

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS WORK SESSION  
Blackhawk High School Library  
September 14, 2017**

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

Mr. Pander called the meeting to order at 7:05PM. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was held for the passing of retired teacher Kathy Bouril.

A prayer by Pastor Jeff McNicol of Pathways Church was offered.

Roll call was taken and those in attendance were:

Mr. Fleischman	Mrs. Goehring	Mrs. Helsing	Mr. Jones	Mrs. Kaszer
Mr. Pander	Mr. Schaefer	Dr. Smith	Mr. Yonkee	

Also in attendance were:

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

*7:06 pm Dr. Smith left the meeting*

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

Mrs. Goehring motioned to approve the August minutes as amended. Mr. Schaefer seconded the motion.

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

**Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the agenda:**

Mrs. Goehring made a motion to approve the agenda. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Kaszer.

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

*7:08 pm Dr. Smith returned to the meeting.*

**PUBLIC REATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

2.1 Congratulations to Braden Vaughn, for being selected Student of the Month for September by the Rotary Club.

## **Public Comment**

Greg Woods, Chippewa Township, inquired about agenda item 3.5.

## **Presentations**

Mr. Eric Petrazio, McClure Company provided a guaranteed energy services presentation.

Mr. David Esposito, Eckles gave an overview of the testing completed at Northwestern Primary. Tests included wells, PSI water quality (has not been done yet), soil, and asbestos. Also spoke on pre-renovation air quality.

*Mr. Fleischman left the meeting at 7:52 pm and returned at 8:08 pm.*

Mrs. Marianne LeDonne provided an overview of the process previously outlined regarding the comprehensive plan. Has been visiting, listening and learning. Moving forward, there will be a designated area on the district website that will outline the comprehensive plan, timeframes, meetings, notes, etc.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

3.1 Informational Item: Monthly Insurance Report for August.

- a. UPMC Health Fund: \$306,258.97
- b. UPMC Dental: \$13,177.85
- c. UPMC Vision: \$3,375.99

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

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: August

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

3.5 It is recommended to approve PlanCon Park K, for Project Refinancing.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

***Mrs. Helsing made a motion to approve items 4.3 to 4.8 as presented. Mrs. Kaszer seconded the motion.***

**A Roll Call Vote was taken to approve items 4.3 through 4.8**

<b>Yes – Approve</b>	<b>No – Not to Approve</b>
Mr. Yonkee	
Dr. Smith	
Mr. Schaefer	
Mr. Pander	
Mrs. Kaszer	
Mr. Jones	
Mrs. Helsing	
Mrs. Goehring	
Mr. Fleischman	

**Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

4.1 The Superintendent recommends approval to accept the Act 93 Agreement beginning July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2023.

4.2 The Superintendent recommends approval of tenure for the following teachers:

- a. Addison Young
- b. Drew Bosco
- c. Amy Black
- d. Amanda Durish
- e. Katherine Singletary
- f. Lindsay Wilcox

4.3 The Superintendent recommends to employee Janice Wolfe as substitute cafeteria worker instead of part time cafeteria and custodial worker effective immediately.

4.4 The Superintendent recommends to employ Leah Sheehan as part time cafeteria worker effective August 28, 2017 at a rate of \$8.65 per hour.

4.5 The Superintendent recommends approval to accept Kelly Lofink, paraprofessional, resignation effective September 1, 2017.

4.6 The Superintendent recommends approval to employ Karen Klicka as Nurse Paraprofessional, pending clearances effective September 18, 2017 at a rate of \$16.50 and benefits according to BESP.A.

4.7 The Superintendent recommends approval to accept the resignation of Janice Wolfe, part time cafeteria worker effective September 14, 2017.

4.8 The Superintendent recommends approval to employ the following as substitutes pending clearances:

- a. Debra Knight (nurse)

- b. Janice Wolfe (cafeteria)
- c. Barb Ellis (cafeteria)
- d. Lena Pitzer (cafeteria, custodial)
- e. Deborah Nelson (cafeteria, custodial)

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

- 5.1 The Superintendent recommends the approval of the following field trips:
- a. Third Grade (182), Megan Anderson, Iron Mills Farmstead, New Wilmington, October 20, 2017, no expense.
  - b. Girls Tech (7), Darlene Martin, NOVA Chemical Tour Your Future, Pittsburgh, various dates from September through December, substitute expense.
  - c. English Club (40), Romeo and Juliet, Pittsburgh, November 1, 2017, substitute expense.
  - d. PRIDE (11), Tracy Yowler, Mariah Brown, Dianne Sarver Instructional CBI, various dates and locations around our community throughout the 2017-2018 school year, no expense.
  - e. Transition (4), Mariah Brown, BC Youth Employment Skills Academy, BVIU, various dates throughout 2017-2018 school year, no expense.
  - f. Youth Ambassador (10), Sami Hanna, Youth Ambassador Program, September 20, 2017, substitute expense.
  - g. BHS Seniors (15), Andrew Yuhaniak, Penn State Beaver Tour, October 26, 2017, no expense.
  - h. Music Academy (12), Maura Underwood, PMEA Honors Chorus Auditions/Chorus, Westminster College, October 18, 28 and 30, 2017, \$350 (bus) expense budgeted.
- 5.2 The Superintendent recommends approval of the agreement with Watson Institute for the 2017-2018 school year.
- 5.3 The Superintendent recommends approval of the agreement with Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic for the 2017-2018 school year.
- 5.4 The Superintendent recommends approval to accept the Blackhawk School District Organizational Chart.
- 5.5 The Superintendent recommends approval for Ashley Biega and Leslie Kunkel to act as liaisons for Blackhawk School District to work with the Arts Education Collaborative.
- 5.6 The Superintendent recommends approval of the agreement with Western Pennsylvania School for the Blind to provide vision services for Blackhawk students.
- 5.7 The Superintendent recommends approval to accept the agreement with Heritage Valley Occupational Services for the 2017-2018 school year.

