

BLACKHAWK SCHOOL DISTRICT
500 BLACKHAWK ROAD
BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS WORK/VOTING SESSION
Blackhawk High School Library
April 16, 2019

Mr. Schaefer called the Work Session to order at 7:00PM. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Battaglia	Mr. Jones	Dr. Makoczy	Mrs. Goehring	Mr. Wimmel
Mr. Heckathorn	Mr. Schaefer	Mr. Morrison	Mrs. Ziegler	

Also in attendance:

Mr. Brandenburg – Business Manager	Dr. Postupac – Superintendent
Mr. Victor Kustra – Solicitor	Lauren Olstrom – Student Representative

Mr. Jones made a motion, Mr. Morrison seconded to approve the March Minutes.

Verbal vote: 9 yes; 0 no; Motion Carried

Mr. Jones made a motion, Mr. Morrison seconded to approve the agenda.

Verbal vote: 9 yes; 0 no; Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dianne Sarver commented on item 5.3

BUILDING AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE

A discussion regarding the Citizen Advisory Committee Meetings took place. Dr. Postupac recapped the creation and purpose of the Citizens Advisory Committee and proposed that Eckles create a “Stay Put Option”, that the district create a community survey, and to schedule two remaining Citizen Advisory Committee meetings in May and June.

Mark Scheller, Eckles Architecture, commented on a “Stay Put Scenario”.

Nancy Frederick commented on the Stay Put Option, as well as wants versus needs, debt and bond issues, and debt credit rating for the district.

Leslie Benedetto commented on space for recess.

Perry Pander commented on the water system at Northwestern Primary School.

Darrin Fleischman commented on the water system at Northwestern and maintaining the water permit.

A community survey was discussed, John Battaglia commented on voting response from tax payers only.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Dianne Sarver clarified that teachers would be working under the current contract until the new one was settled.

Dr. Makoczy gave a financial presentation.

Mrs. Ziegler and Mr. Battaglia commented on the bathrooms at the stadium.

Mr. Jones thanked Mrs. LeDonne and the staff for the Career Fair held on April 8th.

Mr. Battaglia asked about class valedictorian and the capacity at Blackhawk Intermediate School.

Mr. Heckathorn commented about the upcoming board election and respect between all candidates working towards the same goal.

Dan Jones left the meeting at 9:11PM

Mr. Morrison made a motion, Mr. Wimmel seconded to adjourn the Work Session at 9:12PM.

Verbal vote: 8 yes; 0 no; Motion Carried

Mr. Schaefer called the Voting Session to order at 9:19PM

Mr. Heckathron left the room at 9:13PM

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dr. Makoczy made a motion, Mr. Wimmel seconded, to approve items 3.2 through 3.6.

3.2 Approval is recommended for the Financial Report for March.

3.3 Approval is recommended for the payment of bills.

a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$511,982.89

b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund: \$5,900.00

BAAG : \$0

c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$39,974.67

d. Fund 66 - Health Fund: \$0

Payroll: March \$1,255,821.35

3.4 Approval is recommended to accept the athletic activity account for March.

3.5 Approval is recommended to contract with ERC (Eric Ryan Corporation) to review and analyze any utility, telecommunication, and internet/data billings at a rate of 25% of any reimbursements.

3.6 Approval is recommended for the sale of property identified as Tax Parcel Number 57-122-0191.002 from the Repository of Unsold Property to Justin E. Crocker for cost, along with back taxes from 2014-2018.

Roll Call Vote: Yes, Mr. Schaefer, Mr. Wimmel, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Goehring, Dr. Makoczy (3.1-3.4, 3.6), Mr. Morrison

No, Dr. Makoczy (3.5)

7 Yes; 0 no; Motion Carried (3.1-3.4, 3.6)

6 Yes; 1 no; Motion Carried (3.5)

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Goehring made a motion, Mr. Wimmel seconded, to approve items 4.1 through 4.7

4.1 Approval is recommended to accept the request for retirement from the following teachers at the completion of the 2018-2019 school year:

a. Laura Kahler

b. Pamela Lapek

c. LuAnne Maginness

4.2 Approval is recommended to renew the following contracts:

a. Jeff Cienik

b. Bree Filip

4.3 Approval is recommended to employ the following summer custodians, grass cutters and IT workers at a rate of \$9.00 per hour pending clearances:

a. Cheri Bohon

b. Jeri Carver

c. Carey Courinos

d. Sharon LeBlanc

e. Jenn Specht

f. Keith Welsh

- g. Kathi Young
- h. Sonia Ziegler
- i. Marilyn Zoretich
- j. Kasee Cipolla
- k. Joe Conforti
- l. Nate Mensch
- m. Tyler Robinson
- n. Tristen Stewart
- o. Tyler Summers
- p. Logan Mennell
- q. Jacob Hopkins

4.4 Approval is recommended for ProSoft employee 494 to use intermittent FMLA beginning April 2, 2019.

4.5 Approval is recommended to accept the resignation of Brandy McCandless, cafeteria worker, effective April 17, 2019.

4.6 Approval is recommended to employ Heather Pico as cafeteria worker at a rate of \$9.10 per hour and all benefits according to the BESP, effective April 23, 2019.

During the May 7, 2019 Work Session, prior to approving the April Minutes, Dr. Makoczy and Mr. Battaglia stated had they been aware of additional information they would have voted no for item 4.6

4.7 Approval is recommended to employ Ashley Ornelas as substitute paraprofessional at a rate of \$9.00 per hour pending clearances effective April 17, 2019.

