

## **Regular Meeting Agenda #25– 5/14/15 – Meeting Minutes**

The Pleasants County Board of Education met in regular session on May 14 2015 in the Board Meeting Room at 1009 Maple Street, St. Marys, WV at 7:10 p.m. with Heather Straight presiding.

Present:                   Dr. Heather Straight, President  
                              Mr. Danny DeMoss, Vice President  
                              Mrs. Sharon Gainer  
                              Mr. Jim McKnight  
                              Mr. Marty Lawhon

Administrative staff present: G. Michael Wells, superintendent; Chris Laumann, director of curriculum and instruction; and Kim Kehrer, director of special programs; Gary Bills, director of technology; and Rex Cox, director/supervisor of maintenance/facilities.

Also in attendance was Jacob Manning, Esq. of Dinsmore & Shohl as counsel for the Superintendent and Board of Education.

The Board opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Drema Mace of the Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department presented an update to the Board.

Steve Cunningham of the End Zone Club informed the Board of their commitment to help move the metal building that is currently at the old SMHS to the new SMHS upon Board approval of the construction of the foundation and floor slab.

On motion of Jim McKnight seconded by Sharon Gainer, and as recommended by the Superintendent, the minutes of the regular meeting on March 10-April 21 recessed-reconvened meeting and the April 21, 2015 regular meeting were approved 5-0.

On motion of Danny DeMoss, seconded by Sharon Gainer, and as recommended by the Superintendent, the following transportation requests were approved 5-0:

- Trip #2392-Susan Cospers, Dianna Lewis, & Linda Berwanger to transport 55 students by bus to 2nd Grade End of Year Field Trip-State Capital & Power Baseball Game-Charleston, WV-June 3, 2015
- Trip #2396-Kara Morgan and Molly Ward to transport 34 students by bus to 3rd Grade End of Year Field Trip-The Wilds-Cumberland, OH-June 5, 2015
- Trip #2399 -Tyrell Childers, Mary Jane Helgren, Amanda Mote, & Amanda Pagano to transport 56 students by bus to Senior Trip-Cedar Point-Sandusky, OH-May 19, 2015
- Trip #2400-Paige Cook, Jan Coby, Dave McDowell, Drew Crawford, and Emily Reed to transport 90 students by bus to 7th Grade Field Trip-WV State Penitentiary-Moundsville, WV-May 26, 2015
- Trip #2402-Adam Nohe, Lindsay Minger, Garry Clark, Matt Jones, Teresa Swan, Camaron Lancaster and Jeff Sole to transport 78 students to 6th Grade Field Trip-WV State Capitol-Charleston, WV-June 3, 2015
- Trip #2408-Jodi Mote and football staff able to attend to transport 30 students by bus-Football Trip-WVU- Morgantown, WV-June 25 and June 26, 2015
- Trip #2409 -Jodi Mote and football staff able to attend to transport 30 students by bus to Glenville Football Camp-Glenville State College-Glenville, WV-June 29 through July 1, 2015
- Trip #2410 - Tyrell Childers to transport 12 students by bus to WV FFA Career Development Events- WVU-Morgantown, WV-June 2 through June 4, 2015
- Trip #2411 - Tyrell Childers to transport 5 students by private/county vehicle to FFA Regional Land Judging-Wetzel County-June 18, 2015

-Trip #2412 - Tyrell Childers to transport 6 students by private/county vehicle to State FFA Convention- Cedar Lakes-Ripley, WV-July 8 through July 11, 2015

-Trip #2415 - Tyrell Childers to transport 5 students by private/county vehicle to Upper Ohio Soil Conservation District Land Judging-Hebron, WV-May 30, 2015

-Trip #2419-Zack Minger and Tammi Nichols to transport 1 student by private vehicle to State Tennis Playoffs-Charleston, WV-May 13 through May 15, 2015

On motion of Jim McKnight, seconded by Danny DeMoss, and as recommended by the Superintendent, the invoices were approved 5-0.

