

HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 14, 2008

The Hancock County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 14, 2008, commencing at 7:04 p.m., at the Board Room in New Cumberland, West Virginia. Board members present were: Patsy Brancazio, Jerry Durante, Chris Fair, John Manypenny, and Ronald Daugherty, President.

John Manypenny moved and was supported by Patsy Brancazio that the minutes of the special meeting of March 18, 2008, the special meeting of March 26, 2008, and the special meeting of April 7, 2008, be approved collectively.

Motion Carried. Vote yes: Brancazio, Durante, Fair, Manypenny, and Daugherty.

Jerry Durante moved and was supported by Ronald Daugherty that the minutes of the regular meeting of March 25, 2008, be approved.

Motion Carried. Vote yes: Brancazio, Durante, Manypenny, and Daugherty.
Abstain: Fair

John Manypenny moved and was supported by Jerry Durante that the minutes of the special meeting of April 8, 2008, be approved.

Motion Carried. Vote yes: Brancazio, Durante, Manypenny, and Fair.
Abstain: Daugherty

CALLERS

None

INFORMATION

Anne Ford, a teacher at Oak Glen Middle School, was recognized by Suzan Smith for being selected as the 2008 General Music Teacher of the Year during the West Virginia Music Educators' Conference held at John Marshall High School. Ronald Daugherty presented Anne with a certificate of commendation.

Michelle Turner, a teacher at Oak Glen High School, was also recognized and received a certificate of commendation for her selection to attend the Astrobiology Summer Science Experience for Teachers. This week-long workshop will be held this summer at the San Francisco State University.

Suzan Smith brought up about a recent article in the newspaper concerning Weirton City Council and the Hancock County Commission providing funding for the Prevention Patrol Officers at Weir Middle School and Weir High School for another year. Discussion was held concerning the importance of the program at the schools. Miss Smith and the Board are very thankful for their continued support. Mr. Daugherty asked Miss Smith to send a letter, on the board's behalf, acknowledging the same.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

The superintendent presented items 1 thru 6, including the addendum, for approval:

A. PERSONNEL

1. SUSPENSION -- CERTIFIED

It was recommended that employee TX106 be suspended without pay through May 12, 2008, subject to recommendation of additional discipline.

2. TRANSFER -- CERTIFIED

It was recommended that the following transfer be approved, effective the 2008-09 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Jeffrey Woofter	Teacher (Security/Law Enforcement) Career Center	Assistant Principal Oak Glen High

3. ASSIGNMENT -- COACHING -- CERTIFIED

It was recommended that the following coaching assignment be approved, effective the 2007-08 school year. This individual met state guidelines established for non-certified personnel in coaching activities.

WEIR HIGH SCHOOL

John Wiseman Baseball Volunteer

4. ASSIGNMENTS -- SUBSTITUTES -- CERTIFIED

It was recommended that the following be approved as substitutes, effective the 2007-08 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Areas of Certification</u>
Tabitha Baker	Early Childhood K-4, Early Education Pre-K-K, Reading Endorsement Pre-K-4
Deborah Bernardi	Elementary Education K-6
Valerie Dawson	Elementary Education K-6
Chelsey Fletcher	Business Education 5-Adult, Social Studies 5-Adult, Reading Specialist Pre-K-Adult
William Marino, Jr.	Biological Science 7-12
Bill Merriner, Jr.	Social Studies 7-12
Eric Nejus	Social Studies 5-Adult
Stan Robinson	General Science 7-12, Physical Education K-12
Henrietta Walker	Elementary Education 1-8, Early Childhood, School Librarian K-12, Developmental Reading 7-8, Remedial Reading K-12

5. ASSIGNMENT -- CLASSIFIED

It was recommended that the following person be approved, effective July 1, 2008, through August 15, 2008, on an as needed basis:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>
Donald Barr	Mechanic Helper 8 hours/as needed basis	Transportation

6. ASSIGNMENT -- SUBSTITUTES -- CLASSIFIED

It was recommended that the following be approved as substitutes, effective the 2007-08 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>
Thomas Smearman	Custodian	Countywide
David Elliott	Food Truck Driver	Countywide
Lisa Sayre	Cook	Countywide
Sheila Long	Cook	Countywide
Debra Hoffman	Cook	Countywide

Patsy Brancazio moved and was supported by Jerry Durante that the recommendations of the superintendent, items 1 thru 6, including the addendum, be approved as presented.

Motion Carried. Vote yes: Brancazio, Durante, Fair, Manypenny, and Daugherty.

B. FINANCE

1. LIST OF BILLS

Miss Smith recommended that the list of bills, in the amount of \$430,319.58, be approved.

Chris Fair moved and was supported by Patsy Brancazio that the list of bills in the amount of \$430,319.58 be approved as presented.

Mr. Daugherty had a question about Set 3, Page 2, concerning the Millsop Grant. Joe Campinelli, Treasurer/Chief School Business Official, answered his question.

Motion Carried. Vote yes: Brancazio, Durante, Fair, Manypenny, and Daugherty.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. STUDENT RELEASE

It was recommended that the following students' requests to be released from the Hancock County Schools, effective the 2008-09 school year, be approved:

Codes: BCX52 and BCX713

John Manypenny moved and was supported by Patsy Brancazio that the requests be approved.

Motion Carried. Vote yes: Brancazio, Durante, Fair, Manypenny, and Daugherty.

2. REQUEST OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP

It was recommended that approval be granted for an overnight trip for Academic Games, April 26 - May 7, 2008, to Eatonton, Georgia.

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It was recommended that approval be granted for an overnight trip for students (Advanced Space Academy) to Huntsville, Alabama, May 18 - 23, 2008.

