

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS WORK/VOTING SESSION
Blackhawk High School Library
April 20, 2017**

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Mr. Pander called the meeting to order at 7:07PM. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken. Those in attendance were:

Mrs. Goehring	Mrs. Helsing	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

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

Reverend Ron Smith provided a prayer.

A motion to approve the March minutes was made by Mr. Pander and seconded by Mrs. Helsing.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the agenda:

Mrs. Helsing made a motion to add items 4.4 & 6.4 (Below) to the agenda. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Kaszer.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

- 4.4 – It is recommended to hire Lucas Day as a maintenance employee, pending clearances and subject to the collective bargaining agreement, as presented.
- 6.4 – It is recommended to approve Integrated Environmental Services' proposal for public water supply systems services at Northwestern Primary School at a cost of \$1,250 per month, as presented.

Student Trainer, Taylor Davis, was recognized with a plaque for her hours of volunteer service. Taylor volunteered over 500 hours to the football and basketball teams.

PUBLIC REATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Congratulations to the following high school students for being selected Student of the Month for March:

- a. Taylor Davis – Little Beaver Lions

- b. William Kostial – Chippewa Lions
- c. Dawson Merry – Rotary Club

Congratulations to freshmen, Hailey Joslin and Autumn Schiemer for representing Blackhawk at the PMEA District 5 Junior High Band Fest at Mercer Area High School.

Public Comment

Bob Clendennen, Patterson Township, spoke on item 3.3.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 3.1 Information Item: Monthly Insurance Report for March.
 - a. UPMC Health Fund: \$386,643.73
 - b. UPMC Dental: \$13,610.81
 - c. UPMC Vision: \$2,318.99

Mr. Schaefer motioned to approve items 3.2 through 3.9 as presented. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Goehring.

A Roll Call Vote was taken to approve items 3.2 through 3.7

Yes – Approve	No – Not to Approve
Mr. Yonkee	
Dr. Smith	
Mr. Schaefer	
Mr. Pander	
Mrs. Kaszer	
Mrs. Goehring	
Mrs. Helsing	

7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

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

3.3 It is recommended to approve the payment of bills.

- a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$495,804.91
 - b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund: \$0
 - BAAG: \$0
 - c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$47,542.47
 - d. Fund 66 – Health Fund: \$0
- Payroll: February \$1,128,962.28

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

3.5 It is recommended to approve the following Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit consortium articles of agreements.

- a. RWAN and Commodity Internet at an approximate pre E-rate cost of \$1,045 per month (\$478 per month after 60% E-rate discount on eligible components of the agreement) for a 5 year

- contract.
- b. Internet 2 Service at an approximate yearly cost of \$2,000
- c. PAIUnet Transport service at an approximate pre E-rate cost of \$331.33 (\$191.33 per month after a 60% E-rate discount on eligible components of the agreement) for a 3 year contract.
- d. Block of 64 IP addresses at an approximate yearly cost of \$64

3.6 The Superintendent recommends approval to accept the RFP submitted by Sunesys LLC to renew the district managed lit fiber connections between Blackhawk High School/Highland Middle School and Blackhawk High School/Blackhawk Intermediate for a 5 year term at a pre E-rate cost of \$3,150 per month (\$1,260 after an approximate 60% discount).

3.7 The Superintendent recommends approval to accept the proposal submitted by Interstate Communications for expanding and updating of the district's 2Way emergency radios at an approximate cost of \$6,168. The proposal will add 17 additional radios, new batteries for existing radios, updating of our current FCC license, and reprogramming of frequencies required for district emergency communication.

3.8 The Superintendent recommends approval to accept the following Category 2 E-rate applications for 2017-2018 school year pending E-rate application approval. Note: Items purchased under E-rate category 2 are items that are scheduled for replacement but can be obtained with a discount through the E-rate program.

- a. CDWG for a new district firewall at a pre E-rate cost of \$11,000 (\$4,400 after an approximate 60% discount).
- b. Dagostino Electronic Services for wireless equipment and licensing at a pre E-rate total cost of \$9,746. (\$3,898 after an approximate 60% discount)
- c. Greybar for cabling at a pre E-rate total cost of \$1,704 (\$681 after an approximate 60% discount)

3.9 The Superintendent recommends to enter into a direct contract with Matrix Quality Care, Inc. (dba) Araya to manage our prescription benefit plan for district employee's effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020. Analysis for savings through direct contract is attached. There will be no change in benefits.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Helsing made a motion to approve items 4.1 to 4.4 as presented. A second to the motion was received by Mr. Yonkee.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

A Roll Call Vote was taken to approve items 4.1 through 4.4

Yes – Approve	No – Not to Approve
Dr. Smith	
Mr. Schaefer	
Mr. Pander	
Mrs. Kaszer	
Mrs. Goehring	
Mrs. Helsing	
Mr. Yonkee	

7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

4.1 It is recommended to approve the resignation of lunch monitor, Linda Sullivan effective March 28, 2017.

4.2 The Superintendent recommends approval to employ Deanna Bonomo as lunch monitor at a rate corresponding to the Blackhawk Education Support Personnel Agreement.

