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## HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING

**John D. Rockefeller IV Career Center – IMC Room  
80 Rockefeller Circle, New Cumberland WV 26047  
Thursday, April 30, 2026, 8:00 a.m.**

### **Microsoft Teams meeting**

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### **Special Employee Hearings**

Pursuant to W. Va. Code §18-2E-5, the West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) voted unanimously at its January 16, 2026, meeting to declare an immediate intervention in Hancock County Schools. As a result of this action, the authority of the county board of education over school operations was suspended, and decision-making authority was delegated to State Superintendent Michele Blatt and/or her designee(s).

Acting in her capacity as the Board of Education for Hancock County, Superintendent Blatt, or her designee(s), will conduct personnel hearings related to proposed reductions and transfers. The local county board of education has no authority to deliberate on or render decisions regarding these personnel matters. Final determinations regarding the proposed staffing actions will be made exclusively by the State Superintendent or her designee(s) following the conclusion of personnel hearings scheduled for April 30, 2026.

### **AGENDA**

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

#### **II. PERSONNEL HEARINGS**

- a. Personnel hearings regarding proposed Contract Termination and/or Transfer recommendations.

#### **III. ACTION**

- a. The Superintendent respectfully requests the approval of the attached personnel items – **attachment**
- b. The Board will not make a final decision or vote until all scheduled hearings are completed.

#### **IV. Adjournment**

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Time	Last Name	First Name	Current Location	Position	Class.	RIF/ Transfer
8:00	ASPENLEITER	JEFFREY	WMS	TEACHER	PROF	R
8:15	ATES	KELLY	OGMS	AIDE	SERV	T
8:30	BARNHART	THERESA	ATA	AIDE	SERV	T
8:45	BAUMGARNER	LORA	OGHS	AIDE	SERV	T
9:00	BOYCE	ASHLEY	WES	AIDE	SERV	T
9:15	GATRELL	AMY	WES	AIDE	SERV	T
9:30	HARRIS	CRYSTAL	WES	AIDE	SERV	T
9:45	JANKOWSKI	LARYSSA	NMES	AIDE	SERV	T
10:00	HURST	NICOLE	TRANSPORT	BUS DRIVER	SERV	T
10:15	DENNIS	BETTY	TRANSPORT	BUS DRIVER	SERV	T
10:30	WARNER	TIFFANY	NMES	COOK	SERV	T
10:45	ELO	TRACEY	WHS	SECRETARY	SERV	T
11:00						
11:15	HENDERSON	WAYNE	WHS	CUSTODIAN	SERV	R
11:30	MORRIS	SARAH	WHS	KITCHEN	SERV	R
11:45	DIPASQUALE	DIANE	WES	COOK	SERV	R
12:00	TAKARA	RIEKO	FOOD SERV	COOK	SERV	R
12:15	WARZYNSKI	MELISSA	WES	COOK	SERV	R
12:30						
12:45	MAINE	DEANA	WES	AIDE	SERV	R
1:00	MURPHY	DEBRA	WES	AIDE	SERV	R
1:15	KINTYHTT	ARYEL	ATA	AIDE	SERV	R
1:30	BARILE	TRISHA	ATA	AIDE	SERV	R
1:45	GRECO	DIANE	WES	AIDE	SERV	R
2:00						
2:15						
2:30	HATALA	LISA	WES	AIDE	SERV	R
2:45	JOHNSON	DARCIE	WES	AIDE	SERV	R
3:00	ROWLAND	RABEKA	WES	AIDE	SERV	R
3:15	STALEY	TRACY	WES	AIDE	SERV	R
3:30	PULICE-LENHART	LUCIA	WES	AIDE	SERV	R
3:45	BUFFINGTON	THOMAS	WES	AIDE	SERV	R
4:00						
4:15	HUDSON	MELISSA	WHS	TEACHER	PROF	R
4:30	MITCHELL	KOLBY	WHS	TEACHER	PROF	R
4:45	CRIBBS	MOLLY	OGMS	TEACHER	PROF	R

