

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF HAMPSHIRE TO WIT:

The Hampshire County Board of Education held a special meeting on Monday, February 17, 2020, at the Offices of the Hampshire County Board of Education. A regular meeting, their twenty-second (22nd) meeting of the 2019-2020, followed.

The following Board members were in attendance: Miss Debra Ann Champ, President; Mr. Ed Morgan, Vice President and Mr. Bernard Hott, Mrs. Deadre Rinker and Mrs. Bonita Wilcox, members.

PURPOSE: A special meeting was held at 3:00 p.m. for the purpose of working on the bond levy call. Student hearings were held. A regular meeting followed at 6:30 p.m.

President Champ called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m.

Prayer was given by President Champ followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Superintendent Pancione recommended that Board members approve the agenda with one change – to move non-consent agenda items B and C to the beginning of the meeting – following the work session. Mr. Morgan moved approval with Mrs. Rinker seconding the motion that passed unanimously.

WORK SESSION

Bond Levy Call

Ernie Dellatorre, Architect and Tom Aman, bond council, discussed the process of a bond levy call. (Consideration for adoption of an order directing a school bond election to be held in conjunction with the May 12, 2020 primary election which would, among other things, authorize the issuance by the Board of its \$26,200,000 public school bonds and the imposition of a special property tax levy on property located in Hampshire County for the purpose of repaying such bonds in order to finance public school construction and improvements in the Hampshire County School District.)

Following the discussion and question and answer session Superintendent Pancione recommended the following:

NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (moved)

B. That Board members approve the engagement letter with Steptoe & Johnson PLLC as bond counsel in connection with its proposed bond election and the issuance of public school bonds by the Hampshire County Board of Education.

Mrs. Rinker moved approval with Mrs. Wilcox seconding the motion that passed unanimously.

AND

C. That Board members approve the consideration for adoption of an order directing a school bond election to be held in conjunction with the May 12, 2020 primary election which would, among other things, authorize the issuance by the Board of its \$26,200,000 public school bonds and the imposition of a special property tax levy on property located in Hampshire County for the purpose of repaying such bonds in order to finance public school construction and improvements in the Hampshire County School District.

Mr. Morgan moved approval with Mrs. Rinker seconding the motion that passed unanimously.

President Champ recessed the meeting at 3:49 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. for expulsion hearings.

Mrs. Rinker suggested that an executive session be held at this point in the meeting to save time later on. President Champ called the meeting back to order at 3:55 p.m., whereupon, she (President Champ) called for an executive session to discuss specific personnel issues. Mrs. Rinker moved approval with Mr. Hott seconding the motion that passed unanimously. Executive session began at 3:56 p.m. Open session resumed at 5:03 p.m. after a motion by Mrs. Wilcox was made to return to regular session. Mrs. Rinker seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

STUDENT HEARINGS – 5:03 P.M.

Student hearings were held.

President Champ recessed the meeting until 6:30 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING – 6:38 P.M.

I. APPEARANCES:

A. Baxter Ritz, student at Hampshire High, voiced his concerns over the lack of a high school principal. He requested that Board members reinstate DiAnna Liller as Principal at Hampshire High.

B. Julieanne Buckley, teacher at Hampshire High, asked Board members to consider staff and student concerns and to support Principal Liller.

C. Kat Corbin, student at Hampshire High, also asked Board members to support Principal Liller and listen to her concerns to reinstate Mrs. Liller.

D. Teresa Vanway, concerned parent who lost her daughter to suicide, discussed suicide prevention measures and urged parents, teachers and administrators to address the issue.

E. Kim Poland, West Virginia School Service Personnel Representative and school employee, discussed the hiring of a transportation supervisor outside of the system. She requested that Board members reconsider and hire dedicated employees already in the system.

F. Megan Fuller, Assistant Principal at Hampshire High, discussed transparency.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Superintendent Pancione recommended that Board members approve the February 3, 2020, Board of Education minutes.

Mrs. Wilcox moved approval with Mr. Morgan seconding the motion that passed unanimously.

