

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS WORK SESSION
Blackhawk High School Library
February 11, 2016**

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

The meeting was called to order at 7:33PM. 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. Schaefer
Mr. Yonkee			

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

Mr. Pander addressed the procedure/process for Public Comments.

Mr. Pander made a motion to approve the minutes from January 7, 14 and 21, 2016. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Jones.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Helsing and seconded by Mrs. Kaszer to approve the amendments to the agenda/approval of the agenda.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Fleischman extended congratulations to the following high school students for being selected Student of the Month for January.

- a. Marissa Connors – Little Beaver Lions Club
- b. Meredith Camp – Rotary Club
- c. Matthew Warnaka – Chippewa Lions Club

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Melissa Greene, Chippewa Township, spoke on item 6.1 – Discussion on Northwestern Building Project

Mr. Bob Clendennen, Patterson Township, spoke on:

Item 6.3 – Highland Construction Project Audit.

Item 6.4(b) the approval of Eckles Engineering as the Architect for the renovations of Northwestern Primary School.

Mr. Moll provided an overview of Blackhawk’s STEAM webpage and his presentation to the Carnegie STEM Excellence Pathway.

Due to another commitment, Mr. Schaefer excused himself from the meeting at this point.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The recommendation will be made to accept the Financial Report for January.

It will be recommended to approve the payment of bills.

- a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$0
 - b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund: \$0
 - c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$0
 - d. Fund 66 – UPMC Health Fund: \$0
 - e. Fund 67 – UPMC Dental: \$0
 - f. Fund 68 – UPMC Vision: \$0
- Payroll: November and January \$0

An information item, Monthly Insurance Report for January.

It is recommended to approve Aflac as one of our supplemental insurance providers. Aflac offers employee funded benefits at no cost to the District.

It is recommended to approve annual membership to the Greater Pittsburgh Non Profit at a cost of \$500.

It is recommended to approve a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with AIU#3 for gasoline and diesel usage.

It is recommended to adopt the Resolution Supporting School Districts Serving As Plaintiffs in School Funding Lawsuit.

It is recommended to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Blackhawk Education Association regarding Camp Kon-O-Kwee.

A motion was made by Mrs. Kaszer and seconded by Mr. Yonkee to accept the proposal for the comparison and processing of Act 80 records with Berkone at a cost not to exceed \$800. Every school district must comply with the requirements of Act 80 and provide the PA Department of Revenue with accurate enrollment information. The deadline for this report is February 29, 2016.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Information Item: Division of Federal Programs Policies regarding Allow ability of Costs, Cash Management, Conflict of Interest, Travel Reimbursement and Procurement. Mr. Yonkee spoke on EDGAR and Dr. Kerber provide an explanation of the program.

Information Item: Discussion of drug search of student property. Mr. Fleischman, Mr. Yonkee and Mr. Webster provided additional discussion.

It is recommended to participate in the School-Based Counseling Services/Mental Health Partnership program offered by Glade Run Lutheran Services at no cost to the District.

It is recommended to approve the following field trips:

- a. NPS Seconded Grade (116), Cara Pertile, Carnegie Museum of Art and Natural History, Pittsburgh, April 15, 2016 (expenses paid by PTO).
- b. Ninth Grade (120), Jamie Moon, Carnegie Science Center, Pittsburgh, April 1, 2016 (expenses paid by students).
- c. PRIDE (27), Dianne Sarver, Ice Cream Social – Community Based Instruction, Beaver, March 4, 2016 (\$120 expense budgeted).
- d. Fourth Grade student (1), Amy Black, Beaver County Special Olympics Swimming, New Brighton, April 8, 2016 (no expense).
- e. AP Computer Science (8), Kelli Ambler, Westminster Programming Contest, Westminster, March 7, 2016 (\$250 expenses budgeted).

It is recommended to approve the following student teachers for the Spring semester:

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

It is recommended to approve the reimbursement of Advanced Placement testing fees for Blackhawk High School students who receive a passing grade 3, 4 or 5.

It is recommended to approve the following field trip:

- a. Eighth Grade Expressions (12), Jayne McDonald, Expression Performance, Chippewa United Methodist Church, February 24, 2016 (no expense).

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE

Informational Item: Discussion on Northwestern Building Project. Dr. Kerber addressed and advised that there will be a parent meeting Tuesday, February 16th at 7PM. Mr. Pander addressed past radon and air tests. The Northwestern Project will address windows, electrical, HVAC, Septic, Plumbing and entrance. A comment from the public was received regarding a floor tile in a classroom at Northwestern and the handling of the situation.