4.3 The Superintendent recommends approval to employ the following substitute:

- a. Catherine Couch - Cafeteria

4.4 The Superintendent recommends approval to employ Lucas Day as a maintenance employee, pending clearances and subject to the collective bargaining agreement, as presented.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Helsing motioned to approve items 5.1 to 5.4 as presented. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Kaszer.

A Roll Call Vote was taken to approve items 5.1 through 5.4

Yes – Approve	No – Not to Approve
Mr. Schaefer	
Mr. Pander	
Mrs. Kaszer	
Mrs. Goehring	
Mrs. Helsing	
Mr. Yonkee	
Dr. Smith	

7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

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

- a. Student Ambassador (8), Youth Ambassador Program, Mariah Brown, Penn State Beaver, May 2, 2017 (no expense).
- b. Workplace Writing (20), Waterways Association of Pittsburgh Symposium, Joy Winters, Pittsburgh, April 20, 2017 (no expense)
- c. Northwestern Primary Second Grade (100), Trip to Wagon Trails, Jodi Borroni, Vienna Ohio, May 5, 2017 (no expense).
- d. Fourth Grade (206), Wetlands, Mindy Furda, Hopewell, May 11, 18, 25, 26, 2017 (no expense).

- e. AP English (40), Pitt College in High School Forum, Jarrod McCowin, North Allegheny, April 28, 2017 (no expense).
- f. Tri-M Music Academy (25), Memorial Day Parade, Maura Underwood, Beaver Falls, May 29, 2017 (no expense)
- g. HMS Orchestra, Seventh and Eighth Grade Band (122), High Notes Festival, George Hoydich, Carnegie Mellon University and Kennywood Park, May 24, 2017 (no expense).
- h. Invention Convention (53), Meredith Oliver, Beaver Falls Middle School May 16, 2017 (no expense).
- i. Sixth Grade Children’s Picture Book Project (180), Barb Mallozzi, BIS and Patterson, (no expenses).
- j. Fifth Grade K’Nex Team (4), K’Nex State Design Challenge, Meredith Oliver, Harrisburg, May 17th-18th, 2017 (\$720).
- k. AP Art Studio (11), Art and Architecture, Ashley Biega, Farmington, May 22, 2017 (no expense).
- l. Ninth – Twelfth Grade Students (52), Cedar Point, Missy ender, Sandusky, May 13, 2017 (no expense)

5.2 The Superintendent recommends approval of the following student teachers for the Fall semester:

- a. Brianna Meder, with Susan Hullihen
- b. Abby Preston, with Krystal Kier

5.3 The Superintendent recommends approval of the 2017-2018 Academic Calendar. (Exhibit)

5.4 The Superintendent Recommends approval of the class of 2017 request for a mural painting inside the high school building. (Design to be approved).

BUILDING AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE

Mrs. Goehring moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded a motion to approve items 6.1 and 6.4.

A Roll Call Vote was taken to approve items 6.1 through 6.4

Yes – Approve	No – Not to Approve
Mr. Pander	
Mrs. Kaszer	
Mrs. Goehring	
Mrs. Helsing	
Mr. Yonkee	
Dr. Smith	
Mr. Schaefer	

7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

6.1 The Superintendent recommends the approval to place a “Little Free Library” on Patterson Primary School Property in honor of Mrs. Jane Hetche.

6.2 The Superintendent recommends approval to accept the proposal submitted by Simplex Grinnell for the districts security and freezer monitoring services at an approximate total yearly savings of \$240.

6.3 The Superintendent recommends approval to accept the COSTARS proposal submitted by Simplex Grinnell for the installation of freezer monitoring equipment at Highland Middle School, Blackhawk Intermediate School and Patterson Primary at an approximate cost of \$3,618.64.

6.4 The Superintendent recommended the approval of Integrated Environmental Services' proposal for public water supply systems services at Northwestern Primary School at a cost of \$1,250 per month, as presented.