Roll Call Vote: Yes, Mr. Wimmel, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Goehring, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Schaefer

7 Yes; 0 no; Motion Carried

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Ziegler made a motion, Mr. Battaglia seconded to approve items 5.1 through 5.4.

5.1 Approval is recommended for the following field trips:

- a. BHS Orchestra (35), High Note Festival, George Hoydich, CMU and Kennywood, May 29, 2019 \$150 expenses budgeted.
- b. YAP (8), Youth Ambassadors Program, Leah Lindemann, CCBC, April 17, 2019, \$126 expense budgeted.
- c. BHS Band (1), District Band, George Hoydich, Sharon High School, April 26, 2019 no expense.
- d. AP English 12 (30), Pitt CHS Argument Forum, Jarrod McCowin, North Allegheny High School, May 3, 2019, \$400 expenses budgeted.
- e. AP Art (5), Visual Arts Workshop, Ashley Biega, Beaver Falls, April 26, 2019, \$75 expenses budgeted.
- f. Sixth Grade ELA Enrichment (10), Beaver County Battle of the Books, Meredith Oliver, BVIU, May 6, 2019 \$75 expenses budgeted.
- g. Gifted and Academic Games (8), National Academic Games, Meredith Oliver, Orlando FL, April 24-30, 2019 \$4,500 expenses budgeted.
- h. Special Education (50), Special Olympics, Elizabeth Altenhof, Geneva, April 26, 2019, \$450 expenses budgeted.
- i. CDL/Safety Management (23), Tour of PGT Facility, Lou Wolber, PGT Terminal, April 17, 2019, no expense
- j. Foreign Language (250), Ryan Ricciardi, Foreign Language Baseball Game. PNC Park, May 24, 2019, no expense.

5.2 Approval is recommended for the following families to host foreign exchange students:

- a. Diane Escobar to host Carl Vide (Swedish)

b. Heidi Johanson to host Safa Kadhum (Danish)

5.3 Approval is recommended for the 2019-2020 academic calendar.

5.4 Approval is recommended to accept the Resolution Supporting Senate Bill 34 and House Bill 526 for School Districts Providing Their Own Cyber Learning Programs by the Board of School Directors of the Blackhawk School District.

Roll Call Vote: Yes, Mrs. Ziegler (5.1, 5.2, 5.4), Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Goehring, Dr. Makoczy (5.2-5.4), Mr. Morrison, Mr. Schaefer, Mr. Wimmel

No, Dr. Makoczy (5.1), Mrs. Ziegler (5.3)

(5.2, 5.4) 7 Yes, 0 no, Motion Carried

(5.1, 5.3) 5 Yes, 2 no, Motion Carried

BUILDING AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE

Mrs. Goehring made a motion, Mr. Morrison seconded to approve item 6.2

6.2 Approval is recommended to accept the bid for repairs and upgrades to the Blackhawk Intermediate School Basketball Courts with co-star pricing.

Roll Call Vote: Yes, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Goehring, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Schaefer, Mr. Wimmel, Mrs. Ziegler

8 Yes, 0 no, Motion Carried

Mr. Heckathorn returned to the meeting at 9:15PM

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Mr. Morrison made a motion, Mr. Wimmel seconded to approve item 7.1 and 7.2

7.1 Approval is recommended to accept the resignation of Diane Rumbaugh, Artistic Director of the Musical effective immediately.

7.2 Approval is recommended to accept the resignation of Marissa Stonefield, Publicity Manager of the Musical effective immediately.

Roll Call Vote: Yes, Mrs. Goehring, Mr. Heckathorn, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Schaefer, Mr. Wimmel, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia

8 Yes, 0 no, Motions Carried

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Battaglia made a motion, Mr. Wimmel seconded to approve item 9.1

9.1 Approval is recommended for the updated van/driver list from McCarters.

Roll Call Vote: Yes, Mr. Heckathorn, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Schaefer, Mr. Wimmel, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia

Abstain: Mrs. Goehring

7 Yes, 0 no, 1 abstain, Motion Carried

BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT

Mr. Wimmel made a motion, Mrs. Ziegler seconded to approve item 13.1

13.1 Approval is recommended for the following conference:

a. Shannon Parish, FCS Teacher Day, IUP, April 26, 27, 2019, \$126 expenses budgeted.

b. Marianne LeDonne, Kristi Leiper, Federal Program Coordinators Conference, Seven Springs, May 5-8, 2019, no expense.

c. Eric Brandenburg, PASBO Legislative Committee, Harrisburg, June 3-4, 2019, \$215 expenses budgeted.

Roll Call Vote: Yes, Dr. Makoczy (13.1b, c) Mr. Morrison, Mr. Schaefer, Mr. Wimmel, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Goehring, Mr. Heckathorn
No, Dr. Makoczy (13.1a)

13.1b, c; 8 Yes, 0 no, Motion Carried

13.1a 7 Yes, 1 no, Motion Carried

INTERMEDIATE UNIT

Mr. Morrison made a motion, Mr. Battaglia seconded to approve item 15.1

15.1 Approval is recommended to participate in the Beaver County Summer Academy during the weeks of June 17, 2019 and June 24, 2019 at a cost of \$500.

Roll Call Vote: Yes, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Schaefer, Mr. Wimmel, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Goehring, Mr. Heckathorn, Dr. Makoczy

8 Yes, 0 no, Motion Carried

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mr. Morrison made a motion, Mrs. Ziegler seconded to adjourn the voting meeting at 9:19PM

Verbal Vote 8 yes, 0 no, Motion Carried

Missy Delmonico

Blackhawk School Board Recording Secretary