III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Board members were given the following informational items:

A. A copy of a letter from West Virginia University Northern West Virginia Brownfields Assistance Center confirming that the Capon Bridge Revitalization Group received a FOCUS (Foundation for Overcoming Challenges and Utilizing Strengths) grant.

B. A copy of a letter from Larry See, Director of Hampshire County Parks and Recreation, pledging resources for the Capon Bridge Revitalization Group.

Board members directed that a letter be written and sent by Superintendent Pancione also supporting efforts of the Capon Bridge Revitalization Group.

IV. HIGHLIGHT:

The following students placed 1st at the County Social Studies Fair and were recognized: Jacob McNelis, The Dawn of the Video Game Consoles; Mason Wolford, Birth of Democracy; Marcus McBride, Choose to Snooze; Olivia Haines, My Family Tree – My Mayflower Connection; Julie Boyles, The Flood of 1985; Claire Milleson, The Wizard of Oz: 80 Years on the Yellow Brick Road; Owen Whitacre, Weapons of WWII; Jacob Jeffreys and Wyatt Thorne, History of Money; Izabelle Dow, Brookelynn Lewis and Makinley Shaffer, If Pigs Could Fly ESA; Addisyn Pyles and Taiah Redman, Underground Railroad in West Virginia; Lila Eversole and Scarlett Garrett, The History of AYSO; Robert Maynard and Zavier Valle, The Space Race; Hannah Haines, Norse Gods and Goddesses; Jessica Chavez, Skyline Caverns; Brent Evans, Hidden in Plain Sight, The Greenbrier Bunker, Declan Mulledy, What is it Like in a Conservation Camp?; Caleb Whitacre and Landon Whitacre, Is Hunting Important to the Economy of WV?; Kohin Ours and Gage Resh, Mount Everest; Peyton Milleson and Jackson Frazer, On the Trail with the CCC in WV and Della Knight and Hayden Davidson, Women During the Great Depression.

V. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Morgan requested that consent agenda items A and B be voted on together and that item C be voted on separately.

Superintendent Pancione recommended that Board members approve the following consent agenda items:

A. School Items:

1. The following fundraiser requests:
 Hampshire High:
 Football: Assisting in WV State Trap shoot in Winchester, VA.
 Harmony Show Choir: dessert theater and beef stick sales.
 Capon Bridge Middle:
 Band/Chorus: Krispy Kreme donut sales and pizza and sub sales.
2. A request from Katrina Sanders for her child, Audrey Sanders, to attend Frankfort Middle School for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.
3. The following trip requests:
 Augusta Elementary
 Fifth grade students to Gettysburg.
 Capon Bridge Elementary:
 Second grade students to Harper's Ferry National Historical Park.
- B. Finance Items:
 1. Bills to be paid as submitted by the finance office.
 2. Budget revisions.
 3. Transfer between funds
 4. Treasurer's report

Mr. Morgan moved approval with Mr. Hott seconding the motion that passed unanimously.

C. Personnel Items:

Superintendent Pancione recommended that Board members approve the following personnel items:

1. Transfer and employment of Professional Personnel:
 - a. Employ David Coyle as a Substitute Teacher effective February 19, 2020.
2. Resignation and Retirement of Professional Personnel:
 - a. Resignation of Trevor Largent, Assistant Football Coach at Hampshire High, effective February 7, 2020.
 - b. Resignation of Shawn Healy, Head Boys' Soccer Coach at Hampshire High, effective February 4, 2020.
 - c. Retirement of Keith Lee, Special Education Teacher at Hampshire High, effective June 30, 2020.
 - d. Resignation of Christine Brinker, Assistant Volleyball Coach at Hampshire High, effective February 5, 2020.

