

HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

July 6, 2009

The Hancock County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, July 6, 2009, in the Board Room, New Cumberland, commencing at 5:30 p.m. Board Members present: Patsy Brancazio, Chris Fair, Laura Greathouse, John Manypenny, and Jerry Durante, President.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. **SUSPENSION - CLASSIFIED**

It is recommended that the following employee's suspension be approved:

Code CX1218

Mr. Durante stated that the board would convene in executive session for the employee hearing.

The board reconvened in regular session at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Manypenny moved and was supported by Mr. Brancazio that the recommendation of employee code: CX1218 be approved for the 2008-2009 school year.

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

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 29, 2009, were presented for approval.

Laura Greathouse moved and was supported by Chris Fair that the minutes be approved.

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

Abstained: Brancazio and Manypenny.

Mr. Durante stated that the Board would convene in executive session to discuss a property issue.

Patsy Brancazio moved and was supported by John Manypenny that the Board convene in executive session for the reason stated.

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

The Board reconvened in regular session. Mr. Durante stated that the Board discussed concerns regarding property, no action was taken.

INFORMATION

1. Weir High/Weir Middle HVAC Update

Miss Smith stated that she has spoken to the SBA and they are going to come up to Hancock County Schools and meet with her and a representative from McKinley & Associates. The purpose of this meeting is to finalize plans to begin the Weir High/Weir Middle HVAC project. Miss Smith stated that she wants to get this completed as soon as possible so we can get started with this project while school is not in session. There is also a pre-construction meeting at 2:00 p.m. Miss Smith stated that she is working as quickly as she can. Miss Smith stated that the county will have to apply for QZAB funding by August 31st. Miss Smith is working on the amount of funding that we will be applying for.

2. Lou Holtz “I Believe In YOUth 2009 Grants

The following teachers were awarded the Lou Holtz “I Believe In YOUth 2009 teacher grants in the amount of \$500.00:

Martha Randolph, New Manchester Elementary
Lorrie Matusic, New Manchester Elementary
Connie Maple, New Manchester Elementary
Diana Johnston, New Manchester Elementary
Donna Carnes, New Manchester Elementary
Nancy Holdsworth, New Manchester Elementary

Miss Smith stated that the above teachers were awarded the Lou Holtz “I Believe In YOUth 2009” teacher grants in the amount of \$500.00. Mr. Durante stated that New Manchester Elementary shows a lot of initiative going after these grants.

3. Arch Coal Foundation – 2009 Golden Apple Award

The following teacher was awarded the Arch Coal Foundation 2009 Golden Apple Award:

Melanie Donofe, Liberty Elementary

Miss Smith stated that the above teacher received the Arch Coal 2009 Golden Apple Award. Mr. Durante will present Miss Donofe with a certificate at the next meeting.

4. Carole Scheerbaum – West Virginia University Extension Office

Ms. Scheerbaum updated the Board on the Energy Express Program. Ms. Scheerbaum stated that she has had requests for the program next year. Ms. Scheerbaum stated that there is room for 40 students and that as of the fifth day of activity; there is a waiting list to get in. Laura Greathouse stated that Change, Inc. has done a wonderful job with providing the meals.

Ms. Scheerbaum also discussed other programs that the WVU extension office offers: Summer 4-H camp, July 21 – 25th; Bank at School; Farmers Market.

Miss Smith stated that Summer School program that ran for three weeks was very productive. Over fifty students attended at either Oak Glen Middle or Weir Middle School. The teachers did a great job.

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.

WEIR HIGH SCHOOL

Girls' Volleyball Head

Jennifer Long

2. CHANGE IN COACHING PAY -- CERTIFIED

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Scott Cook	Football Assistant Weir High Salary paid by Boosters	Football Assistant Weir High Salary paid by County

Miss Smith presented items 1 & 2 and recommended approval.

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 of set 1.

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

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

Abstained: Brancazio.

Miss Smith presented set 2 and recommended approval.

Patsy Brancazio moved and was supported by Chris Fair that set 2 be approved.

