

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS VOTING SESSION  
Blackhawk Intermediate School  
February 18, 2016**

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM. Roll Call was taken after the Pledge of Allegiance. Those in attendance were:

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

Mr. Schaefer was absent.

Also in attendance were:

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

A prayer was provided by the Pastor of Pathway Church.

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

The Beaver County Career & Technology report was moved to this point in the meeting. In honor of Vocational Education Month (February), Blackhawk's BCCTC students were invited to the meeting for recognition. Those students in attendance were recognized by name. Also in attendance from BCCTC were Ms. Laura DelVechhio, Director of Student Services who has also assumed the roles of Acting Administrative Director and Principal and Mrs. Betsy Zelina, Graphic Arts & Printing instructor.

Congratulations to the following students:

- a. James Rapp nominated and selected to receive an Academic Excellence Award
- b. Elizabeth Ayres, Material Handling & Logistics, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place DECA District 2 Competition
- c. Kyle Lyndes Argibusiness, 4<sup>th</sup> Place FLBA Regional Competition and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event at the FFA Regional Competition.
- d. Tasha Crawford, Automotive Technology, placed second in the Skills USA Gold Star Public Speaking Competition.
- e. Dakota Holberg, Collision Repair, placed second at the Skills USA District Competition in the Automotive Refinishing category. Dakota was also selected Student of the Month for October.
- f. Mackeanzie Ceyba, Student Ambassador, has been nominated for National Technology Honor Society

Congratulations to the following BCCTC Students of the Month for November and January:

- a. Autumn Gallentine, Auto Mechanic, Alexa Sosnowski, Cosmetology, Megan Ambler, Vet Assistant, Dalton Bradford, Welding
- b. Carissa Reese, Cosmetology, Tyler Welch, Graphic Arts

Tasha Crawford, Automotive Technology, addressed the Board and community audience on her experience at Skills USA.

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

No Report

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Dr. Kerber provided a presentation on the logistics of Northwestern closing.

Mr. Esposito provided a review of the timeline to date and moving forward for the renovation options being considered.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Nicole Gill, Chippewa Township, spoke on safety concerns at Northwestern Primary.

Melissa Greene, South Beaver, spoke on safety procedures at Northwestern Primary.

Mrs. LeDonne, Principal at Northwestern and Patterson Primaries, addressed School Dude.

Bob Clendennen, Patterson Township, spoke on bond issue and Act 25.

Tory Aquino, Patterson Township, spoke on the studies conducted at Northwestern have been a concern for the Board.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Yonkee made a motion to accept the Financial Report for January. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Jones.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

A motion was made by Mr. Yonkee to approve the payment of bills.

- a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$692,821.84
- b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund: \$0
- c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$45,500.24
- d. Fund 66 – UPMC Health Fund: \$277,164.85
- e. Fund 67 – UPMC Dental: \$12,911.25
- f. Fund 68 – UPMC Vision: \$2,329.00

Payroll: January \$1,093,055.19

Mrs. Kaszer seconded the motion.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

Information Item: Monthly Insurance Report for January.

Mr. Yonkee made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kaszer, to approve Aflac as one of our supplemental insurance providers. Aflac offers employee funded benefits at no cost to the District.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

Mr. Yonkee made the motion to approve annual membership to the Greater Pittsburgh Non Profit at a cost of \$500. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Goehring.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

Mr. Yonkee motioned to approve a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with AIU#3 for gasoline and diesel usage. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Jones.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

The motion was made by Mr. Yonkee to adopt the Resolution Supporting School Districts Serving as Plaintiffs in School Funding Lawsuit. Mrs. Helsing seconded this motion.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

Mr. Yonkee read the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Blackhawk Education Association regarding Camp Kon-O-Kwee. Mr. Fleischman moved to table this motion until the March meeting. Mrs. Goehring seconded the motion to table.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

Mr. Yonkee read the motion to approve a transfer in the amount of \$500,000 from the Health Care Fund (66) to the Capital Reserve Fund (32) specifically for the repair of the high school campus roofs. Mr. Fleischman made a moved to table this motion until the March meeting. Mrs. Helsing seconded the motion to table.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

#### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Helsing moved to approve agenda items 4.1-4.6 as presented (listed below). This motion was seconded by Mrs. Kaszer.