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

7.1 Congratulation to Emmanuel Hilton for being inducted into the WPIAL Hall of Fame on May 26, 2017. He is receiving the John Challis Award.

7.2 Congratulation to Madison Amalia and Mandy Aulbach for being elected to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette All Section Team for Girls Basketball.

7.3 Congratulations to Madison Amalia, Mandy Aulbach, and Mackenzie Amalia for being picked by the Beaver County Times for their Top 22 Girls Basketball Players.

7.4 Congratulations to Brianna Hoover and Madison Amalia for being chosen to participate in the Round Ball Classic.

7.5 Congratulations to Dawson Merry for being picked by the Beaver County Times for their Top 22 Boys Basketball Players and being selected to play in the Round Ball Classic.

7.6 Congratulations to Zack O'Connor – Zack signed with Geneva College. Zack will be playing soccer for Geneva.

7.7 Congratulations to Michael Turconi for being picked as the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's Athlete of the Week.

7.8 Congratulations to Natalie Fry and Colin Schaly for being Blackhawk's MAC Banquet's Spotlight Students. They were recognized at a dinner held at The Fez on Wednesday, April 12, 2017.

7.9 Congratulations to Mady Aulbach for being named to the Class 4A 2nd Team All-State (Girls Basketball).

7.10 Congratulations to Mark Engel for being named the Tribune Review Athlete of the Week.

7.11 Congratulations to Nathan Mensch for signing with Gannon University. Nathan will be running Cross Country.

Mr. Schaefer motioned to approve items 7.12 to 7.14 as presented. Mrs. Helsing seconded this motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken to approve items 7.1 through 7.4

Yes – To Approve	No – Not To Approve
Mrs. Goehring	
Mrs. Helsing	
Mr. Yonkee	
Dr. Smith	
Mr. Schaefer	
Mr. Pander	
Mrs. Kaszer	

7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON

No Report

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Yonkee motioned to approve item 9.1 as presented. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Helsing.

9.1 The Superintendent recommends approval of McCarters school bus drivers.

A Roll Call Vote was taken to approve items 7.1 through 7.4

Yes – To Approve	No – Not To Approve
Mrs. Helsing	
Mr. Yonkee	
Dr. Smith	
Mr. Schaefer	
Mr. Pander	
Mrs. Kaszer	
Mrs. Goehring	

7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mr. Yonkee inquired about meetings with McCarters.

FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

No Report

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

No Report

POLICY COMMITTEE

No Report

BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT

Dr. Smith motioned to approve item 13.1 as presented. Mr. Schaefer seconded this motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken to approve item 13.1

Yes – To Approve	No – Not To Approve
Mr. Pander	
Mr. Schaefer	
Dr. Smith	
Mr. Yonkee	
Mr. Fleischman	
Mrs. Goehring	
Mrs. Helsing	
Mrs. Jones	
Mrs. Kaszer	

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

13.1 It is recommended to approve the following conferences:

- a. Rachele DeFrank, Christina DiClaudio, Jordyn Shipley, Safety Care Training, BVIU, May 4 and 11, 2017 (\$30 expenses budgeted).
- b. Krystal Kier, Christy Desselle, Language Sample Analysis: Assessment and Intervention Planning, BVIU, May 11, 2017 (no expense).
- c. Susan Hlihen, Organ Tissue Donation Awareness, State College, May 11-12, 2017 (\$202 expenses budgeted).
- d. Ken Moser, Ashley Biega, ECET2, Pittsburgh, April 29-30, 2017 (\$400 expenses budgeted).
- e. Marianne LeDonne, Title 1 Federal Programing, Seven Springs, May 7-10, 2017 (\$1,160 Title 1 budgeted).
- f. Korin McMillen, Mariah Brown, Tracy Yowler, Optimizing Inclusive Practices, PaTTAN, Pittsburgh, May 1, 2017 (no expense)

BEAVER COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY

Mrs. Kaszer noted that the BCC&TC Budget will be discussed at the next meeting.

PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

No Report

BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

No Report

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Administration

No Comments

Solicitor

Mr. Webster advised that the DEP Permit is moving along and should be received shortly.

School Directors

Mr. Pander commented on

Mr. Schaefer inquired about the stadium costs.

Mrs. Kaszer commented on the special education teachers that were hired.

Mrs. Helsing discussed the Early Retirement Incentive.

The next scheduled meeting will be May 11, 2017 at Blackhawk High School Library, at 7:00PM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Kaszer
Blackhawk School District Board Secretary