

**BLACKHAWK SCHOOL DISTRICT
500 BLACKHAWK ROAD
BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010**

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' VOTING MEETING
Blackhawk's Middle School LGI Room
January 12, 2015**

MEETING MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Mr. Perry Pander, Board Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 7:37PM. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken. Those in attendance were:

Ms. Aquino	Mr. Fleischman	Mrs. Helsing	Mrs. Kaszer
Mr. Pander	Mr. Yonkee	Mr. Young	

Absent:

Mr. May	Dr. Rose
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Also attending were:

- Dr. Kerber – Superintendent
- Mr. Ira Weiss – District Solicitor
- Mr. Christian Bareford – District Solicitor
- Mr. John Frombach – Interim Business Manager

Mr. Young moved to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2014 and December 2, 2014. Mr. Fleischman seconded the motion.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mr. Pander noted that there was an executive session for personnel matters prior to the Work Session.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Fleischman recognized the passing Mrs. Farkus, Mr. Trombulak and Mayor Tetimanza. He honored them by speaking of their contributions to the district and offering a moment of silence.

Mr. Fleischman offered commendations to the staff and students of Blackhawk High School for the Christmas choral program presented to the Arco Retirees Club in December.

Mr. Fleischman extended congratulations to Haley Brightwell, Adam Kantz and Jack Whalen. Each earned a seat in the 2014 District Five Honors Band which performed at Westminster College in December. PMEA District Five encompasses all of Beaver, Butler, Lawrence and Mercer Counties and Honors Band is selected based strictly on blind audition.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Bob Clendennen, Patterson Township, spoke briefly on policy 6.16 which relates to the payment of bills. Stating that each bill is to be reviewed prior to approval and payment. He noted that he has noticed that there have been bills paid that are on the docket for approval and asked to take a closer look moving forward.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Yonkee reviewed the items to be recommended for approval at the January 15, 2015 voting meeting. This included:

- The committee is recommending approval to accept the Financial Report for November and December.
- The committee is recommending approval for the payment of bills.
 - a. Fund 10 – General Fund: November \$548,958.86, December \$
 - b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund: \$0
 - c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: November \$57,796.29, December \$
 - d. Fund 66 – UPMC Health Fund: \$0
 - e. Fund 67 – UPMC Dental: November \$8,218.20, December \$7,318.50
 - f. Fund 68 – UPMC Vision: November \$1,798.00, December \$2,126.00Payroll: November \$719,801.05, December \$
- The Monthly Insurance Report for November and December was provided as an Information Item.
- The committee is recommending approval to appoint Mr. John Frombach as Blackhawk School District authorized representative to make request upon and receive any and all tax information and records from Berkheimer, relative to the collection of taxes for official purposes only.
- The committee is recommending to ratify contracting with Ira Weiss as special council to the audit.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Helsing reviewed the items to be recommended for approval at the January 15, 2015 voting meeting. This included:

- The committee is recommending approval to hire Michelle Markusic as full time custodian for Blackhawk High School at a rate of \$14.80 per hour plus benefits (approximately \$37,331.92 per year) effective January 5, 2015.
- The committee is recommending approval to hire Timothy Hopton as a substitute custodian at a rate of \$9.00 per hour pending clearances.
- The committee is recommending approval for Amy Anderson to assume the role of Acting Principal for Highland Middle School at a rate of \$75 per work day in addition to the regular teaching salary.
- The committee is recommending approval to appoint Tom Householder as deputy tax collector to Linda Rawding in accordance with Act 164 of 2014 pertaining to the Local Tax Collector Law.
- The committee is recommending approval to appoint Susan Phillips as deputy tax collector to Robin Huston in accordance with Act 164 of 2014 pertaining to the Local Tax Collector Law.

- The committee is recommending approval for the following substitutes:
 - a. Ian Taylor
 - b. Angela Ringling
 - c. Marissa Neely
 - d. Mary Kay Jones (pending clearances)
 - e. Jennifer Morgan
- The committee is recommending approval for Heather McCalla to use sick days as well as FMLA beginning on or about January 19, 2015 until on or about April 17, 2015.
- The committee is recommending to ratify contracting with Dr. Dan Miller, University of Pittsburgh, for professional development in math for Blackhawk Intermediate School teachers at a rate of \$6,260.
- The committee is recommending approval for Rachael Omogrosso to use sick days as well as FMLA beginning on or about February 23, 2015 until on or about May 4, 2015.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Ms. Aquino reviewed the items to be recommended for approval at the January 15, 2015 voting meeting. This included:

- The committee is recommending approval for the following field trips:
 - a. How Stuff Works/Applied Engineering and Technology (29), Brandon Smith, Power Plant, Shippensburg, PA, January 16, 2015. (\$145 expenses budgeted)
 - b. Transition (20), Mariah Brown, Tour of PTI, Pittsburgh, January 28, 2015. (Expenses collected from other)
 - c. High School Band (60), Dave Zaccari, Band performance at BOA Grand Nationals, Indianapolis, PA November 11-14, 2015. (expenses collected by student)
 - d. Ninth Grade Academy (200), Missy Bender, 9th Grade Academy Science Center, Pittsburgh, April 1, 2015. (expenses collected from students)
 - e. AP Biology (18), Anita Mensch, Open Heart Surgery Observation, Allegheny General, April 8, 2015. (\$360 expenses budgeted)
 - f. Choir/Academy Students (3), Maura Underwood, PMEA All-State Chorus, Harrisburg, March 25-28, 2015. (\$1,100 expenses budgeted)
 - g. FFA (9), Lyndsey Wilcox, ACES Conference, Harrisburg, February 21-22, 2015. (expenses collected from students)
 - h. PPS Second Grade (88), Megan Anderson, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Pittsburgh, May 14, 2015. (expenses collected from PTO)
 - i. Fifth Grade (177), Wes Chismar, Danielle Bailey, Outdoor Education, Camp Kon-O-Kwee/Spencer, April 27-May 1, 2015. (expenses budgeted and collected from other)
 - j. PRIDE (4), Tracy Yowlder, Community Based Instruction, Walmart, Dollar Tree, McDonalds, January 30, 2015. (no expense)
 - k. BHS Orchestra (7), Nathan Goodrich, District 2,3,5 Orchestra, Sharon, February 4-6, 2015. (\$250 expenses budgeted)

