

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS VOTING SESSION
Blackhawk High School Library
March 17, 2016**

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Mr. Pander called the meeting to order at 7:39PM. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Berchtold	Mr. Fleischman	Mrs. Goehring	Mrs. Helsing	
Mrs. Jones	Mrs. Kaszer	Mr. Pander	Mr. Schaefer	Mr. Yonkee

Also in attendance were:

- Dr. Kerber – Superintendent
- Mr. Eric Brandenburg – Business Manager
- Mr. Hobie Webster – District Solicitor
- Mr. Noah Sims, Student Representative

A prayer was provided by the Pastor of First Assembly of God Church.

There was an executive session for personnel matters prior to the Voting Session.

Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the agenda – No amendments were presented.

PUBLIC REATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

No Report

Public Comments

Melissa Ziegler, Chippewa Township spoke on agenda items 3.6 General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2016, 3.7 Wilke & Associates for forensic audit of the Highland Middle School Project and 6.0 Buildings and Grounds.

Bob Clendennen, Patterson Township spoke on adding the committee chair names to the agenda and 3.7 Wilke & Associates for forensic audit of the Highland Middle School Project.

Jarrod McCowin, Chippewa Township spoke on 3.7 Wilke & Associates for forensic audit of the Highland Middle School Project.

Tom Petti, Chippewa Township spoke on 3.6 General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2016 as related to the stadium project.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Schaefer made the recommendation to accept the Financial Report for February. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Jones

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mr. Schaefer made a motion to accept the payment of bills as follows:

- a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$564,415.73
 - b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund: \$0
 - c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$36,094.40
 - d. Fund 66 – UPMC Health Fund: \$7,000.00
 - e. Fund 67 – UPMC Dental: \$9,784.80
 - f. Fund 68 – UPMC Vision: \$1,992.00
- Payroll: February \$1,130,750.48

The motion was seconded by Mr. Yonkee.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

The Monthly Insurance Report for February was included in the board packets as an information item.

Mr. Schaefer made the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Blackhawk Education Association regarding Camp Kon-O-Kwee. This motion was seconded by Mr. Berchtold.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mr. Schaefer made the motion to approve a transfer in the amount of \$500,000 from the Health Care Fund (66) to the Capital Reserve Fund (32) for capital projects. Mrs. Goehring seconded this motion.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mr. Schaefer made the motion to approve the consideration of the issuance of a series of bonds to be designated the "General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2016" (the "Bonds") for the purpose of financing capital improvements to School District facilities. In connection therewith, the Board does hereby authorize Piper Jaffray, as the Investment Banker, Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, as Bond Counsel, and the local Solicitor to begin preparing the documents and performing the tasks required in connection with the structuring, marketing and issuing of the Bonds, provided that, final approval of the issuance of the Bonds requires formal action of Board pursuant to the Local Government Unit Debt Act (including, specifically, the publishing of required notices), as and when appropriate. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Goehring.

Discussion was held by the Board of Director and the Business Manager regarding the proposals received and the rates.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yes – Approve Piper Jaffray	No – Not to Approve Piper Jaffray
Mr. Berchtold	Mr. Schaefer
Mr. Fleischman	
Mrs. Goehring	
Mrs. Helsing	
Mrs. Jones	
Mrs. Kaszer	
Mr. Pander	
Mr. Yonkee	

Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mr. Schaefer motioned to table agenda item 3.7; the recommendation to contract with Wilke & Associates for a forensic audit on the Highland Middle School Project at an approximate cost of \$26,500 until additional information is received. Mr. Berchtold seconded this motion.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

A motion to adopt the 2016-17 Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit’s General Operating Budget was made by Mr. Schaefer and seconded by Mrs. Goehring. The budget totals \$1,796,190.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Helsing made a motion to approve a Blackhawk Employee’s request for leave beginning on or about May 19, 2016 for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year.

