President.

4. Request of Overnight Field Trip

Approval for an overnight trip for the Weir High Drama Students to New York City, April 2 – April 4, 2004. Information attached.

Mr. Kaser presented item 4 and recommended approval.

Ron Daugherty moved and was supported by John Manypenny that item 4 be approved.

Motion Carried: Vote yes: Barnabei, Manypenny, Daugherty, Fair, and Andrews, President.

ADDENDUM

5. Request of Overnight Field Trip

Approval for an overnight trip for the John D. Rockefeller IV Career Center students to Eleanor, WV for the WV Skills USA-VICA Leadership and Skills Conference, March 26 – March 27, 2004. Information attached.

Mr. Kaser presented addendum item 5 and recommended approval.

Ron Daugherty moved and was supported by Joe Barnabei that item 5 be approved.

Motion Carried: Vote yes: Barnabei, Manypenny, Daugherty, Fair, and Andrews, President.

6. Bids - Aligner

The following bid was received for the John D. Rockefeller IV Career Center Computerized Plus Aligner. It is recommended that the bid(s) indicated by the asterisk (*) be approved.

Company
Premier Automotive & Truck Equipment Co.
413 Bartola Drive
Pittsburgh, PA. 15243-1435

Bid \$ 25,033.45*

Mr. Kaser presented item 6 and recommended approval, stating that this item is being paid for by Vocational Education equipment replacement money.

Ron Daugherty moved and was supported by Chris Fair that item 6 be approved.

Motion Carried: Vote yes: Barnabei, Manypenny, Daugherty, Fair, and Andrews, President.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Kaser apologized for not having the coaching policy ready for this board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Ron Daugherty stated that in the discussion held earlier he would like for the added signage to be placed at Oak Glen High School and asked that either the Superintendent or the Director of Operations get this finished as soon as possible and also asked that some type of letter be sent home with students and information be published in the newspaper on how handicapped people can arrange for access to events.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

POLICY ISSUES

1. The following policy is being recommended for revisions.

IHA Evaluating Pupil Progress

Mr. Kaser presented policy IHA and recommended approval.

John Manypenny moved and was supported by Joe Barnabei, with question, that policy IHA be approved for its first reading.

Mr. Barnabei asked again about weighted grades. Miss Smith stated that she will look into the possibility of weighted grades. Mrs. Fair stated that she didn't understand the weighted grades issue. Mr. Barnabei stated that someone was applying for something and they were turned down because they had a 4.0 and other candidates had higher GPA's because of the weighted grade issue. Miss Smith stated that most colleges will convert to 4.0. Mr. Kaser stated that the State Board set the 4.0 but individual counties can have weighted grades, but when the policy goes out I will ask them to address the weighted grades also. Mr. Daugherty stated that they could set a work session and meet with the principals and high school counselors regarding this.

Motion Carried: Vote yes: Barnabei, Manypenny, Daugherty, Fair, and Andrews, President.

MEETINGS

March 15, 2004	4:30 p.m.	Special Meeting, Hancock County Board of Education Board Room, New Cumberland Purpose of this meeting: Consideration and possible action on a student expulsion
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March 22, 2004	6:30 p.m.	Special Meeting, Hancock County Board of Education Liberty Elementary, Weirton Proposed Levy Rate Approval.
March 22, 2004	7:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting, Hancock County Board of Education Liberty Elementary, Weirton
March 29, 2004	4:30 p.m.	Special Meeting, Hancock County Board of Education Board Room, New Cumberland Pre Budget Review Workshop
March 29, 2004	6:30 p.m.	Special Meeting, Hancock County Board of Education Board Room, New Cumberland RIF Hearings
March 30, 2004	4:30 p.m.	Special Meeting, Hancock County Board of Education Board Room, New Cumberland Meeting with architects
March 30, 2004	6:30 p.m.	Special Meeting, Hancock County Board of Education Board Room, New Cumberland RIF hearings (if needed)

Mr. Kaser stated that there was a need for an executive session; Mr. Daugherty stated that he had one personnel issue; Mr. Kaser also had a personnel issue, and the request from the parents.

Ron Daugherty moved and was supported by John Manypenny that the board convene in executive session.

Motion Carried: Vote yes: Barnabei, Manypenny, Daugherty, Fair, and Andrews, President.

The board convened in executive session at 8:16 p.m.

The board reconvened in regular session at 10:00 p.m.

All board members were present.

Mr. Kaser stated that the board had met with two parents, No action was taken in executive session or as a result of the executive session.

Mr. Kaser stated that three personnel issues were discussed in executive session.

With no further business before the board, Mr. Andrews indicated that he would accept a motion to adjourn.

John Manypenny moved and was supported by Chris Fair that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried: Vote yes: Barnabei, Manypenny, Daugherty, Fair and Andrews, President.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

Craig Andrews, President

Danny A. Kaser, Secretary