

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF HAMPSHIRE TO WIT:

The Hampshire County Board of Education held an LSIC (Local School Improvement Council) meeting at Romney Middle on Monday, January 23, 2023. A regular meeting, their twenty-second (22nd) meeting of the 2022-2023 school year, followed.

The following Board members were in attendance: Mr. Ed Morgan, President; Mr. Matthew Trimble, Vice President and Mr. Bernard Hott, Mrs. Corena Mongold and Ms. Kim Poland, members.

President Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

II. LSIC Meeting:

The LSIC meeting was held. (See attached report.)

REGULAR MEETING:

III. APPEARANCES:

A. Clint Shingleton, parent, questioned the naming of new schools and how the decision came about.

B. Rita Hott and Jon Coleman, Teachers at Hampshire High and coordinators of the foreign exchange program, gave an update on their progress.

C. Laura Hano, parent, shared her concern regarding a recent bill that had been discussed.

D. Jodie Long, Principal at Slanesville Elementary, asked Board members to support the directive given in regard to new schools (new names, fresh start).

E. Brenda Omph, Principal at Augusta Elementary, discussed the naming of schools. "An important step was missed. There were supposed to be town halls meetings (to discuss the new names). They (community) deserve to have input".

F. Jill Barnes-Pyles, parent and PTO President at Augusta Elementary, asked Board members to allow Augusta Elementary and the other schools to retain the option to keep current names.

G. Cynthia Nicole Morris, Principal at Romney Elementary, requested that Board members give their permission to go ahead with naming plans. (To change names.)

H. Tara Crane, parent and business owner, asked Board members to vote yes for new bleachers at the high school.

IV. PRESENTATION:

A. Focus on school performance, student outcomes, academics associated with Board goals and actions to improve student achievement and well-being. (Superintendent Pancione and Patty Lipps.)

B. Amanda Billmeyer, Special Education Director, rescheduled the update on her programs.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Superintendent Pancione recommended that Board members approve the January 9, 2023, minutes.

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

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEM:

Superintendent Pancione shared the following with Board members:

Riley Powell, Communities in Schools Social Worker at Romney Middle, received the Site Coordinator Superstar Award. Carla Snell, CIS Regional Specialist, stated that “Riley always goes above and beyond for the students, and they know it! I’ve never met a bigger heart than Riley’s! We see you!”.

Superintendent Pancione requested an executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Ms. Poland made a motion to go into executive session with Mr. Hott seconding the motion that passed unanimously. Executive session began at 7:21 p.m. Open session resumed at 7:27 p.m. after Mr. Trimble made a motion to return to regular session with Ms. Poland seconding the motion that passed unanimously.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

A. Finance Items:

- Bills to be paid
- Budget revisions
- Treasurer’s Report

B. School Item:

One (1) in-lieu of transportation request.

B. Personnel:

1. Transfer and Employment of Professional Personnel:

- a. Transfer Erin Surber from Assistant Principal at Capon Bridge Middle to Principal at Capon Bridge Middle (402-05) effective January 25, 2023.
- b. Employ Emily Keefer and Richard Schneider as substitute teachers (001-86) effective January 25, 2023.
- c. Employ Leigh Payton as a Special Education Teacher at Romney Middle (402-84) effective January 25, 2023.
- d. Transfer Brooke Vanmeter from Itinerant Classroom Aide/Transportation Aide Pre-Kindergarten ECCAT at Capon Bridge Elementary to a long-term substitute for a Special Education Teacher at Capon Bridge Elementary (209-157) effective January 25, 2023.

2. Resignation and Retirement of Professional Personnel:

- a. Approve the retirement of Stacy Hill, Grade 4 Teacher at Augusta Elementary, effective June 30, 2023.
- b. Approve the resignation of Erin Wyer as Business Education Teacher at Hampshire High, effective February 3, 2023.

3. Transfer and Employment of Service Personnel:

- a. Employ Travis Lease and Kristen Vincent as substitute aides (001-46) effective January 25, 2023.
- b. Employ Michael Brandt and Jonathan Dow as substitute custodians (001-48) effective January 25, 2023.
- c. Employ Robert Gardner as a substitute school bus operator (001-50) effective January 25, 2023.
- d. Employ Stanley Golt as a custodian at Romney Elementary (206-85) effective January 25, 2023.
- e. Transfer Ashley Wilson from School Bus Operator for Route HH7 to School Bus Operator for Route HH2 (001-87) effective January 23, 2023.