## **BUILDING AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE**

- 6.1 The Superintendent recommends approval of the advertising agreement between the Blackhawk School District and Dr. Frank Grisafi.
- 6.2 The Superintendent recommends approval to accept the Memorandum of Understanding between Blackhawk School District and Cup Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

6.3 The Superintendent recommends approval of the sale of three vacant parcels of land in West Mayfield Borough owned by the District as provided by Section 707 of the Pennsylvania School Code by utilizing a sealed bids process as authorized by Section 707(2). No bid will be approved by the Board for the sale of these parcels unless the bid price is at least \$1,000 with a 120 day closing period (closing period is negotiable). All sealed bids must be received by the Business Manager at his District Office located at 500 Blackhawk Road, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, 15010 by November 8, 2017. All sealed bids will be opened at a public meeting.

6.4 The Superintendent recommends approval for the following from TEC Electric for structural support, wiring, and all other necessary items for the function of the stadium scoreboard.

- a. \$6,000.00
- b. \$3,200.00
- c. \$2,750.00

#### **ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**

7.1 The Superintendent recommends approval to appoint Kristi Leiper as NW Bus Supervisor for 2017-2018 school year (Supplemental Contract \$588.00).

7.2 The Superintendent recommends approval to appoint Darryl Lockie as a Volunteer Cross Country Coach for the 2017-2018 school year.

7.3 The Superintendent recommends approval to accept the resignation of Cory Schmidt Swimming Coordinator and Middle School Swimming effective immediately.

7.4 The Superintendent recommends approval to accept the resignation of Diane Rumbaugh Artistic Director for the 2017-2018 School Musical.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON**

No Report

#### **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

No Report

#### **FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE**

No Report

#### **NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE**

No Report

## **POLICY COMMITTEE**

12.1 The Superintendent recommends approval to adopt the revised following policies regarding tobacco:

- a. 222
- b. 323
- c. 423
- d. 523

## **BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT**

13.1 The Superintendent recommends approval of the following conferences:

- a. Amanda Durish, Carolyn Fisher, Kyleigh Squicquero, Sarah Shuleski, Amy Muslin, Mindy Furda, Heather Pastor, Hanna Nohe, Laura LeBlanc, Catherine Virgin, Chelsea Haight, Dawn Kinger, Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling, Blackhawk High School, October 6, November 8, December 11, 2017. (\$1,800 plus substitute, expenses budgeted)
- b. Mariah Brown, Beaver County Transition Council Meeting, various dates (7) throughout 2017-18 school year. (\$75 expenses budgeted plus substitute)
- c. Tim Linkenheimer, Dale Moll, PATSA Regional Conference Planning Meeting, PTC, October 6, 2017. (\$100 expenses budgeted plus substitute).
- d. Tim Linkenheimer, Beaver County Gifted Consortium Meeting, BVIU, September 7, 2017. (\$25 expenses budgeted plus substitute).
- e. Leslie Kunkel, Pennsylvania Art Education Association State Conference, Pittsburgh, October 19-22, 2017. \$110 expenses budgeted plus substitute)
- f. Marianne LeDonne, Amy Anderson, Nicol Holiday, Scott Nelson, Sami Hanna, Joy Winters, Tim Linkenheimer, Dale Moll, Integrated Learning, State College, November 8-10, 2017. (\$4,700 expenses budgeted, plus substitute)
- g. Brady Okon, Barb Brown, Marianne LeDonne, Computer Science for Elementary, BVIU, November 21, 2017 (\$50 expenses budgeted plus substitute)
- h. Rebecca Effert, Regional Art Education Day, Keystone Oaks, October 9, 2017 (\$75, expenses budgeted)

## **BEAVER COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY**

No Report

## **PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

No Report

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

No Report

## **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

### **Administration**

No Comments

### **Solicitor**

No Comments

### **School Directors**

Mr. Pander requested that the district look into positioning containers around maintenance to collect copper, silver and aluminum and then cashing in these metals for the district.

Mr. Pander requested that the solicitor review potential policies to cover the usage of logos and images on the district's website.

Mr. Fleischman inquired about an update on painting the side room of the auditorium. Dr. Postupac advised that now that the roof has been completed this work can now be done.

Dr. Postupac announced that the soccer team has started using the turf field today. Monday, September 18, 2017 is Community Night for the Girls Soccer Team and Thursday, September 21, 2017 will be Community Night for the Boys Soccer Team.

Dr. Postupac advised that the steel for the grandstands is coming from Tampa, FL which has been hit hard in the hurricane.

Rick Sobona, Chippewa Township, inquired why the community is not listed at the end of the agenda for comments. He also requested an update on the tennis court lights and what time they are schedule to be turned off.

Mr. Fleischman expressed Thanks to Geneva College for their partnership this football season. John Battaglia, South Beaver, inquired about the BAAG account balance and spoke on agenda item 6.4.

The next scheduled meeting will be September 21, 2017 at Blackhawk High School Library, at 7:00PM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Kaszer  
Blackhawk School District Board Secretary