## **CONTRACT RENEWALS- CERTIFIED**

It is recommended that the following contract renewals be approved, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

### **FIRST PROBATIONARY**

### **SECOND PROBATIONARY**

Eric Cline  
Sarah Halko  
Tammy Young

### **THIRD PROBATIONARY**

Steven Flowers  
Howard Icard  
Melissa McCartney  
Gavin Shaffer  
Danielle Spratling

### **CONTINUING**

Erica Bennett  
Amy Chaney  
Kristin Bowman-Cross  
Karly Ford  
Shawn Gottardi  
Erin Harvey  
Justin Horstman  
Alexis McKeown  
Douglass Murray  
Melissa Reed  
Casey Wright

**CONTRACT RENEWALS - CLASSIFIED**

It is recommended the following contract renewals be approved, effective to the 2026-2027 school year:

**FIRST PROBATIONARY**

Ashley Hinerman  
Robert Hopwood  
Steven Martin  
Michael Merico  
John DiPasquale

**SECOND PROBATIONARY**

Paula Cline  
John Airhart

**THIRD PROBATIONARY**

Richard Antol  
Douglas Allison  
Kathi Eastham  
Collin Finch  
Michael Ludovici

**CONTINUING CONTRACTS**

Christine Adams	Bethany Cowart	Nicole Hurst
Taylor Davis	Jamie Moore	Izabella Riddle
Teresa Jones	Karli Sutton	Kiesha Shimon
Gerald Bucci	Jennifer Salmons	Ashley Boyce
James Pendergrast	Teri Frye	Emilee Payne
Michael Clark	Deedy Hebrock	Nathanial Robinson-Lonkert
Rachel Peterson	Crystal Harris	

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**SERVICE PERSONNEL TRANSFER LIST**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>CURRENT LOCATION</b>
Theresa Barnhart	Aide	Allison Elementary School
Teri Frye	Aide	Allison Elementary School
Stephanie Richards	Cook	Allison Elementary School
Beverly Dawson	Secretary	Board Office
Jo Lynn Mark	Secretary	Board Office
Alec Allison	Custodian	John D. Rockefeller Career Center
Tammy Null	Custodian	John D. Rockefeller Career Center
Denise Hayes	Secretary	John D. Rockefeller Career Center
Nathanial Robinson-Lonkert	Custodian	Maintenance Department
Paul Tate	Mail Clerk	Maintenance Department
Bethany Cowart	Aide	New Manchester Elementary
Taylor Davis	Aide	New Manchester Elementary
Laryssa Jankowski	Aide	New Manchester Elementary
Amber Phillips	Aide	New Manchester Elementary
Barbara Swan	Aide	New Manchester Elementary
Tiffany Warner	Cook	New Manchester Elementary
Kelly Ates	Aide	Oak Glen Middle School
Lora Baumgarner	Aide	Oak Glen High School
Logan Curtis	Custodian	Oak Glen High School
Michael Clark	Bus Operator	Transportation Department
Jodi Davis	Bus Operator	Transportation Department
Bethany Henderson	Bus Operator	Transportation Department
Willard Burdine	Bus Operator	Transportation Department
William Niesslein	Bus Operator	Transportation Department
Chris Roseberry	Bus Operator	Transportation Department
Gary Powell	Bus Operator	Transportation Department
Nicole Hurst	Bus Operator	Transportation Department
Douglas Ireland	Bus Operator	Transportation Department
Lisa Moore	Bus Operator	Transportation Department
Karl Hatala	Bus Operator	Transportation Department
Richard Antol	Bus Operator	Transportation Department
William Clark Sr.	Bus Operator	Transportation Department
Robert Hissam	Bus Operator	Transportation Department
Doug Allison	Bus Operator	Transportation Department