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

2. LEASE AGREEMENT

It is recommended for the approval of a lease agreement with WesBanco to purchase three (3) copiers from Borden Office Equipment for the following schools:

- 1 – Allison Elementary
- 1 – Weirton Heights Elementary
- 1 – Liberty Elementary

Miss Smith presented item 2 and recommended approval.

Laura Greathouse moved and was supported by John Manypenny that item 2 be approved.

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>
Weirton Lumber	School Access Safety	\$ 4194.78

Miss Smith presented item 1 and recommended approval.

John Manypenny moved and was supported by Laura Greathouse that item 1 be approved.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. It is recommended that the 2009-2010 Board Meeting schedule be approved.

Mr. Durante stated that a discussion was held last meeting regarding the board meeting schedule but he thought it would be better if all board members were present. After a brief discussion Miss Smith presented the list of the 2009-2010 board meetings that states that all meetings will be held at the Board Office and recommended approval.

Chris Fair moved and was supported by Laura Greathouse that the recommendation be approved.

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

2. Recommending possible action of surplus property.

Miss Smith recommended that the Board give her permission to approach the City of Weirton to see if they would like to enter in to a Inter-governmental Agreement for the playground located at Virginia Ave and Orchard Street.

Chris Fair moved and was supported by Laura Greathouse that the recommendation be approved.

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. It is recommended that the Superintendent's Goals for the 2009-2010 School Year be approved.

Miss Smith presented the Board with her goals for the 2009-2010 school year.

Miss Smith stated that she received a letter stating that the QZAB requests are due by August 31, 2009 and she is worried about the time-lines for the Oak Glen Project. Miss Smith stated that McKinley will have to do the design project and then put the project out on bid and it would be very hard to make the deadline of August 31. If project comes in over estimated bid price we will apply next spring for the Oak Glen project. Mr. Brancazio asked if it would be a set back if we went with another architectural firm. Miss Smith answered that yes, it would be a big set back since McKinley is familiar with our schools.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter of Request from Hancock County Schools Service Personnel Association.

Miss Smith stated that she received a letter from Mrs. Kobily asking for quarterly meetings with the Board of Education. Mr. Durante stated that if you meet with one organization you have to meet with them all. Mr. Brancazio asked why the Associations can't meet with the Superintendent. Miss Smith stated that she has met with the HCEA along with Mr. Neely. A brief discussion was held, it was decided that the Miss Smith will contact the Associations and set up a quarterly meeting schedule with herself.

Miss Smith stated that she has received information that the 2010 ARRA Grant for Title 1 has been approved. The amount of this grant totals \$564,528.00.

Miss Smith stated that she has received the projected enrollment from West Virginia University, but it is not what is needed in order to complete the 2010-2020 CEF. The projected enrollment needed is for the next 10 years for each school. Mr. Gregg Dorfner will contact West Virginia University regarding the information needed.

Miss Smith stated that she has received a request to ask the Board of Education to join in a lawsuit with other counties for the purpose of resolving the Other Postemployment benefits (OPEB). Bowles, Rice will be the attorneys representing all Boards of Education. Miss Smith stated that she will be making a recommendation at the next board meeting for the Hancock County Schools Board of Education to join in this lawsuit. Miss Smith stated that Dr. Paine is going to approach the State Board of Education to ask if they will also join in this lawsuit.

POLICY ISSUES

1. The following policy is being recommended to go out for revisions:

GCRJ EMPLOYMENT AND CALL-OUT SERVICE PERSONNEL
SUBSTITUTE

2. The following policy is being recommended to go out for revisions:

IKFA GRADUATION HONORS*

Miss Smith presented items 1 & 2 and recommended approval.

Patsy Brancazio moved and was supported by Chris Fair that items 1 & 2 be approved.

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

MEETINGS

July 27, 2009 6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting, Hancock County
Board of Education
Board Room, New Cumberland

Miss Smith stated that she would like to schedule a special board meeting on July 20, 2009 for personnel matters and any business that needs addressed. This meeting will start at 6:00 p.m.

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

Gerald Durante, President

Suzan L. Smith, Secretary