- e. Resignation of Kelly Sheridan, Special Education Teacher at Romney Middle, effective June 30, 2020.
3. Transfer and employment of Service Personnel:
 - a. Transfer Joseph Bloom, Custodian at Hampshire High School, to Cook/Custodian at Augusta Elementary effective February 19, 2020.
 - b. Transfer Jeanne Alt, Cook at Hampshire High, to Cook at Romney Elementary effective February 19, 2020.
 4. Resignation and Retirement of Service Personnel:
 - a. Retirement of Sue VanMeter, Kindergarten Aide at Augusta Elementary, effective June 30, 2020.
 - b. Retirement of Donna Charlton, Kindergarten Aide at Augusta Elementary, effective June 30, 2020.
 - c. Retirement of Fred Ansel, School Bus Operator, effective June 30, 2020.
 - d. Retirement of Rick Haines, Aide at Romney Middle, effective June 30, 2020.
 5. Transfer and employment in Extracurricular Positions:
 - a. Employ Bill Lipps as Assistant Track Coach at Hampshire High effective for the season of the sport.
 - b. Employ Robert Hix as Head Track Coach at Hampshire High effective for the season of the sport.
 - c. Employ Nicole Nealis as an After School Tutor at Capon Bridge Middle effective February 19, 2020.
 6. Other:
 - a. Approve Barbara Riggelman as a Supervisory Aide, effective January 3, 2020.
 - b. Permission to post for an Energy Express custodian for Romney Elementary and an Energy Express custodian for Augusta Elementary not to exceed \$1500.00 per site effective June 22, 2020, through July 31, 2020. (Paid by WVU County Extension Service.)
 - c. Permission to post for two cooks for Energy Express, one for Augusta Elementary and one for Romney Elementary, effective June 22, 2020 through July 31, 2020 with one prep day.
 - d. Permission to post for one cook for the summer athletic program at Hampshire High, effective dates August 3, 2020 through August 14, 2020 with one prep day.
 - e. Contract with Henry Lynn, School Psychologist, to provide services for up to one hour per week to be paid with Special Education monies effective for the 2019-20 school year.
 - f. Contract with Off-Syllabus for Orton-Gillingham instruction for up to four hours per week at Capon Bridge Middle to be paid by Special Education monies effective for the 2019-20 school year.
 - g. Permission to post for Coordinator of Services for Transportation and Coordinator of Services for Maintenance through Eastern Panhandle Instructional Cooperative (EPIC). **(This was tabled.)**

7. Volunteers:

- a. Capon Bridge Elementary: Nicole Bryson, Ruth Barragan, Meaggen Brown, Angelica Clayton, Heather Michel, Pamela Miller, Melissa Merritt and James Preiss.
- b. Capon Bridge Middle: Bobbi Ludwick.
- c. Romney Elementary: Emily Trenum-Konka and Adrian Twigg.
- d. Augusta Elementary: Patricia Barnes and Rhonda Park.
- e. Romney Middle School: Troy Richman and Angela Richman.
- f. Hampshire High: Angela Richman and Troy Richman.

Mr. Morgan moved approval with the tabling of 6. g. Mr. Hott seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

VI. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Superintendent Pancione recommended that Board members approve the second reading of Policy 4141.01 – Professional Qualifications as defined by the Hampshire County Board of Education.

Mrs. Wilcox moved approval with Mrs. Rinker seconding the motion that passed unanimously.

B and C were voted on earlier in the meeting.

Superintendent Pancione recommended that Board members go into executive session to discuss land acquisition. Mrs. Rinker moved approval with Mrs. Wilcox seconding the motion that passed unanimously. Executive session began at 7:25 p.m. Regular session resumed at 7:32 p.m. after Mr. Morgan made a motion to go back into regular session with Mrs. Rinker seconding the motion that passed unanimously.

D. Superintendent Pancione recommended that Board members approve the purchase of additional land from the Arno Hott family for the expansion and/or construction of Augusta Elementary at a cost of \$5,000.00 per acre for a total of \$75,000.00.

Mrs. Rinker moved approval with Mr. Morgan seconding the motion that passed unanimously. Mr. Morgan stated that the family and Board members had always had an understanding that when the property came up for sale, the Board of Education had first rights.

E. Superintendent Pancione was going to recommend that Board members award the bid for our wide area network and DSL services for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 with an option to renew for up to two additional years to a company to be disclosed but this was pulled for further clarification.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p. m.

Jeffrey Pancione, Secretary
Hampshire County Board of Education

Debra Ann Champ, President
Hampshire County Board of Education