Informational Item: Larson Design Group Sewage Complaint

Informational Item: Highland Construction Project Audit was addressed by Dr. Kerber.

It is recommend to approve the temporary shutdown of Northwestern Primary School for the purposes of renovation beginning at the end of the 2015-16 school year.

It is recommended to approve Eckles Engineering as the Architect for the renovations of Northwestern Primary School.

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

It is recommended to appoint Breana Nalesnik as Assistant Varsity Softball Coach for the 2015-16 school year at salary of \$2,070.00 pending clearances. (Supplemental Contract)

It is recommended to approve a \$1,000 donation to Blackhawk Area youth Baseball Association, for the 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.

It is recommended to approve the Athletic Department Activity Report for January.

Information Item: Swimming Senior Night is February 18, 2016, 5:30PM.

Information Item: The Athletic Department received notification that Dante Calabria will be inducted into the Western Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame on Saturday, April 23, 2016. Please contact Mr. Fullen if interested in attending this event.

Information Item: The Girls and Boys Bowling Teams qualified for the WPIAL Playoffs.

Information Item: The Girls Basketball Team finished second in the section and will enter the WPIAL Tournament.

Congratulations to Becca Beaumont, Kacie Rumbaugh, Logan Steel and Ethan Kron who were invited by the WPIAL to sing the National Anthem at the AAA Girls Basketball Championship Game on Saturday, February 27th at 3:00PM at the University of Pittsburgh's Peterson Event Center.

ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON

Dr. Kerber provided an update on activities in the district. Highlights included:

- Board Training by PSBA
- Invite to the Pittsburgh Penguins complex in Cranberry on February 4th; filming opportunity
- Continue work on grants, including STEAM grant
- State Budget is still at an impasse
- Keystone Test requirements have been postponed by Governor Wolfe
- Global Passport
- CCBC has been recognized as a top Jr. College (national recognition)
- Kindergarten Registration
- Former teacher, Mr. Emmanuel left a sizable endowment to the school for scholarships

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Yonkee provided an update on the bus stop issue at Shenango and Park Roads.

FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Jones has met with Mrs. Fleischman, who is working on better food choices for students and faculty.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

No Report

POLICY COMMITTEE

Informational Item: Second Reading, revision of Policy 006, Meetings.

Mr. Yonkee spoke on revising to incorporate the requirement of a Super Majority.

Mr. Yonkee also spoke on this Work Session being one of the best and commented on the PSBA meeting held on February 8, 2016.

BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT

Mrs. Kaszer made the motion for approval of the following conference:

- a. Ryan Hardesty, PA Association for Middle Level Education State Conference, State College, February 28-March 1, 2016 (no expense).
- b. Christy Desselle, Krystal Kier, Improving Oral Language Skills in the General Education Setting, BVIU, March 17, 2016 (no expense).
- c. Barb Brown, Amy Cienkowski, Beth Heckt, Meredith Oliver, STEAM 2016, California University, March 18, 2016 (\$181 expenses budgeted).

Mrs. Jones seconded this motion.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

BEAVER COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY

In honor of February being Vocational Education month, Mrs. Kaszer expressed interest in inviting the Blackhawk BCCTC Students to the Board Meeting on February 18, 2016 to recognize their achievements.

PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

No Report

BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

No Report

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Visitors

Bob Clendennen, Patterson Township, spoke on several topics including:

- Two solicitors (same firm) attending board meetings
- Budget/AFR's misfiling/overspending
- Status of Plancon J

Greg Woods, Chippewa Township, spoke on the movement of classes during renovations and finances.

Laura Mazur, Chippewa Township, spoke on AP Testing

Melissa Ziegler, Chippewa Township, spoke on AP Testing

Nicole Gill, Chippewa Township, spoke on the loose floor title at Northwestern and the protocol

Melissa Greene, Chippewa Township spoke on the protocol used for all issues and the donation to BAYBA

Jon Kaszer, Chippewa Township, spoke on the donation to BAYBA

Administration

No comments

Student Representative

Mr. Sims noted that AP Testing is 80 days away and French classes are preparing for Mardi Gras. He is working with Mr. Wolber on a project entitled Every 15 Minutes which will be conducted closer to Prom and Graduation.

Solicitor

No comments

School Directors

Mr. Fleischman commented voter registration for students who are 18. He also spoke on the AP Testing and the State Budget Impasse.

The next meeting will be the Voting Session on February 18, 2016, Blackhawk Intermediate School Cafeteria, at 7:30PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Kaszer
Blackhawk School District Board Secretary