This motion was seconded by Mrs. Kaszer.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mrs. Helsing made the recommendation to approve a Blackhawk Employee’s request for leave beginning on or about April 22, 2016 for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year. Mrs. Jones seconded the motion.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

The motion was made by Mrs. Helsing to approve Shawn Thornley for substitute custodial work at a rate of \$9.00 per hour pending clearances. Mr. Berchtold seconded this motion.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mrs. Helsing motioned and Mr. Schaefer second to approve the resignation of Denise Liptak, paraprofessional effective March 11, 2016.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Kaszer motioned to approve the 2016-17 academic calendar as submitted. Mrs. Helsing seconded the motion.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mrs. Kaszer motioned to approve the following field trips: (Exhibit)

- a. FFA (30), Lyndsay Wilcox, Spring CDE's, Lawrence County Fairgrounds, April 7, 2016 (\$175 expenses budgeted).
- b. FFA and Environmental Science (5), Lyndsay Wilcox, Beaver County Envirothon, Brady's Run Park, May 11, 2016 (no expense).
- c. PPS Second Grade (78), Chelsea Haight, Carnegie Natural History Museum, May 11, 2016 (no expense).
- d. PPS First Grade (69), Don Bunney, Carnegie Science Center, April 29, 2016 (no expense).
- e. PPS Kindergarten (66), Jenn Sharek, Children's Museum of Pittsburgh, May 27, 2016 (no expense).
- f. NPS First Grade (105), Jessica Dougherty, Children's Museum of Pittsburgh, May 26, 2016 (no expense).
- g. BHS Orchestra, Music Academy Classes (40), Nate Goodrich, Performance at Chicago Art Museum, May 4-7, 2016 (no expense).
- h. BHS Freshmen Class (90), Joe Verbosky, Phys Ed Field Trip, Brady's Run, April 28, 2016 (\$270 expenses budgeted and collected from students).
- i. K'NEX Afterschool Club (20), Meredith Oliver, K'NEX STEM Challenge, Penn State Beaver, March 22, 2016 (\$155 expenses budgeted).
- j. NPS Kindergarten (100), Mandie Payne, Living Treasures Animal Park, May 6, 2016 (no expense).
- k. Algebra 1 (50), Missy Bender, Engineering Day at Cedar Point, May 13, 2016 (no expense).
- l. AP Students (4), Kim Baker, Penn State Beaver Science Challenge, April 8, 2016 (no expense).
- m. AP English 12 (38) Jarrod McCowin, Pitt CHS Debate Forum, North Allegheny, April 28, 2016 (\$168 expenses budgeted).
- n. Seventh and Eighth Grade Chorus (75), Jayne McDonald, YSU, April 22, 2016 (no expense).
- o. National Art Honor Society/Art Class (45), Laura Kahler, Ashley Biega, Art Trip National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC April 8, 2016 (\$2,020 expenses collected from students).
- p. FFA (9), Lyndsay Wilcox, Penn State CDE Day, Penn State University, April 2, 2016 (expenses collected from students)

This motion was seconded by Mrs. Jones.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

BUILDING AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE

Mr. Pander commented on the Northwestern Renovation project as related to Eckles' work schedule for the year and the concern about the bond. Discussion among Board Members was held.

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Mr. Schaefer motioned to approve the Athletic Department Activity Report for February. This motion was seconded by Marian Jones.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mr. Schaefer motioned to approve a \$1,000 donation to Blackhawk Area youth Baseball Association. This motion was seconded by Mr. Yonkee. Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Kaszer spoke on concerns. A roll call vote was taken:

Yes – Approve the \$1,000 Donation	No – Not to Approve the \$1,000 Donation
Mr. Yonkee	Mr. Schaefer
Mr. Berchtold	Mr. Pander
	Mrs. Kaszer
	Mrs. Jones
	Mrs. Helsing
	Mrs. Goehring
	Mr. Fleischman