Margie Apesos	Bus Operator	Transportation Department
Harry Edmond	Bus Operator	Transportation Department
Della Eckstein	Bus Operator	Transportation Department
Rebecca Colaber	Bus Operator	Transportation Department
John DiPasquale	Bus Operator	Transportation Department
Penny Ellis	Bus Operator	Transportation Department
Robert Hopwood	Bus Operator	Transportation Department
Misty Still	Bus Operator	Transportation Department
Roseanna Finney	Bus Operator	Transportation Department
Joslyn Risk	Bus Operator	Transportation Department
Michael Ludovici	Bus Operator	Transportation Department
Jamie Jenkins	Bus Operator	Transportation Department
Leannnda Brown	Bus Operator	Transportation Department
Kiesha Shimon	Bus Operator	Transportation Department
Raylena Givens	Bus Operator	Transportation Department
Brian Sweeney	Bus Operator	Transportation Department
Louann Swiger	Bus Operator	Transportation Department
Collin Finch	Bus Operator	Transportation Department
Kayli Ferguson	Bus Operator	Transportation Department
John Airhart	Bus Operator	Transportation Department
Betty Dennis	Bus Operator	Transportation Department
Tracey Elo	Secretary	Weir High School
Thanachakorn Boehm	Aide	Weir Middle School
Amy Gatrell	Aide	Weir Middle School
Jason Poulton	Custodian	Weir Middle School
Joseph Ballato	Aide	Weirton Elementary School
Ashley Boyce	Aide	Weirton Elementary School
Crystal Harris	Aide	Weirton Elementary School
Catina Lamp	Aide	Weirton Elementary School
Ashley Runkel	Aide	Weirton Elementary School

<b>CONTRACT TERMINATION</b>		
<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>CURRENT LOCATION</b>
Meredith Adams	Aide	Allison Elementary School
Trisha Barile	Aide	Allison Elementary School
Miranda Gibson	Aide	Allison Elementary School
Casey Kell	Aide	Allison Elementary School
Aryel Kintyhtt	Aide	Allison Elementary School
Shawnee Mike	Aide	Allison Elementary School
Erin Woolley	Aide	Allison Elementary School
John McCombs	Custodian	Allison Elementary School
Thomas Paisley	Custodian	Allison Elementary School
Paulayna Hostetler	Secretary	Allison Elementary School

Rieko Takara	Cook	Food Service Department
Monica Boring	Aide	New Manchester Elementary
Karla Lamp	Aide	New Manchester Elementary
Michael Zias	Custodian	New Manchester Elementary
Jeannette Strickler	Custodian	Oak Glen Middle School
David White	Custodian	Oak Glen Middle School
Patricia Davis	Custodian	Oak Glen Middle School
Debora Bowen	Aide	Weir High School
Jaedyn Hissam	Aide	Weir High School
Kassady Taylor	Aide	Weir High School
Sarah Morris	Cook	Weir High School
Austin Haught	Custodian	Weir High School
Wayne Henderson	Custodian	Weir High School
Jacob Horstman	Custodian	Weir High School
Amy Purks	Cook	Oak Glen High School
Brooke Boni	Aide	Weirton Elementary School
Diane Greco	Aide	Weirton Elementary School
Melinda Gruda	Aide	Weirton Elementary School
Lisa Hatala	Aide	Weirton Elementary School
Tamara Huggins	Aide	Weirton Elementary School
Darcie Johnson	Aide	Weirton Elementary School
Alyssa Lane	Aide	Weirton Elementary School
Sandra Lusk	Aide	Weirton Elementary School
Deana Maine	Aide	Weirton Elementary School
Debra Murphy	Aide	Weirton Elementary School
Rabeka Rowland	Aide	Weirton Elementary School
Thomas Buffington	Aide	Weirton Elementary School
Lucia Pulice-Lenhardt	Aide	Weirton Elementary School
Rhonda Majewski	Aide	Weirton Elementary School
Jennifer Reitter	Aide	Weirton Elementary School
Michael Staley	Aide	Weirton Elementary School
Tracy Staley	Aide	Weirton Elementary School
Lauren Szydlowski	Aide	Weirton Elementary School
Melinda Woodland	Aide	Weirton Elementary School
Diane DiPasquale	Cook	Weirton Elementary School
Alissa Hitt	Cook	Weirton Elementary School
Gena Rhoades	Cook	Weirton Elementary School
Melissa Warzynski	Cook	Weirton Elementary School
Anthony Fuscardo	Custodian	Weirton Elementary School