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS / REAL ESTATE

No Report

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Mr. Fleischman reviewed the items to be recommended for approval at the January 15, 2015 voting meeting. This included:

- The committee is recommending approval to appoint Olesia Stasko as the assistant softball coach for the 2014-15 school year at a salary of \$2,010.24.
- The committee is recommending approval to appoint Charles Gussett as the middle school softball coach for the 2014-15 school year.
- The committee is recommending approval to appoint James Riggio as a volunteer softball coach for the 2014-15 school year.
- The committee is recommending approval to accept the resignation of Kim Baker, middle school track coach.
- The committee is recommending approval to accept the resignation of Natalie Nicolette, middle school track coach.

Congratulations to Chassidy Omogrosso on being named Athlete of the Week by the Beaver County Times and Tribune Review for the week of December 22, 2014

Congratulations to Chassidy Omogrosso on scoring 2,000 career points and Bridget Shaffer on scoring 1,000 career points.

Congratulations to Zack Medarac and Steve Sharik who were named to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Soccer All Section Team.

Congratulations to Ally Uslenghi, Brianna Bennett and Nichole Beatty who are recipients of the 2015 Groff Scholarship. These girls will each receive \$2,500 a year during their four years of college.

Congratulations to Bridgette Shaffer on being named Athlete of the Week by the Tribune Review for the week of January 5, 2015.

The committee is recommending approval to appoint T.J. Lambert as volunteer boys' baseball coach for the 2014-15 school year.

The committee is recommending approval to appoint Frank Campagna as a volunteer boys' baseball coach for the 2014-15 school year.

ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON

Dr. Kerber provided an information item to the Board.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No Report

FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

Mr. Pander noted that options for Food Service for the 2015-16 school year are being reviewed.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

No Report

POLICY COMMITTEE

No Report

BOARD / STAFF ENRICHMENT

The committee is recommending approval for the following conferences:

- a. Tara Jones, Child Accounting Professional Associations Spring Conference, Hershey, February 25, 2015. (\$965 expenses budgeted)
- b. Kathy Kiser, JaneAnn Fucci, and Tara Jones, PDE Data Summit 2015, Hershey, March 25, 2015. (\$1,026.10 expenses Budgeted)
- c. Rebecca Freyvogel, Pam Lapek, PA Title I Improving Schools Performance, Pittsburgh, January 26, 2015. (\$50 expenses budgeted).
- d. Dale Moll, Transform ED Classes, Allegheny Intermediate Unit, January 21, March 5, and March 25, 2015. (no expenses)
- e. Amy Cienkowski, JaneAnn Fucci, Math & Science Collaborative Consortium, Carnegie Science Center, Pittsburgh, February 5, 2015. (\$50 expenses budgeted).
- f. Ashley Boyers, PDE – Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth, Harrisburg, January 15, 2015. (\$386 expenses budgeted)
- g. Jim Perlik, Donna Holt, Chris Yingling, Western PA Facilities Directors Association, North Huntingdon, February 6, 2015. (\$160 expenses budgeted)
- h. JaneAnn Fucci, Lisa Brown, BC Transition: Best Practices to Transition to Formal School, BVIU, February 6, 2015. (\$60 expenses budgeted)
- i. Jim Cox, Pete & C State Educational Technology Conference, Hershey, February 8-11, 2015. (\$1,002 not budgeted/strongly recommended)
- j. Leah Lindemann, Project Zero: Developing a Culture of Thinking, Quaker Valley Middle School, January 17, 2015. (\$50 expenses budgeted)
- k. Nathan Goodrich, District 2,3,5 Orchestra, Sharon, February 4-6, 2015. (\$330 expenses budgeted)
- l. Ryan Hardesty, PAMLE State Conference, State College, February 22-24, 2015. (no expense)

INTERMEDIATE UNIT

No Report

VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL

No Report

PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

No Report

BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

No Report

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Visitors

- Mr. Clendennen, Patterson Township, expressed his Thanks to the board for conducting a work session meeting. Mr. Clendennen also inquired about a bill listed on the agenda for payment to BCRC in the amount of \$6,128. Mr. Frombach will follow up with the details.

Administration

- Mr. Frombach spoke on the options for the food service during the 2015-16 school year. Noting that for the past 5 years have utilized a food service in addition to a food service director on staff. After reviewing, deficit is over \$800,000. The general fund is sustaining. Mrs. Sue Lukacs has agreed to stay on until a new director is hired. It is the recommendation of the administration to notify The Nutrition Group that RFPs will not be sent out. As of June 30, 2015 the contract, with extended annual renewals, will expire.

Solicitor

- No remarks

School Directors

- After reviewing a list of bills and expenses from the past, Mr. Yonkee inquired about establishing a fund (\$1,800) for the Superintendent to use to cover of expenses from her office. Mr. Frombach advised that it would have to be a budget transfer which can be done after 9 months into the budget; April 1, 2015.

The next meeting will be held on January 15, 2015, Highland Middle School LGI Room, 7:30PM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04.

Submitted by Missy Kaszer
Blackhawk School Board Secretary