

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

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

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Mr. Pander called the meeting to order at 7:08PM. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken. Those in attendance were:

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

Also in attendance were:

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

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

A motion was made by Mr. Pander and seconded by Mrs. Jones to approve the December 2016 meeting minutes.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

There were no amendments to the agenda.

Mr. Ditka spoke on the recommendations to amend the resolution made on November 17, 2016 and additional options that had previously been presented to the Board. Both require a 3-day advanced notification ad in the local newspapers.

Mr. Fleischman motioned to approve for Mr. Ditka to place the two ads to appear on Monday, January 16, 2017. Dr. Smith seconded the motion.

Public was given an opportunity for questions/comments:

Greg Woods, Chippewa Township, spoke on summarizing the Public Notification Ads and the debt limits

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 1 No (Mr. Yonkee); Motion Carried

PUBLIC REATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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

- a. Artemis D’Amico – Chippewa Lions
- b. Meghan Hixenbaugh – Rotary Club
- c. Abigail Masterson – Little Beaver Lions Club

Presentation by First National Bank

Representatives from First National Bank, including Shelly Holmes and Karen Teams, presented a proposal to the Board. Highlights include:

- Free Checking accounts with proposed floor balance
- An increase in monthly interest income (\$1,310.63 vs. \$759.11)
- Proposed interest rate of .25% (current .10%)
- Money Market rate of .30% (current .10%)

Public Comment

There were no comments from the public audience were made at this time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

3.1 Informational Item: Monthly Insurance Report for December.

- a. UPMC Health Fund: \$339,793.80
- b. UPMC Dental: \$6,070.50
- c. UPMC Vision: \$2,458.00

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

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: November \$ December \$

3.4 It is recommended to approve the Act I Resolution which certifies the Board will not increase the 2017-18 millage at a rate to exceed the adjusted index (3.3%) as calculated by PDE (2.13 mills Beaver County) (.68 mills Lawrence County)

3.5 It is recommended to adopt Resolution 01192017-1 establishing the compensation for the office of elected tax collectors.

3.6 It is recommended to issue an RFP to expand the district’s security camera system to include appropriate surveillance coverage at Blackhawk High School, Blackhawk Intermediate School and Patterson Primary School. The RFP will request inclusion of cameras compatible with the district’s

current Ocularis security camera system, appropriate licensing, camera installation, cabling, camera configuration, mobile access configuration and server setup. Specifics detailing the number of cameras and locations will be decided by district administration prior to issuing the RFP.

3.7 It is recommended to approve the appointment of First National Bank as the depository of school funds and to transfer all funds to First National Bank.

The board was advised that information has been obtained on damage to the district's softball field. The estimated cost to fix is \$72,500 and has been turned over to the district's insurance for review.

Mr. Pander communicated that the district has received a check from Blackdot (Sprint) for approximately \$127,000 to buy out the lease of the cell towers around the track.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

4.1 It is recommended to approve the employment of Dr. Gary Koch as School Psychologist for a three-year term at a rate of \$70,000 per school year retroactive to January 3, 2017. (Pro-rated for the current year).

4.2 It is recommended to approve Nate Goodrich's request for an unpaid day April 30, 2017.

4.3 It is recommended to approve Harris Solution Employee #1331 for FMLA on or about March 1, 2017 until on or about June 1, 2017.

It is recommended to approve items 4.4 through 4.8 as presented. Motion was made by Mrs. Helsing and seconded by Mrs. Kaszer

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

4.4 It is recommended to approve the resignation of Renee Hupp, Paraprofessional, effective December 21, 2016.

4.5 It is recommended to approve the resignation of Damon Rizzone, Paraprofessional effective December 11, 2016.

4.6 It is recommended to approve Jordyn Shipley as Paraprofessional, at a rate corresponding to the Blackhawk Educational Support Personnel Agreement beginning January 13, 2017.

4.7 It is recommended to approve Christina Welsh as Paraprofessional, at a rate corresponding to the Blackhawk Educational Support Personnel Agreement beginning January 13, 2017.

4.8 It is recommended to approve Carolyn Rapp as Full Time Food Service Worker at a rate corresponding to the Blackhawk Educational Support Personnel Agreement effective January 3, 2017.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

It is recommended to approve item 5.1 a-e as presented. Motion made by Mrs. Helsing and seconded by Mr. Schaefer.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

- 5.1 It is recommended to approve the following field trips:
- a. Fourth and Fifth Grade Orchestra (130), Krsten Neeley, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, Heinz Hall, January 26, 2017 (no expense).
 - b. Middle School Chorus (16), Jayne McDonald, BCAEC Middle School Choral Workshop, Southside School District, February 10, 2017 (no expense).
 - c. Concert Choir (7), Maura Underwood, PMEA District Chorus, Lakeview, January 12-14, 2017 (expenses budgeted)
 - d. Concert Choir (3), Maura Underwood, PMEA Region Chorus, Gateway High School, February 22-24, 2017 (expenses budgeted).
 - e. Middle School Gifted (7), Tim Linkenheimer, PANTHERx Student Power Solutions, PANTHERx Specialty Pharmacy, January 24, 2017 (no expense).

5.2 It is recommended to implement a 10 point grading system for Blackhawk School District to begin in the Spring. Presentation was made by Scott Nelson and staff.