Roll Call Vote: 2 Yes; 7 No; Motion Failed

Mr. Schaefer motioned to table the appointment of Joe Verbosky, Assistant Varsity Track Coach for the 2015/16 school year (Supplemental Contract - \$3,105.00). This motion was seconded by Mrs. Helsing.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mr. Schaefer motioned to approve Kristy Gussett, Volunteer Middle School Softball Coach for the 2015-16 school year pending clearances. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Helsing.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mr. Schaefer motioned to approve Ryan DeSanzo, Volunteer Middle School Softball Coach for the 2015-16 school year pending clearances. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Jones.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mr. Schaefer motioned to accept the resignation of Cindy Guthrie as Varsity and Middle School Volleyball Coach. Mrs. Helsing seconded this motion.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mr. Schaefer acknowledge the Boys Bowling Team who has advanced to the WPIBL Team Finals on Saturday, March 19th at North Versailles Bowl. The team members are Jordan Wright, David Bibby, Caleb Wright, David Parr, Garrett Gilbert, Cooper Hertzler and Jarret Wright.

ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON

Dr. Kerber noted a few recent activities included:

- The Bactronix testing March 1, 2016
- Summer Camps: 2 will be offered – 1- Camp invention and 1 – Music Camp hosted by Brighton Music Center
- Re-Make Learning Week – May 9-13 has been dubbed ReMake Learning Week
- Northwestern Move – Parent information nights will be held on April 4th and 6th for parents of children affected by the one year consolidation.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

It was noted that the anticipated cost to transport the Northwestern students to BIS for the 2016-17 school year is \$20,000.

FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

No Report

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

No Report

POLICY COMMITTEE

Mr. Pander made a motion to approve the revision of Policy 006, Meetings. (Exhibit). This motion was seconded by Mr. Yonkee.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 1 No; Motion Carried (Mr. Schaefer casted the 1 'No' Vote)

BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT

Mr. Berchtold made the motion to approve the following conferences:

- a. Tara Jones, Attendance Child Accounting Professional Association, Cranberry, April 1, 2016 (\$77 expenses budgeted)
- b. Tara Jones, PDE Data Summit, Hershey, May 22-25, 2016 (\$1,000 expenses budgeted).
- c. Joe Lamenza, Ohio State Football Coaches Clinic, Columbus, OH, April 14-16, 2016 (\$974.30 expenses budgeted).
- d. Brooks Roorback, Nike Coaches Clinic, Las Vegas, April 29 – May 1, 2016, (\$720 expenses budgeted).

This motion was seconded by Mr. Yonkee.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mr. Berchtold motioned to nominate Bonnie Goehring as representative to the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Board of School Directors. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Jones.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

BEAVER COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY

No Report – The BCC&TC are meeting this evening too; additional information will be available in April.

PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

No Report

BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

No Report

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Visitors

Bob Clendennen, Patterson Township, spoke on negative comments and past board.

Jamie Hinkle, Patterson Township, spoke on personal attacks during the meeting and addressed a student bullying incident.

Rob Puskas, Chippewa Township, addressed agenda item 7.2 (donation to Blackhawk Area Youth Baseball Association) and requested reconsideration.

John Battaglia, Chippewa Township, spoke on Field Day being held on Saturday and retaining contracts.

Jacklyn Cline, Patterson Township, spoke on Mr. Fullen and offered the Board Members a copy of a signed petition.

Melissa Ziegler, Chippewa Township, spoke on the district audit and the motion made at the December 7, 2015 Board Meeting regarding the Sports Complex.

Administration

No Comments

Student Representative

Mr. Sims spoke on the following items:

- Mr. Cougar – being held this Saturday, March 19th
- Senior Class Party on the Gateway Clipper is planned for April 1, 2016
- Senior participation in Camp Kon-O-Kwee
- The current agreement for Beaver County Christian School to play Volleyball with Blackhawk is coming due; student have expressed interest in renewing

Solicitor

No Comments

School Directors

Mr. Schaefer responded to the public comment made regarding personal attacks.

Mr. Yonkee commended all those involved in the school musical; a wonderful show. He also spoke on the community baseball associations.

Mr. Fleischman responded to public comments.

Mr. Pander asked Dr. Kerber to address the student bullying issue that was brought to the Board's attention.

The next meeting will be April 14, 2016 at Blackhawk High School Library, at 7:30PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Kaszer
Blackhawk School District Board Secretary