On motion of Danny DeMoss, seconded by Jim McKnight, and as recommended by the Superintendent, the following resignations were accepted 5-0:

Resignation of PCMS Head Football Coach – J. D. Smith

Resignation of PCMS Assistant Volleyball Coach – Eric Croasmun

Resignation of Director of Curriculum & Instruction, effective July 24, 2015- Chris Laumann

Resignation of Substitute Teacher – Tonja Carouthers

Resignation of Substitute Cook – Melinda Burgess

On motion of Danny, seconded by Jim, and as recommended by the Superintendent, the following employments were approved 5-0, pending meeting all necessary requirements:

Vacancy #15-136 - .5 Cook II at St. Marys High School, 2015-2016 – SHERRI NICHOLS

Coaching Agreements, Pleasants County Middle School, 2014-2015 School Year

Vacancy #15-138-Boys' Head Basketball Coach, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade - NATHAN BORON

Vacancy #15-139-Girls' Head Basketball Coach, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade – BRANDON MATHEWS

Vacancy #15-140-Girls' Assistant Basketball Coach, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade – DANI MOORE

Vacancy #15-141-Head Football Coach, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade – DREW CRAWFORD

Vacancy #15-142-Head Cheerleading Coach, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade – AMANDA ANDERSON

Vacancy #15-144-Head Track Coach, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade – MATT JONES

Vacancy #15-145-Head Volleyball Coach, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade – EMILY NULL

Vacancy #15-147-Summer Maintenance – RICHARD CONAWAY

On motion of Jim McKnight, seconded by Sharon Gainer, and as recommended by the Superintendent, the volunteer commitment agreement for Sharon Elliott at St. Marys High School was approved 5-0 for the 2014-2015 school year.

On motion of Jim McKnight, seconded by Danny DeMoss, and as recommended by the Superintendent, Policy File 7.11 – Dual Credit was approved 5-0 on waive reading.

On motion of Jim McKnight, seconded by Danny DeMoss, and as recommended by the Superintendent, the Policy File: 6.3.1.2.4.9 Job Description: HVAC II/General Maintenance was approved 5-0.

On motion of Danny DeMoss, seconded by Jim McKnight, and approved 5-0, the Board entered into executive session at 7:30 p.m. pursuant to WV Code §6-9A-4(B)(3) to decide upon disciplining, suspension or expulsion of any student in any public school – Student A at Pleasants County Middle School. The Board returned to open session at 7:45 p.m. President Straight announced that the Board voted to uphold the Superintendent's recommendation for expulsion for 365 days.

On motion of Sharon Gainer, seconded by Jimi McKnight, and as recommended by the Superintendent, the following instructional materials were approved for adoption:

**Grades K-5 Houghton-Mifflin-Harcourt**

English Language Arts- Journeys Program

Book Title: *Journeys* c2014

Contributing Authors: Jago, Stack and Hougen

Additional Information: <http://www.hmhco.com/country/us/west-virginia/journeys>

**Grades 6-8 Houghton-Mifflin-Harcourt**

English Language Arts- Collections Program

Book Title: *Collections* c2015

Contributing Authors: Templeton, Fountas, Jago, Valencia, Vogt, Pikulski, Chard, Baumann, Cooks, Cooper, Gersten, Marrow, Velentino and Perkins

Additional Information: <http://www.hmhco.com/country/us/west-virginia/collections>

**Grades 9-12 Pearson**

English Language Arts- Literature Program

Book Title: Pearson Common Core Literature

Contributing Authors: Brozo, Fettrow, Gallagher, Hiebert, Leu, Morrell, Wixson and Wiggins

Additional Information: <http://www.pearsonschool.com/index.cfm?locator=PS2p6m>

On motion of Jim McKnight, seconded by Sharon, and as recommended by the Superintendent, the request for permission to place WVU-P student teachers in Pleasants County for the fall 2015 semester was approved 5-0.

On motion of Jim McKnight, seconded by Marty Lawhon, and as recommended by the Superintendent, the change order/proposal for construction of the foundation and floor slab for metal storage building (40' x 90') from Grae-Con Construction in the amount of \$45,400.00 was approved 5-0.

On motion of Jim McKnight, seconded by Marty Lawhon, and as recommended by the Superintendent, Change Order #9 to Grae-Con Construction for the New SMHS for Ceiling Tile Replacement in the amount of \$7,171.48 was approved 5-0.

On motion of Sharon Gainer, seconded Jim McKnight, and as recommended by the Superintendent, Change Order #10 to Grae-Con Construction for the New SMHS to Change Door Hardware I the amount of \$1,112.92 was approved 5-0.

On motion of Jim McKnight, seconded by Danny DeMoss, and as recommended by the Superintendent, Change Order #7 to Enerfab Electric Inc. for the New SMHS for Deduct from Contract due to Damaged Ceiling Tile in the amount of -\$7,171.48 was approved 5-0.

