

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF HAMPSHIRE TO WIT:

The Hampshire County Board of Education held a regular meeting, their twentieth (20th) meeting of the 2020-2021 school year, on Monday, March 1, 2021 at the Offices of the Hampshire County Board of Education.

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 Mr. Matthew Trimble, members.

President Champ called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Prayer was given by Mrs. Rinker followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION:

Kenneth Maiers, Class II Water Plant Operator/Chief Distribution Operator for the Town of Romney, discussed the water supply for John J. Cornwell Elementary and Slanesville Elementary.

Plans are to change filters and flush out lines. Water samples will be taken weekly instead of quarterly. President Champ and Superintendent Pancione will reach out for further help through the state and architectural firm.

President Champ recommended that Board members go into executive session to discuss Superintendent Pancione's evaluation in private. Mrs. Rinker moved approval with Mr. Trimble seconding the motion that passed unanimously. Executive session began at 1:36 p.m. Open session resumed at 6:37 p.m. after Mrs. Rinker made a motion to return to regular session. Mr. Trimble seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

6:37 p.m.

Regular Meeting:

The regular meeting resumed at 6:37 p.m.

I. Superintendent Pancione recommended that Board members approve the agenda.

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

II. APPEARANCE(S):

There were no appearances.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Superintendent Pancione recommended that Board members approve the February 22, 2021 Board of Education minutes.

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

IV. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

- A. School Item:
Fundraiser:
 - Augusta Elementary:
PTO: Ruritan dinner
- B. Finance Items:
 - Bills to be paid
 - Budget revisions
- C. Personnel Items:
 - 1. Transfer and Employment of Extracurricular Personnel:
 - a. Employ Uli Taylor as an Academic Support Tutor at Romney Middle (X21-402-57) effective March 3, 2021
 - b. Employ Jaqueline Cooper as an Academic Support Tutor at Romney Middle (X21-402-57) effective March 3, 2021
 - c. Employ Crystal Rexrode as an Academic Support Tutor at Romney Middle (X21-402-57) effective March 3, 2021
 - 2. Other:
 - d. Amend the effective date of resignation for Lou Montgomery, Alternative Education Teacher at Hampshire High, to March 2, 2021
 - e. Permission to post for two After School Tutors at Capon Bridge Middle (dependent upon grant funding).
 - f. Permission to post for Two Coordinators for the summer school program (one for Elementary and one for Middle).

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

V. NON-CONSENT ITEMS:

A. Superintendent Pancione recommended that Board members approve the letter of commitment required for Phase I of the Capon Bridge Revitalization grant.

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

B. Superintendent Pancione recommended that Board members approve the third reading and subsequent adoption of Policy 2125 –Instructional Resources Adoption.

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

C. Superintendent Pancione recommended that Board members approve the third reading and subsequent adoption of Policy 4019 – COVID Leave.

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

D. Superintendent Pancione recommended that Board members approve the second reading of Policy 3175 – Transportation for Curricular and Extra-Curricular Trips.

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

E. Superintendent Pancione recommended that Board members approve the second reading of Policy 1120 – Racial, Sexual, Religious, Ethnic Harassment and Violence and General Discrimination against Students and Employees.

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

F. Superintendent Pancione recommended that Board members approve the second reading of Policy 3176 – Extra Duty Assignments.

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

G. Superintendent Pancione recommended that Board members approve the second reading of Policy 3177 – Non-Routine Use of School Buses.

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

H. Superintendent Pancione recommended that Board members approve the first reading of Policy 3205 – Naloxone (Narcan) Administration.

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

I. Superintendent Pancione recommended that Board members approve the first reading of Policy 7030 – Expectations of Appropriate Behavior and Good Sportsmanship.

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

J. Superintendent Pancione recommended that Board members discuss and make a possible decision regarding credit requirements (teach for success – quality instead of quantity).

After a short discussion period, Board members tabled this. They requested that Hampshire High School Principal Mike Dufrene attend the next Board meeting to discuss this in depth.

K. Superintendent Pancione recommended that Board members allow the Board of Directors of River House in Capon Bridge to rent office space in the former Capon Bridge Middle School. (600 square feet at a cost of \$900.00 annually – monthly fee - \$75.00).

Mr. Morgan moved approval “with options of off-setting rent costs for facility improvement”. Mr. Trimble seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

L. Superintendent Pancione recommended that Board members adopt the resolution regarding the distribution of the legislative allowance for increased student enrollment.

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

M. Superintendent Pancione recommended that Board members adopt the resolution regarding the publication of financial statements by county boards of education.

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

VI. OTHER:

Mr. Morgan reminded everyone that the sixty (60) day mark for selling excess land at Lovett’s Flat was fast approaching. He was assured that plans were in the works to make this happen.

Board members completed Superintendent Pancione’s evaluation and shared the following statement: “Superintendent Pancione is doing a great job leading our county-wide school system. His leadership throughout the pandemic, responding to the ever changing guidance from the state, has been exemplary. He has prioritized the fundamental and educational needs of each student and has made the decisions necessary to lead our schools through a time where no one expected to have to navigate. We are pleased that Superintendent Pancione will be at the helm as we move Hampshire County (Schools) forward with the construction of our new schools and beyond”.

Superintendent Pancione shared the following: he would like for Young Writer’s Essay winners to be recognized, the West Virginia Department of Education has approved the county’s 4-1 schedule (4 days students in the building with Fridays being used as a virtual day), closing on the Arno Hott property (land in Augusta that adjoins Augusta Elementary) should be finalized shortly, virtual student numbers were shared, summer school was discussed and funding for five (5) more schools should be receiving more mental health support (social workers).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p. m.

Jeffrey Pancione, Secretary
Hampshire County Board of Education

Debra Ann Champ, President
Hampshire County Board of Education