**Roll Call Vote to approve together was conducted:**

<b>Yes – approve 4.1-4.6 as presented</b>	<b>No – not to approve 4.1-4.6 as presented</b>
Mr. Berchtold	
Mr. Yonkee	
Mr. Pander	
Mrs. Kaszer	
Mrs. Jones	
Mrs. Helsing	
Mrs. Goehring	
Mr. Fleischman	

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

- It is recommended to approve a Blackhawk Employee's request for 6 days uncompensated leave in March 2016.
- It is recommended to approve a Blackhawk Employee's request for leave beginning on or about March 23, 2016 for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year.

- It is recommended to approve Lori Lloyd as part time cafeteria worker at a rate of \$7.25 per hour pending clearances.
- It is recommended to approve a Blackhawk Employee's request for FMLA beginning February 8, 2016 until March 8, 2016.
- It is recommended for Marilyn Zoretich, current cafeteria worker, to substitute for custodial work at a rate of \$9.00 per hour.
- It is recommended to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Blackhawk Educational Support Professional Association and the District regarding the Athletic Secretary position as presented.

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Informational Item: Division of Federal Programs Policies regarding Allow ability of Costs, Cash Management, Conflict of Interest, Travel Reimbursement and Procurement.

Mr. Berchtold motioned to approve the following field trips:

- NPS Second Grade (116), Cara Pertile, Carnegie Museum of Art and Natural History, Pittsburgh, April 15, 2016 (expenses paid by PTO).
- Ninth Grade (120), Jamie Moon, Carnegie Science Center, Pittsburgh, April 1, 2016 (expenses paid by students).
- PRIDE (27), Dianne Sarver, Ice Cream Social – Community Based Instruction, Beaver, March 4, 2016 (\$120 expenses budgeted).
- Fourth Grade student (1), Amy Black, Beaver County Special Olympics Swimming, New Brighton, April 8, 2016 (no expense).
- AP Computer Science (8), Kelli Ambler, Westminster Programming Contest, Westminster, March 7, 2016 (\$250 expenses budgeted).
- Eighth Grade Expressions (12), Jayne McDonald, Expression Performance, Chippewa United Methodist Church, February 24, 2016 (no expense).

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

Mr. Berchtold moved and Mrs. Goehring second the motion to approve the following student teachers for the spring semester:

- Tara Anderson will work with Jared Slimm in Social Studies Classes
- Rebecca Sapp will work with Ryan Hardesty in Social Studies Classes

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

Mr. Berchtold motioned to approve the elimination of the district paying for Advanced Placement testing beginning with the 2016-17 school year. The district will continue to pay for testing for 2015-16 school year. Mr. Yonkee seconded the motion.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

## **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE**

Mr. Pander made the motion to approve the temporary shutdown of Northwestern Primary School for the purposes of renovation beginning at the end of the 2015-16 school year. Mrs. Goehring seconded this motion. Board discussion occur regarding the affordability and the history regarding the school's condition. A roll call vote was taken:

<b>Yes – Approve the temporary shutdown of NWP for renovations</b>	<b>No – Not to approve the temporary shutdown of NWP for renovations</b>
Mrs. Kaszer	
Mrs. Goehring	
Mr. Berchtold	
Mr. Fleischman	
Mr. Yonkee	
Mr. Pander	
Mrs. Jones	
Mrs. Helsing	

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

Mr. Pander motioned to approve Eckles Architecture & Engineering, Inc. as the Architect for the renovations of Northwestern Primary School. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Goehring. A roll call vote was taken:

<b>Yes – Approve Eckles Architecture &amp; Engineering, Inc.</b>	<b>No – Not to approve Eckles Architecture &amp; Engineering</b>
Mrs. Helsing	
Mrs. Jones	
Mr. Pander	
Mr. Yonkee	
Mr. Fleischman	
Mr. Berchtold	
Mrs. Goehring	
Mrs. Kaszer	

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

#### **ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Jones motioned to appoint Breana Nalesnik as Assistant Varsity Softball Coach for the 2015-16 school year at the salary of \$2,070.00 pending clearances. (Supplemental contract). Mrs. Goehring seconded this motion.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