On motion of Marty Lawhon, seconded by Sharon Gainer, and as recommended by the Superintendent, Change Order #8 to Enerfab Electric Inc. for the New SMHS to Install Additional Fire Protection and Additional Emergency Lighting in the amount of \$3,164.00 was approved 5-0.

On motion of Jim McKnight, seconded by Sharon Gainer, and as recommended by the Superintendent, Change Order #7 to Master Service Mid-Atlantic for the Athletic Facility to Replace Four Circuit Breakers for Cabinet Heater Units and Photo Eye Light Control in the amount of \$4,925.75 was approved 5-0.

On motion of Marty Lawhon, seconded by Jim McKnight, and as recommended by the Superintendent, Change Order #8 to Grae-Con Construction for the Athletic Facility to Modify Drainage in the amount of \$13,321.89 was approved 5-0.

**DIRECTOR REPORTS**

Chris Laumann, director of curriculum and instruction, thanked Mr. Wells and the Board for giving him many great years in Pleasants County and he will work to insure a smooth transition as he has resigned effective July 24, 2015 to take another position. Testing is in progress and the test is rigorous and probably one of the hardest test students have ever taken and was a learning experience for our teacher and gave them insight as to where

our students needed to be and what needs to be taught. We pushed back testing by one day out of respect for Mr. Hammel and we didn't want teachers and students to have to choose between honoring Mr. Hammel or testing. We have had a few little errors here and there which are mostly due to it being a new test. We will have actionable student data before then end of the school year so that teachers can plan for next school year, but scores will still be embargoed as in the past.

Kim Kehrer, director of special programs, reported that a recent highlight has been the addition of the Title I program at PCMS. Our services for Title I are among the best in the state. At their recent Family Night held on Cinco de Mayo there were 167 in attendance. The event was catered by Los Hermanos and 13 teachers did book reviews of their favorite middle school level book. At several breaks between presenters, they gave away 10 Kindle Fires so that students can download books. The kids were so excited to read and at the end they were able to choose a book to take home that was one of the ones reviewed by the presenters. Our elementary schools have been doing these nights for the last couple of years with much success. As budgeting time rolls around, we will be supporting Title I services again next year.

Beginning with school year 2016-2017, we will be required to offer Pre-K services five days a week, which will result in a lot of changes. This is an unfunded mandate so we will be monitoring information as legislative actions take place.

The loss to our school community and the special needs students due to the death of Mr, Hammel has been tremendous. The students he worked with have lost their hero and he cannot be replaced.

Gary Bills, director of technology, spoke about the significant problems that caused network issues at the new high school and the attempts to resolve them. As of a week ago, there have been no issues as they have worked with a high level technician from the equipment manufacturer. One of the results has been that the wireless network that students use for their personal devices was turned off and the decision to leave the system off will be up to the high school administration.

On motion of Danny DeMoss, seconded by Marty Lawhon, and approved 5-0, the Board entered into executive session at 8:20 p.m. pursuant to WVSL§18-4-6 for evaluation of the Superintendent. The Board returned to open session at 10:26 p.m. President Straight announced that the Board wished to defer completion of the Superintendent's evaluation until the time and date scheduled for the next meeting to allow for further reflection and discussion.

On motion of Danny DeMoss, seconded by Jim McKnight, and approved 5-0, the Board entered into executive session at 10:27 p.m. pursuant to WVSL§6-9-A-4(9) to consider matters involving or affecting the purchase, sale or lease of property and for discussion with counsel in regard to the disposition of the Old SMHS contents. The Board returned to open session at 11:01 p.m.

On motion of Danny DeMoss, and seconded by Sharon Gainer, the Superintendent's recommendation for disposition of the Old SMHS contents by receiving sealed bids for private, non-profit, tax exempt organizations for nominal consideration, for charitable, economic development, or community use in Pleasants County and all other items to be sold at a public auction was approved 5-0.

Danny DeMoss said the next Safety Committee Meeting will be on May 21 at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room.

Sharon Gainer said the MOVTI Council will meet on May 28.

Jim McKnight said the Development Authority will meet on May 28.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room at 1009 Maple Street, St. Marys, WV 26170.

On motion of Danny DeMoss, seconded by Jim McKnight, and approved 5-0 the meeting adjourned at 11:03 p.m.

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Secretary