

**MBLACKHAWK SCHOOL DISTRICT
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BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010**

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' VOTING MEETING
Blackhawk High School Auditorium
March 19, 2015**

MEETING MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Dr. Lance Rose, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:45PM. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Dr. Rose noted a change to the agenda to include a personnel item that the board will vote. The motion is to approve the agreement with employee JW under the terms proposed by employee JW and his council and agreeable to both parties and to authorize the district solicitor to prepare the appropriate documentation. Ms. Aquino moved and Mr. May seconded the motion. There was no discussion or questions on the motion. The vote will be reserved until the public has had an opportunity to comment. A roll call vote was requested to approve this addition to the agenda.

Prior to the roll call vote, roll call was taken. Those in attendance included:

Ms. Aquino	Mr. Fleishman	Mrs. Helsing	Mrs. Kaszer
Mr. May	Mr. Pander	Dr. Rose	Mr. Young

Absent: Mr. Yonkee

Also attending were:

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

Roll Call vote to revise the agenda to include the motion on the table was taken.

In Favor	Not In Favor	Absent	Abstain
Mr. Young		Mr. Yonkee	
Dr. Rose			
Mr. Pander			
Mr. May			
Mrs. Kaszer			
Mrs. Helsing			
Mr. Fleishman			
Ms. Aquino			

The April 9th Work Session will be held in the Blackhawk High School Auditorium.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Eckles Engineering addressed the board regard a sanitary sewage system study at Northwestern Primary School. Four firms have provided quotes to Eckles which were given to the board.

Engineering Firm	Quoted Fee	Comments
Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. Cranberry Township, PA	\$4,400	Does not include fee for Darlington Township Sewer Enforcement Officer.
Gateway EGINEERING Butler, PA	\$12,000	Proposed fee is based on time and materials basis, quoted fee is a not to exceed number. Does not include fee for Darlington Township SEO.
Frank B. Taylor Engineering New Castle, PA	\$9,760	Proposed fee is a not to exceed number. Proposal includes a \$1,200 allowance for the cost of the Darlington Township SEO.
Daniel C. Baker Associates, Inc. Beaver, PA	\$1,080	Fee is an estimate. \$90/hour fee quoted with estimated time of 8 to 12 hours plus reimbursable expenses.

Following the presentation, board discussion was held regarding the issues. Mr. May questioned the issue. Mr. Pander advised that the system tank is emptied twice a year; August and December. Blackhawk's Facility Supervisor's notes on the issues were referenced.

Junior students Noah Sims and Kirin Sitton conducted a presentation on a Pediatric Cancer Charity Fundraiser they coordinated. Mrs. Thellman was the teacher sponsor for a Volleyball Tournament that consisted of 12 student teams and 3 teacher teams. This initiative made a \$1,500 profit. Working through Penn State Beaver, this donation was taken to the Penn State Thon held at University Park. Noah and Kirin are hoping to continue this fundraiser next year. Thanks were extended to Dr. Kerber, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Fullen, Mr. Puskas, Mr. Slimm and Mrs. Thellman.

Ms. Elizabeth Kraft, an adult Special Olympian, spoke to the board regarding her experience of competing in Special Olympics; what she has learned, achieved and future goals. Mrs. Sarver, BIS PRIDE teacher, is a mentor to Ms. Kraft.

Mr. Rob Puskas provided an overview of the Global Passport Program Website. As part of the presentation, members where encouraged to send a text message to receive the website information for his presentation. Mr. Puskas' presentation included highlights of the students' projects with First Energy. The topics for the two projects are a) Radioactive material released into water supply and b) Radioactive materials in the river. In April, students will be touring the First Energy plant and In May students will be presenting their solutions they are working on to First Energy. Will be looking for additional community partners for future projects.

Mr. Fleishman offered condolences to two former Chippewa Township Supervisors who passed away earlier in the week. Mr. Tom Roberts and Mr. Dale Laughner. A moment of silence was offered for both gentleman.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Nancy Frederick, Chippewa, spoke on agenda item 7.3. (Ethan Frederick will be awarded The Wright Motors Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.) Ethan was recommended by Mr. Fullen and she wished to express her thanks.

Mr. Bob Clendennen, Patterson Township, addressed agenda item 5.3 – Comprehensive Plan. Inquired as to what is the current phase. (Phase 3) Then asked if the curriculum council reviewed and what stakeholder meetings have been held? He also addressed Policy 100 which indicates that the Comprehensive Plan needs to be on display at the public library and at each school for 28 days. Dr. Kerber addressed the process of the plan development and approval by the state.

Mrs. Ziegler, Chippewa Township, addressed the comment that there is no intention of closing Northwestern, however, this was an option that was discussed at the first Townhall Meeting.

Mr. Chad Crawford, Darlington Board Supervisor, spoke on the septic system and the research he has regarding the history. Including issues in 2009 when it was discovered that the cement caps had deteriorated. Adding that the septic system is designed to overflow into two leach beds. Dr. Rose recommended to form an adhoc committee to review the septic system at Northwestern.