Mrs. Jones made the motion to approve a \$1,000 donation to Blackhawk Area Youth Baseball Association, for field maintenance at Patterson Primary School and Blackhawk Intermediate School. The fields have been damaged by weight of Carnival rides and Beaver County Pony League said it is too dangerous for participation. After Board discussion regarding other baseball facilities, Mr. Yonkee made a motion to table which was seconded by Mrs. Kaszer.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

The motion was made by Mrs. Jones to approve the Athletic Department Activity Report for January. Mr. Berchtold seconded the motion.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

Mrs. Jones motioned to appoint Chris Reed Volunteer Coach for the Blackhawk Baseball Team for the 2015/16 school year pending clearances. Mr. Yonkee seconded this motion.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

Mrs. Jones made the recommendation to appoint Lauren Bartoe Volunteer Coach for the Blackhawk Lacrosse Team for the 2015/16 school year. Mrs. Helsing seconded the motion.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON**

Dr. Kerber thanked the parents for attending the meetings the last 2 evenings to address their concerns.

#### **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

No Report

#### **FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE**

No Report

#### **NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE**

No Report

#### **POLICY COMMITTEE**

Informational Item: Second Reading, revision of Policy 006, Meetings. Mr. Yonkee addressed a conversation he had with the district solicitor regarding a Super Majority rather than a Majority. After board discussion a Roll Call vote was taken as to whether or not to require a Super Majority.

<b>Yes – Revised to require a Super Majority</b>	<b>No – Not to revised to require a Super Majority</b>
Mr. Berchtold	Mrs. Kaszer
Mr. Yonkee	Mrs. Helsing
Mr. Pander	Mrs. Goehring
Mrs. Jones	Mr. Fleischman

**Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes/4 No; Motion Failed**

#### **BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT**

Mr. Yonkee motioned to approve the following conferences:

- a. Amy Anderson, Darlene Martin, Brian Bain, Nicole Holiday, STEAM Conference, California University, March 18, 2016 (\$420 expenses budgeted).
- b. Nate Goodrich, Western Region Orchestra, State College, February 25-27, 2016 (\$375 expenses budgeted)

Mrs. Helsing seconded this motion.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

## **BEAVER COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY**

Report previously given at the beginning of the meeting.

## **PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

No Report

## **BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

No Report

## **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

### **Visitors**

Melissa Ziegler, Chippewa Township, spoke on Northwestern Primary and Finances.

Greg Woods, Chippewa Township, spoke on the following topics:

- Asbestos / Department of Health & Environmental Control
- Sports Stadium
- Roof Costs
- Class sizes following the move of students from Northwestern

Bob Clendennen, Patterson Township, spoke on the following topics:

- The board working as a committee of a whole
- A majority of board members attending a public meeting / advertising for public meeting regarding Northwestern
- Preliminary Budget

Beth Scheimer, West Mayfield, spoke regarding Northwestern Primary

Melissa Greene, South Beaver, spoke regarding Northwestern Primary and the contingency play.

JoyLyn Guntrum, Patterson, spoke on two issues:

- Moving students with special needs mid-year and the affects
- The \$1,000 proposed donation to BAYBA Vs. Camp Kon-A-Kwee  
*(It was clarified that the agenda item related to Camp Kon-A-Kwee was regarding a memo of understanding with the BEA, not the camp program)*

Jerry Crawford, spoke on asbestos; his training and knowledge of asbestos

Jon Kaszer, Chippewa Township, spoke regarding School Dude and the proposed audit of Highland Middle School.

Nicole Gill, Chippewa Township, addressed her concern with Northwestern Primary.

Jarrold McCowin, Chippewa Township, thanked the Board for the vote on Northwestern and spoke regarding School Dude.

**Administration**

No comments

**Student Representative**

Mr. Sims recognized the Girls' Basketball team for their latest victory against Deer Lakes.

**Solicitor**

No comments

**School Directors**

No comments

The next meeting will be March 10, 2016, Blackhawk High School Library, at 7:30PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Kaszer  
Blackhawk School District Board Secretary