**RECOMMENDATION TO ELIMINATE CONTRACT AT THE END OF THE  
2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR IN ORDER TO REDUCE CONTRACT DAYS**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>CURRENT LOCATION</b>
Denise Hayes	Secretary	John D. Rockefeller Career Center
Beverly Dawson	Secretary	Board Office
Jo Lynn Mark	Secretary	Board Office
Teresa Theiss	Secretary	Board Office
Steven Martin	Electrician	Maintenance Department
Bobbie Jo Kompardo	Groundsman/Painter	Maintenance Department
Oliver Lonkert	Groundsman/Painter	Maintenance Department
Andrew Duffield	HVAC	Maintenance Department
William Dziatkowicz	HVAC/Plumber	Maintenance Department
Jonathan Ball	Locksmith	Maintenance Department
Aaron Crago	Mason	Maintenance Department
Jeffery Lamp	Plumber	Maintenance Department
Debbie Fish	Secretary	Oak Glen High School
Ronald Richmond	Custodian	Oak Glen Middle School
John Barber	Mechanic	Transportation Department
Michael Merico	Mechanic	Transportation Department
Tracey Elo	Secretary	Weir High School
Charles Klar	Custodian	Weir High School
Christal Cowden	Custodian	Weir Middle School

**RECOMMENDATION FOR RECLASSIFICATION 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>CURRENT LOCATION</b>
Jennifer Salmons	Current: Sup Aide/ECCAT/AM K 2026-27: Sup Aide/ECCAT K	Weirton Elementary School
Beth Sabbato	Current: Sup Aide II-IV/ECCAT/AM K 2026-27: Sup Aide II-IV/ECCAT K	Weirton Elementary School
Pamela Miller	Current: Sup Aide II-IV/ECCAT/AM K 2026-2027: Sup Aide II-IV/ECCAT K	New Manchester Elementary
Trudy McAvoy	Current: Sup. Aide II/ECCAT Pre-K 2026-27: Sup Aide II/ECCAT/AM Pre-K	New Manchester Elementary

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**PROFESSIONAL TRANSFER LIST**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>CURRENT LOCATION</b>
Brandi Reinacher	Teacher- Title I	Allison Elementary School
Kaitlyn Karpinski	Teacher- Kindergarten	Allison Elementary School
Sydney Frey	Teacher- Special Education	Alternative Learning Center
Karissa Poszywak	Assistant Principal	Career Center/ALC
Jennifer Wilson	Teacher- First Grade	New Manchester Elementary
Emily Ruiz	Teacher- Second Grade	New Manchester Elementary
Jodi Cole	Teacher- Title I	New Manchester Elementary
Karman Gregory	Teacher- Kindergarten	New Manchester Elementary
Adam Davis	Teacher- Soc. St.	Oak Glen High School
Amanda Friley	Teacher- Science	Oak Glen High School
Anthony Santangelo	Teacher- Phys. Ed	Oak Glen High School
Janet Arehart	Teacher- Math	Oak Glen High School
Scott Wiley	Assistant Principal	Oak Glen High School
Amanda McKinney	Assistant Principal	Oak Glen Middle School
Amy Wilson	Assistant Principal	Oak Glen Middle School
Daniel Lawrence	Teacher- Academic Enrichment	Oak Glen Middle School
Jason Kekseo	Teacher- Phys. Ed.	Oak Glen Middle School
Katherine Kafton	Teacher- Grade 5	Oak Glen Middle School
Kylee Straight	Teacher- Grade 6	Oak Glen Middle School
Chris Hill	Assistant Principal	Weir High School
Garrett Railing	Social Studies	Weir High School
Alice Duffy	Teacher- Academic Enrichment	Weir Middle School
Andrea Luttamus	Teacher- Home Ec	Weir Middle School
Cindy Kovalcik	Teacher- Math	Weir Middle School
Matthew Deangelis	Teacher- Phys. Ed.	Weir Middle School
Megan Moroz	Teacher- English	Weir Middle School
Taylor Giannamore	Teacher- Special Education	Weir Middle School
Amber Tonacchio	Assistant Principal	Weir Middle School
Keith Brammer	Teacher- Social Studies	Weir Middle School
Nicole Seckman	Teacher – Grade 5	Weir Middle School
Jennifer Sanner	Assistant Principal	Weirton Elementary School
Joshua Weltner	Teacher- Phys. Ed.	Weirton Elementary School

