

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS WORK SESSION
Blackhawk High School Library
October 12, 2017**

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

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

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

Also in attendance were:

- Mr. Eric Brandenburg – Business Manager
- Dr. Postupac – Superintendent
- Mr. Hobie Webster – District Solicitor

There was an executive session held prior to tonight's meeting for personnel matters.

Mrs. Kaszer motioned to approve the September minutes as amended. Mr. Schaefer seconded the motion.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the agenda:

There were no amendments to the agenda.

PUBLIC REATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

2.1 Congratulations to the following high school students for being selected Student of the Month for October.

- a. Chippewa Lions – Joseph Dragonjac
- b. Rotary – Elaina Pappan
- c. Little Beaver Lions – Abbey Uebelacker

Public Comment

Neil Morrison, South Beaver, inquired about the funding source for items 6.1 and 6.2.

Dom Borello, Patterson Township, inquired about the placement of the scoreboard at the stadium.

Joseph Spirnock, South Beaver, spoke on the conditions of his road (Allen Road, South Beaver) as related to bus traffic.

Greg Woods, Chippewa Township, inquired about agenda items 6.1 and 6.2; will this complete payment?

John Battaglia, Chippewa, inquired about turf size regulations and the ability to host playoff games and the location for track and field events.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

3.1 Informational Item: Monthly Insurance Report for September.

- a. UPMC Health Fund: \$316,588.89
- b. UPMC Dental: \$13,749.65
- c. UPMC Vision: \$4,687.20

3.2 It is recommended to approve the Financial Report for September.

3.3 It is recommended to approve the payment of bills.

- a. Fund 10 – General Fund:
- b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund:
 - BAAG:
- c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund:
- d. Fund 66 – Health Fund:
Payroll: September

3.4 It is recommended to approve the athletic activity account for September.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

4.1 The Superintendent recommends approval of Prosoft Employee 1759 request for FMLA beginning on or about January 20, 2018 until on or about April 9, 2018.

4.2 The Superintendent recommends approval to accept the resignation of Susan Phillips, Patterson Heights Tax Collector, effective September 30, 2017.

4.3 The Superintendent recommends approval to accept Nadine Galbreath, as the appointed Patterson Heights Tax Collector effective October 1, 2017.

4.4 The Superintendent recommends approval of the following staffing agreements for nurse substitutes:

- a. STAT Staffing Medical Services
- b. MAXIM Healthcare Services

4.5 The Superintendent recommends approval for the following substitutes:

- a. Karen Fike, Nurse

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

5.1 The Superintendent recommends the approval of the following field trips:

- a. Fourth Grade GIEP Enrichment (7), Marykim Murtha, Glass Works, Pittsburgh, October 24, 2017, substitute expense.
- b. Transition (22), Amanda Sweesy, New Castle Trade School, October 16, 2017, substitute expense.
- c. Accounting 1 & 2 (30), Kelli Ambler, Accounting Career Day, Duquesne University, November 14, 2017, \$250 expenses budgeted, substitute expense.
- d. Journalism Class (15), Joy Winters, Point Park Media Day, November 3, 2017, \$250 expenses budgeted, substitute expense.
- e. Workplace Writing/Consumer Math (25), Joy Winters, Waterways Association of Pittsburgh Symposium, October 19, 2017, substitute expense.
- f. FFA (9), Lyndsay Wilcox, FFA Fall Leadership Conference, Blairsville, October 2, 2017, \$30 expenses budgeted, substitute expense.
- g. FFA (30), Lyndsay Wilcox, Fall Regional CDE, Lawrence County Fairgrounds, October 12, 2017, \$250 expenses budgeted, substitute expense.
- h. FFA (10), Lyndsay Wilcox, FFA National Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana, October 26-28, 2017, substitute expense.
- i. Lab Chem/AP Chem (40), Kim Baker, Faraday Lecture, Pittsburgh, November 15, 2017 \$250 expenses budgeted, substitute expense.
- j. Learnings Support (20), Mariah Brown, National Disability Mentoring Day, October 18, 2017, \$180 expenses budgeted, substitute expense.
- k. Band (8), Dave Zaccari, Woodwind Day, Ambridge, November 3, 2017, substitute expense.
- l. Concert Choir (20), Maura Underwood, Beaver County Chorus, Rochester, October 20-21, 2017, \$300 expenses budgeted, substitute expense.
- m. Music Academy (20), Maura Underwood, Music Academy Tour, Beaver Falls, October 18, 2017 \$350 bus expenses.
- n. Academic Games (15), Jeff Tripodi, Propaganda Competition, Geneva College, November 28, 2017, \$165 expenses budgeted.
- o. Tenth Grade (30), Sami Hanna, Aim for the Future, CCBC November 17, 2017, no expense.
- p. Fourth and Fifth Grade Orchestra (140), Krsten Neeley, Pittsburgh Symphony Education Programs, Pittsburgh, November 14, 2017 \$690 expenses budgeted, substitute expense.