4. Resignation and Retirement of Service Personnel:

- a. Approve the resignation of Casey Kidwell as substitute secretary effective January 27, 2023.
- b. Approve the retirement of Kim Powell, School Bus Operator, effective June 30, 2023.
- c. Approve the retirement of Ruth Nitz-Rippeon, School Bus Operator, effective June 30, 2023.

5. Resignation of Extracurricular Personnel:

- a. Approve the resignation of Sydney Haupt as Assistant Girls Basketball Coach at Hampshire High effective January 13, 2023.

6. Other:

- a. Approve the seniority drawing for Aides with the first day of work December 14, 2022 as follows: 1.) Shaena Corbin and 2.) Patricia Albert.

- b. Amend the leave of absence of Robert Nixon, Grade 4 Teacher at Slanesville Elementary, from intermittent to consecutive leave. (This falls under state and federal guidelines).
- c. Permission to post for a part-time athletic trainer for Hampshire High.
- d. Approve the seniority drawing for substitute custodians: 1.) Jonathan Dow, 2.) Michael Brandt

7. Volunteers:

- a. Romney Elementary: Hannah Lipps
- b. Springfield Green Spring Elementary: Monica Ritchie

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

VIII. NON-CONSENT ITEMS:

A. Superintendent Pancione recommended that Board members approve the following individual(s) as driver(s) of county vehicles: Amanda Billmeyer, Shania Ferris, Lisa Moreland and Kacey Wolford.

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

B. Superintendent Pancione recommended that Board members approve the contract with Educational Funding Group to provide consulting services for data lines and internal connections for new schools (as requested by Lori Gnegy, Technology Director).

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

C. Superintendent Pancione recommended that Board members approve the MOU with Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College.

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

D. Superintendent Pancione recommended that Board members discuss and decide the naming of the three (3) new consolidated schools.

After the discussion portion, Mr. Trimble made a motion to leave the decision of the naming of schools up to the students and staff to pick a name. After further discussion, Mr. Trimble withdrew his motion. Ms. Poland made a motion to uphold the CEF (Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan) committee decision to take the current names off the ballot and give the three (3) new consolidated schools, new names. Mrs. Mongold seconded the motion that passed three (3) to two (2). (Mr. Hott and Mr. Trimble voted no.)

E. Superintendent Pancione recommended that Board members discuss and make a possible decision regarding the replacement of bleachers at Hampshire High (as requested by Trey Stewart, Athletic Director at Hampshire High).

Mr. Trimble moved approval. Mr. Morgan amended the approval with the caveat that the Board would pay for the base cost of the bleachers (\$168,944) but if embellishments were wanted (Trojan head on any surface, etc.) the school would pay for that. Mrs. Mongold seconded the motion and amendment that passed unanimously.

Superintendent Pancione requested an executive session to discuss Employee #2. Mr. Trimble moved approval with Mr. Hott seconding the motion that passed unanimously. Executive session began at 7:57 p.m. Open session resumed at 8:10 p.m. after Mr. Trimble made a motion to return to open session with Mr. Hott seconding the motion that passed unanimously.

F. Superintendent Pancione recommended that Board members approve the paid administrative leave of Employee #2, Julianne Buckley, Head Girls' Basketball Coach at Hampshire High.

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

IX. OTHER:

Board members discussed the possibility of creating a scholarship for a deserving graduate. This item will be on the January 30th agenda for a decision.

Mr. Morgan shared new information regarding the septic system for the new elementary school in Slanesville.

Mr. Trimble stated that the modular building at the former John J. Cornwell Elementary school had been sold for \$46,000.00.

Superintendent Pancione reported that footers had been completed at the Central Elementary site. New power should be in place at the end of the week. Upgrades for Hampshire High were discussed. Renovated bathrooms, patio roof and windows are the top three priorities.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p. m.

Jeffrey Pancione, Secretary
Hampshire County Board of Education

Ed Morgan, President
Hampshire County Board of Education