5.3 Informational Item: The district is exploring a new student information system other than School Brains. Administration will provide an update on the material.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE

6.1 It is recommended to approve A.G. Mauro Company to move lockers and install a door in the Highland Middle School Pride room at a cost of \$3,590.

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

7.1 It is recommended to approve the athletic activity account.

7.2 Approval is recommended to accept the resignation of Justin Homer as the Assistant Football Coach.

7.3 It is recommended to approve the following supplemental contracts:

- a. Shawn Haddox as the Head Middle School Track Coach for the 2016-17 school year (Supplemental Contract \$3,199.50)
- b. Appoint Amy Taylor as the Assistant Middle School Track Coach for the 2016-17 school year (Supplemental Contract \$2,310.75)
- c. Theresa Bollinger as the Assistant Middle School Track Coach for the 2016-17 school year (Supplemental Contract \$2,310.75)
- d. Dan Muir as the Head Middle School Volleyball Coach for the 2016-17 school year (Supplemental Contract \$1,943.40)
- e. Charlie Gusset as the 1st Assistant Girls Softball Coach for the 2016-17 school year (Supplemental Contract \$2,512.20)
- f. Kenneth Fields as a Volunteer Softball Coach for the 2016-17 school year pending clearances.
- g. Dan Mensch as a Volunteer Softball Coach for the 2016-17 school year pending clearances.
- h. Zack Black as Volunteer Varsity and Middle School Track Coach for the 2016-17 school year.

7.4 Congratulations to the following students for their achievements:

- a. Carlyn Marazzi – 2nd Team All-Conference Volleyball
- b. Maggie Muir – 3rd Team All-Conference Volleyball
- c. Janieson Elia – 3rd Team All-Conference Volleyball

- d. Marcy Saldivar – All-Conference Women’s Soccer
- e. Britney Adrain – Beaver County Times Finest “22” All Stars Women’s Soccer
- f. Myles Vujaklya – All Section Players Men’s Soccer
- g. Ethan Burawa – All Section Players Men’s Soccer
- h. Mike Savilisky – Honorable Mention Quarterback 2016 North West Nine All-Conference Team
- i. Kyle Peterson – Honorable Mention Running Back 2016 North West Nine All-Conference Team
- j. Carl Jaszcar – 2nd Team Tight End 2016 North West Nine All-Conference Team and 2nd Team Defensive End 2016 North West Nine All-Conference Team.
- k. Chris DeLuca – Honorable Mention Offensive Guard 2016 North West Nine All-Conference Team and Honorable Mention Defensive Tackle 2016 North West Nine All-Conference Team.
- l. Makyah McGee – Honorable Mention Offensive Guard 2016 North West Nine All-Conference Team
- m. Jordan Krut – Honorable Mention Outside Linebacker 2016 North West Nine All-Conference Team.
- n. Trentyn Campbell – 1st Team Offensive Tackle 2016 North West Nine All-Conference
- o. Mark McKenna – 1st Team Defensive Back 2016 North West Nine All-Conference Team
- p. Andrew Reichenbach – Honorable Mention Inside Linebacker 2016 North West Nine All-Conference Team
- q. Spencer Hunter – Honorable Mention Defensive Tackle 2016 North West Nine All-Conference Team

7.5 Congratulations to Coach Joe Lamenza for being named Coach of the Week by the Pittsburgh Steelers.

7.6 Congratulations to Jimmy Nixon for signing with the Harford Community College. Jimmy will be continuing his education at Harford Community College and playing baseball.

7.7 Congratulations to Madison Amalia for signing with St. Thomas Aquinas College. Madison will be continuing her education at St. Thomas Aquinas College and playing basketball.

7.8 Congratulations to Mark Engel for signing with Radford University. Mark will be continuing his education at Radford University and playing baseball.

7.9 Congratulations to Breanna Hoover for signing with Kennesaw State. Breanna will be continuing her education at Kennesaw State and playing basketball.

7.10 Congratulations to Gianna Piocquidio for signing with IUP. Gianna will be continuing her education at IUP and playing Lacrosse.

ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON

No Report

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

9.1 It is recommended to approve the MOU between Lawrence County Children and Youth Services regarding transportation.

9.2 It is recommended to approve the MOU between Beaver County Children and Youth Services regarding transportation.

FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

No Report

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

No Report

POLICY COMMITTEE

12.1 It is recommended to approve the update to policy 227, Controlled Substance; Paraphernalia.

BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT

13.1 It is recommended to approve the following conference:

- a. Dawn Kinger, MaryBeth Heeckt, Student Assistance Program Training, Gateway Rehabilitation Center, January 11, 12, 18, 2017. (\$60 expense budgeted).

A motion to approve was made by Dr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Helsing.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

BEAVER COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER

No Report

PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

No Report

BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

No Report

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Administration

Dr. Postupac spoke on the return to the 2 meetings per month format.

Solicitor

No Comments

School Directors

Mr. Fleischman thanked the Board for their support in moving the refinancing forward.

Mr. Pander addressed a comment regarding over spending the budget by the Board.

Mrs. Jones expressed that she is against the renovations to Northwestern Primary School.

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

The Voting Meeting adjourned at 9:21PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Kaszer
Blackhawk School District Board Secretary