5.2 The Superintendent recommends approval for homebound instruction for a Patterson first grade student.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE

6.1 Informational Item: Application 1 for payment regarding High School Stadium to FieldTurf USA, Inc. for the amount certified \$465,343.61.

6.2 Information Item: Application 2 for payment regarding High School Stadium to FieldTurf, USA, Inc. for the amount certified \$470,935.72.

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

7.1 Congratulations to Tyler Robinson, he qualified for the WPIAL Individual AAA Golf Championship.

- 7.2 It is recommended to appoint the following coaches for the 2017-18 school year pending clearances:
- a. Josh Gumbert – Volunteer Assistant Boys Basketball
 - b. Zac Hayward – Assistant Boys’ Basketball Coach, \$3,910.50
 - c. Tim Denman – Head 8th Grade Basketball Coach, \$2,073.75
 - d. Stephanie Hartle – Swim Coordinator, \$5,451.00
 - e. Michael Lodovico – Volunteer Assistant Girls Basketball

ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON

No Report

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

9.1 The Superintendent recommends approval of the updated McCarter bus and van driver list.

FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

No Report

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

No Report

POLICY COMMITTEE

No Report

BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT

- 13.1 The Superintendent recommends approval of the following conferences:
- a. Dale Moll, TSA National CRC Meeting, Reston, Virginia, October 16-18, 2017, no expense.
 - b. Drew Bosco, Proactive Solutions Understanding Students with Social and Emotional Behavior, Pittsburgh, October 5, 2017, no expense.
 - c. Rebecca Effert, Pennsylvania State Art Education Conference, Pittsburgh, October 20, 2017 \$25 expenses budgeted.
 - d. Jeff Tripodi, BCAGL/BCGC planning, BVIU, November 30, 2017, \$15 expenses budgeted, substitute expense.
 - e. Eric Brandenburg, PASBO, Hershey, March 6-9, 2018, \$1,199 expenses budgeted.
 - f. Laura LeBlanc, Principal Leadership Workshop, Pittsburgh, various dates within the 17-18 school year, \$500 expenses budgeted.

BEAVER COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY

14.1 Informational Item: Blackhawk has 49 students enrolled for the 2017-2018 with participation in 13 of the 17 categories.

14.2 Information Item: BCCTC Open House is scheduled for October 18, 2017 from 6-8PM.

14.3 Logistics & Materials Management students from BCCTC attended the 2017 Pennsylvania DECA State Conference. Blackhawk's Elizabeth Ayres placed 3rd in Materials Handling Logistics. Congratulations Ms. Ayres!

PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

No Report

BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

No Report

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Administration

Dr. Postupac provided an update on the swimming pool; bids received to paint the pool over Christmas break, along with the removal of sound barriers fixtures from ceiling. Can't paint walls at the same time due to humidity issues. Will address in the spring. Mr. Fleischman inquired about a new timing system for the swim team.

Dr. Postupac provided an update on the stadium; bleachers are currently being installed and progressing quickly. The press box arrived today.

Mrs. LeDonne provided an update on the district's comprehensive plan. The timeline previously reviewed has been outlined on a whiteboard and all tools to be used collected. The steering committee (BC2) invites to staff have been sent out. Several committees will be used, with different member demographics.

Solicitor

Mr. Webster advised the board the Dr. Postupac received a call from a real estate developer interested in purchasing approximately 15.9 acres of land behind Highland Middle School. He noted several points for consideration:

1. The property is a decent size and would need to be appraised
2. Is the district interested in building and reducing district's foot print in the future
3. Currently no access to this property; that is a separate piece owned by the district

Dr. Postupac pointed out that there is interest in real estate development coming to the district.

School Directors

Mr. Schaefer inquired about the newsletter received from the solicitor, particularly the article addressing Facebook/Social Media. Mr. Webster advised that if any social media is linked from the district's website it would be subject to Right-To-Know; recommended a social media policy.

Mrs. Helsing spoke about the 2017 Keystone Scores and Blackhawk placing 2nd in Beaver County. Mrs. Kaszer inquired about a presentation to review PSSA and Keystones scores.

Mr. Pander spoke on items 6.1 and 6.2 and advised that there are adjustments that need to be made prior to paying. District office staff will review line by line before the recommendation to approve payment is made.

Mr. Pander also recommended that an area at the stadium (currently dirt ground) be designated in honor of Marian Jones who was a huge part of the stadium project. Steve Dillon and Dave Liptak volunteered their assistance with this project.

The next scheduled meeting will be October 19, 2017 at Blackhawk High School Library, at 7:00PM.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Kaszer
Blackhawk School District Board Secretary