<b>CONTRACT TERMINATION</b>		
<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>CURRENT LOCATION</b>
McKayla Goodlin	Teacher- First Grade	Allison Elementary School
Bailey Rinkes	Interventionist	Allison Elementary School
Lynn Shilot	Nurse- Reconfigure	Allison Elementary School
Brooke Provenzano	Teacher- Second Grade	Allison Elementary School
Megan Paris	Counselor- Uncertified	Alternative Learning Center
Gerard Spencer	Safety Coordinator	Maintenance Department
Heather Klakos	Interventionist	New Manchester Elementary
Morgan Goldstrom	Teacher- Fourth Grade	New Manchester Elementary
Ashley Hissam	Teacher- Special Education- Uncertified	New Manchester Elementary
Hayley Yeater	Teacher- Special Education	New Manchester Elementary
Jennifer Enochs	Assistant Principal	New Manchester Elementary
Kaitlyn Rhodes	Nurse- Reconfigure	New Manchester Elementary
Carolyn Book	Nurse- Reconfigure	Oak Glen High School
Trey Smith	Teacher- Business	Oak Glen High School
Joleigh Sollars	Teacher- English	Oak Glen High School
Denise Roberts	Teacher- Special Education	Oak Glen High School
Gregory Geis	Teacher- Special Education	Oak Glen High School
Ty Logston	Teacher- Special Education	Oak Glen High School
Julia Macaluso	Counselor- Uncertified	Oak Glen High School
Scott Wiley	Assistant Principal	Oak Glen High School
Katherine Padden	Teacher- English	Oak Glen Middle School
Mallory Markowicz	Teacher- English	Oak Glen Middle School
Lynn Bennett	Nurse- Reconfigure	Oak Glen Middle School
Laci Growe	Teacher	Oak Glen Middle School
Devyn Wood	Teacher-	Oak Glen Middle School
Molly Cribbs	Teacher- English	Oak Glen Middle School
Taylor Tellish	Teacher- Math	Oak Glen Middle School
Hannah Rogers	Teacher - Social Studies - Uncertified	Oak Glen Middle School
Ashley Tharp	Teacher- Special Education- Uncertified	Oak Glen Middle School
Amy Wilson	Assistant Principal	Oak Glen Middle School
Amanda McKinney	Assistant Principal	Oak Glen Middle School
Bernadette Wiley	Physical Therapy Assistant	Special Education/Board Office
Maureen O'Brien	Speech Language Pathologist	Special Education/Board Office
Stephanie Crago	Nurse	Weir High School