Jerry Durante moved and was supported by John Manypenny that items 2 and 3 of overnight trips be approved.

Motion Carried: Vote yes: Brancazio, Durante, Fair, Manypenny, and Daugherty.

4. STUDENT ACCEPTANCE

It was recommended that the following student's acceptance be **denied** for the 2008-09 school year:

Code: HCX1119

Patsy Brancazio moved and was supported by Jerry Durante that the student's acceptance be **denied**.

Motion Carried. Vote yes: Brancazio, Durante, Fair, Manypenny, and Daugherty.

5. REQUEST TO HOLD CAMP -- Eric Meek

It was recommended that approval be given for Eric Meek, head football coach at Weir High School, to hold a Weir High Football Youth Camp at the Weir High Football Practice Field on June 23 - 25, 2008, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., for students entering grades 4-8.

John Manypenny moved and was supported by Patsy Brancazio that the above request be approved.

Motion Carried. Vote yes: Brancazio, Durante, Fair, Manypenny, and Daugherty.

6. REQUEST OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP

It was recommended that approval be given for an overnight trip for students (Environmental Science Club) on Friday thru Sunday, April 25, 26, and 27, 2008, at Camp Horseshoe, West Virginia, pending proper fingerprints for chaperones. It was noted that private vehicles would be used.

Patsy Brancazio moved and was supported by Chris Fair that the above request be approved.

Ronald Daugherty said that he had no problem as long as the fingerprints were in.

Motion Carried. Vote yes: Brancazio, Durante, Fair, Manypenny, and Daugherty.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion was held concerning the school safety funding for Oak Glen High, Weir High, and the Career Center. Mark Dziazkowicz, Director of Facilities, informed the board that a request for proposals was being sought with bids due by May 1st. Discussion was also held concerning roofing, the Oak Glen field, of which no new information was available, and SBA funding of which the announcement of grant awards would be made on April 21st.

NEW BUSINESS

Brooke County Schools had requested the use of a special education bus on Thursday, April 24, 2008. Miss Smith had checked with Tim Reinard, transportation coordinator, and he had no problem with making the bus available. It was noted a driver would not need to be available; Brooke County was going to provide the driver; they only needed the bus.

Chris Fair moved and was supported by Patsy Brancazio that a special education bus be provided to Brooke County Schools on April 24th.

Motion Carried. Vote yes: Brancazio, Durante, Fair, Manypenny, and Daugherty.

A lengthy discussion was held concerning House Bill 101, legislation which was passed that would enable employees who are enrolled in the Teachers' Defined Contribution Retirement System to transfer to the older Teachers' Retirement System.

Several employees of Hancock County Schools attended the training in Charleston sponsored by the Consolidated Public Retirement Board earlier this month. House Bill 101 stipulates that each county have representatives to go into the schools to discuss the transfer options with the employees of the TDC. Principals and supervisors are also required to be trained to answer any questions the employees may have. Each school must provide an information booth where employees can obtain booklets and transfer forms prior to the selection date.

As stated in House Bill 101, for the transfer to occur, at least 65% of the members who are actively contributing to TDC as of December 31, 2007, must elect to transfer to the TRS during the election period of April 1 thru May 12, 2008. All transfer forms must be returned and postmarked no later than May 12, 2008.

President Daugherty stated that although the burden of providing the information booths and collecting the ballots falls upon the superintendent and principals, they will not suggest or answer any questions as to whether or not to change or what is best for the individual employees.

COMMUNICATIONS

Suzan Smith received a request from the School Building Authority to hold its meeting at Oak Glen Middle School on Monday, June 23, 2008.

Miss Smith also received a letter from ENSR asking permission to use some property near Allison Elementary School to do some testing of soil near the old pottery. This matter is being checked into for more information and the legality of the request. As more details are received, the Board will be informed.

POLICY ISSUES

1. The following policies were presented for a second reading. They were passed at a first reading on February 25, 2008, and sent out for comments:

GBA - Non-Discrimination Policy Statement
ECAB - Keys

Chris Fair moved and was supported by Jerry Durante that Policies GBA and ECAB be approved as recommended.

Motion Carried. Vote yes: Brancazio, Durante, Fair, Manypenny, and Daugherty.

2. The following policy was recommended to go out for a first reading.

EAAA-A - Transportation of Kindergarten Students

John Manypenny moved and was supported by Patsy Brancazio that the above policy be sent out for a first reading.

Motion Carried. Vote yes: Brancazio, Durante, Fair, Manypenny, and Daugherty.

MEETINGS

April 15, 2008	6:30 p.m.	Reconvened meeting, Hancock County Board of Education Board Room, New Cumberland
April 29, 2008 (Tuesday)	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Budget Adoption Regular meeting, Hancock County Board of Education New Manchester Elementary School

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Suzan Smith requested an executive session to discuss a student issue and a legal matter.

John Manypenny moved and was supported by Chris Fair that the meeting be recessed and the board convene into executive session.

Motion Carried. Vote yes: Brancazio, Durante, Fair, Manypenny, and Daugherty.

The meeting recessed for the Board to go into executive session at 7:48 p.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:15 p.m.; all board members were present.

Suzan Smith stated that a student issue and a legal matter were discussed in executive session.

Miss Smith recommended authorization of providing transportation service for a special needs student at the discretion of the superintendent and the transportation supervisor.

John Manypenny moved and was supported by Chris Fair that the superintendent's recommendation be approved.

Motion Carried. Vote yes: Brancazio, Durante, Fair, Manypenny, and Daugherty.

With no further business before the board, Ronald Daugherty declared the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Ronald J. Daugherty, President

Suzan L. Smith, Secretary