Mr. Clendennen, Patterson Township, inquired about a personnel issue on the agenda. *(Amended by motion August 26, 2015.)*

Ms. Erica Raking questioned the process of opening the bids by Eckles Engineering. It was explained that those were not bids but rather quotes.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Kaszer made a motion for approval to accept the Financial Report for February, 2015. Mrs. Helsing seconded the motion.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried (Mr. May had stepped out of the meeting)

Mrs. Kaszer motioned to approve payment of the bills listed below. Motion was seconded by Mr. Pander.

- a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$375,666.32
- b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund: \$4,848.13
- c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$43,369.60
- d. Fund 66 – UPMC Health Fund: \$180.00
- e. Fund 67 – UPMC Dental: \$6,231.50
- f. Fund 68 – UPMC Vision: \$125.00

Payroll: February \$665,483.84

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried (Mr. May had stepped out of the meeting)

Mrs. Kaszer noted that the Monthly Insurance Report for February, an informational item, was in the meeting packets.

Recommendation to approve the following telecommunication renewal bid as part of the E-Rate program was made by Mrs. Kaszer and seconded by Mr. Young. (Blackhawk e-rate discount is approximately 50%):

- a. Sunesys – to provide managed fiber connection to Patterson Primary at an approximate monthly cost of \$700 after e-rate reimbursements.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried (Mr. May had stepped out of the meeting)

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Helsing made the motion to employee the following substitutes. Mr. Fleishman seconded the motion.

- a. Tammy Duespohl
- b. Lisa Hopkins pending clearances

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried (Mr. May had stepped out of the meeting)

The motion was made by Mrs. Helsing to hire Shannon Sabatucci as custodian substitute at a rate of \$9.00 per hour. Seconded by Mr. Pander.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried (Mr. May had stepped out of the meeting)

Approval is recommended by Mrs. Helsing to employ Norma Vorderbrueggen until June 30, 2015 as high school cafeteria clerk at a rate of \$10.50 per hour. Mrs. Kaszer seconded.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried (Mr. May rejoined the meeting at this time)

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. Fleishman seconded the motion to employ Tina Crees as cafeteria monitor at Northwestern Primary School at a rate of \$7.25 per hour, 2 hours per day.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

The chair will entertain a motion to approve the agreement with employee JW under the terms proposed by employee JW and his council and agreeable to both parties and to authorize the district solicitor to prepare the appropriate documentation. Motion was made by Ms. Aquino and seconded by Mr. May. Discussion: Ms. Aquino inquired that the terms were those of the employee – Yes.

In Favor	Opposed	Absent
Ms. Aquino		Mr. Yonkee
Mr. Fleishman		
Mrs. Helsing		
Mrs. Kaszer		
Mr. May		
Mr. Pander		
Dr. Rose		
Mr. Young		

Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Ms. Aquino motioned and Mr. Young seconded a motion to approve the following field trips:

- a. Transition (20), Mariah Brown, Tour of New Castle School of Trades, New Castle, March 24, 2015 (no expense).
- b. PRIDE (16), Dianne Sarver, PRIDE CBI, Brady’s Run and Eat-N-Park, March 20, 2015 (\$150 expenses budgeted).
- c. PRIDE (4), Tracey Yowler, Community Based Instruction, Walmart, Eat-n-Park, April 10, 2015 (expenses collected from other).
- d. Ninth Grade (180), Joe Verbosky, 9th Grade Academy Field Trip, Brady’s Run Park, April 30, 2015 (\$129 expenses collected from students).
- e. Transition (20), Mariah Brown, Job Training of Beaver County, Monaca, March 31, 2015 (expenses budgeted).
- f. AP Environmental Science (48), Rob Puskas, Nuclear Power Plant, April (TBD), 2015 (expenses budgeted).
- g. Enrichment (30), Amanda Sweesy, STEM Design Challenge, Penn State Beaver, April 9, 2015 (\$140 expenses budgeted).
- h. Patterson Primary School First Grade (75), Donald Bunney, Carnegie Science Center, May TBD, 2015 (\$460 PTO funded).

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

The motion to accept the 2015-2016 academic calendar as submitted was made by Ms. Aquino and seconded by Mrs. Helsing.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Ms. Aquino made a motion to table the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. May seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

In Favor of Tabling	Oppose Tabling	Absent
Ms. Aquino	Mr. Fleishman	Mr. Yonkee
Mr. May	Mrs. Helsing	
	Mrs. Kaszer	
	Mr. Pander	
	Dr. Rose	
	Mr. Young	

Roll Call Vote: 2 Yes (To Table); 6 No (Not Table) Motion Failed

Dr. Rose made recommendation to have copies available at the school offices and at Chippewa Public Library and school offices. Ms. Aquino made the motion to approve the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Pander seconded the motion. Discussion was held regarding the process and timeframe of the Comprehensive Plan. Meetings with the committee will continue – Yes. Mr. May questioned whether the board should have approved prior to submission to the state. The process was noted: Submitted and passed by the state then put on display for 30 days prior to vote.

Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 2 No; Motion Carried (Ms. Aquino & Mr. May opposed)

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS / REAL ESTATE

No Report.