Matthew Mandarino	Teacher- English	Weir High School
Danielle Porter	Teacher- Math	Weir High School
Melissa Hudson	Teacher- Phys. Ed.	Weir High School
Kolby Mitchell	Teacher- Science	Weir High School
Emily Hores	Teacher- Home Ec.- Uncertified	Weir High School
Christopher Hill	Assistant Principal	Weir High School
Victoria Crow	Counselor- Uncertified	Weir Middle School
Candice Perri	Teacher- Grade 6	Weir Middle School
Christopher Pugh	Teacher- Phys. Ed.	Weir Middle School
Morgan Tennant	Counselor- Uncertified	Weir Middle School
Kasey Nicholas	Nurse	Weir Middle School
Jeffery Aspenleiter	Teacher- English	Weir Middle School
Nicodemus Karas	Teacher- Grade 5	Weir Middle School
Sydney Doughty	Teacher- Math	Weir Middle School
Kaitlyn Crow	Teacher- Music	Weir Middle School
Nancy D'Angelo	Teacher- Phys. Ed.	Weir Middle School
Lexus Melnyk	Teacher- Science	Weir Middle School
Jacquelyn Eddins	Teacher- Social Studies	Weir Middle School
Jeremy Monroe	Teacher- Spanish- Uncertified	Weir Middle School
Jennifer Jones	Teacher- Special Education	Weir Middle School
Amber Tonacchio	Assistant Principal	Weir Middle School
Eden Hertig	Teacher- First Grade	Weirton Elementary School
Gabriella Kosegi	Teacher- First Grade	Weirton Elementary School
Sarah Drylie	Teacher- First Grade	Weirton Elementary School
Ashley Zawojski	Teacher- Fourth Grade	Weirton Elementary School
Jasmyne Hildreth	Teacher- Fourth Grade	Weirton Elementary School
Teresa Bendel	Teacher- Fourth Grade	Weirton Elementary School
Alexa Kessel	Teacher- Kindergarten	Weirton Elementary School
Allison Jackson	Teacher- Kindergarten	Weirton Elementary School
Megan Russell	Teacher- Kindergarten	Weirton Elementary School
Kamryn Bable	Teacher- Second Grade	Weirton Elementary School
Marissa Elliott	Teacher- Second Grade	Weirton Elementary School
Adriana Lenhart	Teacher- Special Education-Uncertified	Weirton Elementary School
Amy Matask	Teacher- Special Education	Weirton Elementary School
Daphney Tanner	Teacher- Special Education	Weirton Elementary School
Megan Guida	Teacher- Special Education	Weirton Elementary School
Mikaela Lenhart	Teacher- Special Education	Weirton Elementary School
Sheena Camerlengo	Teacher- Special Education	Weirton Elementary School
Haley Maxwell (Goodlin)	Teacher- Third Grade	Weirton Elementary School
Isabella Forget	Teacher- Third Grade	Weirton Elementary School
Kayla Bruce	Teacher- Third Grade	Weirton Elementary School

Megan Dziadyk	Teacher- Third Grade	Weirton Elementary School
Sarah Aspenleiter	Counselor- Uncertified	Weirton Elementary School
Stacy Cullinan	Counselor- Uncertified	Weirton Elementary School
Jennifer Sanner	Assistant Principal	Weirton Elementary School

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<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>CURRENT LOCATION</b>
Kasey Arnott	Director	Maintenance Department
Ted Arneault	Coordinator	Transportation Department
Chris Enochs	Director	John D. Rockefeller Career Center
Ashley Witherow	Coordinator Adult LPN	John D. Rockefeller Career Center
Kristin Bissett	Director	Board Office
Ruth Ann Douglas	Attendance Coordinator	Board Office
Amy Hannahs	School Psychologist	Board Office
Melissa McCartney	School Psychologist	Board Office
Steve McKinney	Director	Board Office
Celia Ptaszek	Accountant	Board Office
Erica Sauer	Director	Board Office
Casey Wright	Accountant	Board Office
Frank Crain	Principal	Oak Glen High School
Timothy Miller	TIS	Oak Glen High School
Julie Zoellers	Athletic Director	Oak Glen High School
Sean Blumette	Principal	Weir High School
Richard Shilling	Athletic Director	Weir High School
Steve Govey	Director	Food Service

**PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS TO ABOLISH**

	Assistant Principal	Allison Elementary School
	Assistant Principal	New Manchester Elementary
	Assistant Principal	Oak Glen High School
	Assistant Principal	Oak Glen Middle School
	Assistant Principal	Weirton Elementary School
	Assistant Principal	Weir High School
	Assistant Principal	Weir Middle School
	Assistant Principal	Career Center/ALC