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Mr. Fleishman moved and Mrs. Helsing seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Eric Franitti as assistant track coach.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Fleishman and seconded by Mrs. Helsing to approval the spring sports schedules.

Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 2 No; Motion Carried

Mr. Fleishman reported that the Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame will honor the following athletes and coaches at a banquet held at The Fez, April 26, 2015:

- a. Ethan Frederick will be awarded The Wright Motors Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.
- b. Alexis Hayward, St. Francis, receiving the Dick Kadis Award as outstanding senior college athlete.
- c. Tyler Damazo, Geneva College, Geneva College Athlete.
- d. Former coaches and students, Archie Miller, Garen Steele and Rick Migliore will be inducted into the hall of Fame.
- e. Steve Lodovico, Special Achievement for winning the girls basketball WPIAL Championship.

Tickets for the Sports Hall of Fame Banquet will be available for purchase in the Athletic Office.

Mr. Fleishman noted that the Blackhawk Foundation recent fundraiser "KidStuff Coupon Books" was very successful and received a profit of \$4,450. A special Thank You to Theresa Bollinger for all her hard work.

Mr. Fleishman extended congratulations to the Blackhawk boys bowling teams who qualified for the state playoffs in its inaugural season. The Cougars finished in sixth place at the regional qualifying event and will compete in the PIAA championships on March 21 in Lancaster. David Parr bowled a 570 series and the team had a total pin count of 3,687.

Mr. Fleishman extended a special Thanks to Peggy McCullough, retired athletic secretary. Peggy has been working in the athletic office the past few months to arrange a smooth transition for the new secretary.

A motion was made by Mr. Fleishman and seconded by Mrs. Kaszer to appoint Brittany Gorrell as volunteer track coach for the 2014-15 season.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mr. Fleishman congratulated the girls' basketball team as they will be competing Saturday night at 6:00PM against Archbishop Wood, in Hershey, PA for the PIAA Championship.

ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON

An information item was provided to the board by Dr. Kerber. Highlights included:

- PSSAs coming up quickly; books being distributed to schools
- Kindergarten Registration and a 'Sneek Peek' will be held next month
- Grade 3-5 held a Storywalk at BIS
- Highland will be hosting a STEAM Night on March 24, 2015 where 6 simulations will be conducted
- Students participating in Global Passport will be presenting their results to First Energy
- Dr. Kerber was in Washington DC speaking to a Congress regarding STEM/STEAM
- Continues to work on grants
- Intermediate Units Budget will be presented next month

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No Report

FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

No Report

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

No Report

POLICY COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Mr. Young and seconded by Ms. Aquino to accept the revised Policy 610, Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mr. Young made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Helsing to accept the revised Policy 404, Employment of Professional Employees.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

A motion to accept the revised Policy 405, Employment of Substitute Professional Employees was made by Mr. Young and seconded by Ms. Aquino.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Young and seconded by Mr. Fleishman to accept the revised Policy 504, Employment of Classified Employees.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mr. Young made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Fleishman to accept the revised Policy 505, Employment of Substitute and Short-Term Employees.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

BOARD / STAFF ENRICHMENT

Mr. Young made a motion to approve the conferenced listed below. Mrs. Helsing seconded this motion.

- a. LuAnne Maginness, Carolyn Fisher, Gina Gordon, Kristi Leiper, Bob Abel, Amy Black, Drew Bosco, Kyleigh Squicquero, Conducting the FBA Process to Guide the Development of Positive Behavior Support Plans, BVIU, various days from March 26, and May 5, 2015 (\$150 expenses budgeted).
- b. Dianne Sarver, Special Olympics Track and Field Prep, Western Beaver, April 30 and May 1, 2015 (no expenses).

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, noted that at the February 12, 2015 Board Meeting Mr. Frombach stated that the 2014-15 revenue was underfunded by \$1.6M. Is this still the case? Mr. Frombach responded that the number has not changed.
- Mr. Clendennen reminded the board that the district is due for the Performance Audit in 2015.
- Mr. Clendennen addressed the security work done under the \$22,000 grant and asked if advertising for bids was necessary. Dr. Rose communicated that he will investigate.

Administration

- No Comments

Solicitor

- No Comments

School Directors

- Mr. Fleishman announced Blackhawk has been recognized as one of NAMM's (National Association of Music Merchants) 2015 Best Communities for Music Education. NAMM Foundation recognized 288 out of 13,588 school districts in 46 states as among the Best Communities for Music Education. In its 16th year, the program singles out districts for outstanding efforts by teachers, administrators, parents, students and community leaders who have made music education part of the core curriculum.
- Mrs. Kaszer reported that an article was published on-line on March 11, 2015 by AOPA (Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association) entitled *High schoolers earn college credit exploring aviation careers*". Blackhawk High School is mentioned in the article as one of the districts participating.
- Mr. May expressed Thanks for the information provided this evening regarding the septic system and noted that it sounds like an easy fix.

The next meeting will be held on April 9, 2015, Blackhawk High School Auditorium, 7:30PM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48.

Submitted by Missy Kaszer
Blackhawk School Board Secretary