

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS WORK SESSION
Blackhawk High School Library
February 9, 2017**

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Mr. Pander called the meeting to order at 7:04PM. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken. Those in attendance were:

Mrs. Goehring	Mrs. Helsing	Mrs. Jones	Mrs. Kaszer
Mr. Pander	Dr. Smith		

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. Goehring to approve the January 2017 meeting minutes. Mrs. Goehring questioned the public comments noted in the minutes; if the proper individual was identified. It was agreed to review and approved the January meetings at the February Voting Meeting.

There were no amendments to the agenda; a motion to approve the agenda was made by Mrs. Goehring and seconded by Dr. Smith.

Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No

PUBLIC REATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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

- a. Colin Schaly – Chippewa Lions
- b. Raina McKoen – Rotary Club
- c. Julianna Capo – Little Beaver Lions Club

Presentation by Mr. Scott Nelson regarding grading scale

Mr. Nelson presented a few adjustments to the proposed grading scale.

- 92% - bottom of the 'A' range for a 4.0
- AP Weight move to 1.0 vs. .5
- Quality points to be assigned at the end of the year

Mr. Pander extended thanks and appreciation to several groups including the BAAG Group and their donors and Mrs. Amy Anderson for the fund raiser efforts for Camp Kon-A-Kwee.

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 January.

- a. UPMC Health Fund: \$352,251.17
- b. UPMC Dental: \$15,287.20
- c. UPMC Vision: \$2,626

3.2 The Superintendent recommends approval of the Financial Report for January.

3.3 The Superintendent recommends approval 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 The Superintendent recommends approval of the athletic activity account for January.

3.5 The Superintendent recommends approval to renew the districts telephone system contract with Consolidated Communications at a rate of \$1,238.10 per month for 36 months. The contract rate is the same as the previous agreement with an additional 500 minutes of long distance included. The agreement provides service to the districts telephone system along with standard phone lines for fax, fire and security alarms.

3.6 The Superintendent recommends approval for the following budget transfer requests:

- a. From Fund 10 (General Fund) to Fund 32 (Construction Fund) in the amount of \$15,360.
- b. From Substitute Wages (Fund 10) to Nursing Services Contracted (Fund 10)

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The recommendation to approve item 4.1 as presented was made by Mrs. Helsing and seconded by Mrs. Kaszer.

Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No

4.1 The Superintendent recommends approval to employ Kelsey Darr as Paraprofessional, at a rate corresponding to the Blackhawk Educational Support Personnel Agreement beginning February 10, 2017.

4.2 The Superintendent recommends approval of the Settlement Agreement between the Blackhawk Education Support Professionals Association and the District resolving grievances dated April 25, 2016 and May 3 2016 as presented.

4.3 The Superintendent recommends approval of Pro Soft Employee #1274 request for unpaid leave for the 2017-2018 school year per Bargaining Agreement.

It is recommended to approve item 4.4 as presented. Motion was made by Mrs. Helsing and seconded by Dr. Smith.

Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

4.4 The Superintendent recommends approval to accept the resignation of John Grodson, Maintenance Worker, effective February 3, 2017.

4.5 The Superintendent recommends approval to employ Lisa Cramer as Custodian for Blackhawk School District at a rate corresponding to the Blackhawk Education Support Personnel Agreement beginning February 20,, 2017 pending clearances.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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

- a. Concert Choir Men (9), Maura Underwood, Brothers, Sing On, Westminster College, March 23, 2017 (no expense)
- b. BHS Orchestra (5), Nate Goodrich, Western Region Orchestra, Dubois High School, March 9-11, 2017 (\$200 expenses budgeted)
- c. Fifth Grade (6), Krsten Neeley, Chorus Fest, Grove City College, March 31, 2017 (\$216 expenses budgeted).
- d. Journalism (5), Joy Winters, Washington, D.C., Penn State University, March 29, 2017 (no expense).
- e. Journalism (30), Joy Winters, Washington, D.C., Washing D.C., March 3, 2017 (no expense)
- f. PRIDE/Transition (15), Mariah Brown, Job Shadow, Animal Friends, Pittsburgh, February 21, 2017 (no expense)
- g. Student Powered Solutions, Rob Puskas, Tour of Power Station, Shippingport, March 3, 2017 (no expense).
- h. Tenth Grade (45), Andy Yuhaniak, BCCTC Tour, February 23, 2017 (no expense).
- i. National Art Honor Society (45), Laura Kahler, Art Trip National Gallery Of Art, Washington D.C., March 24, 2017 (expenses collected from students).
- j. FFA (9), Lyndsay Wilcox, Area FFA Public Speaking Contest, New Wilmington, March 22, 2017 (expenses collected from students).

5.2 The Superintendent recommends approval of the High School Program of Studies for the 2017-18 school year. Mrs. Kaszer inquired as to whether there are any changes from the current year. Mr. Nelson responded No.

5.3 The Superintendent recommends approval of a presentation, for 8th and 9th grade by the Drug and Alcohol Services of Beaver Valley pending solicitor review. An opt out letter for parents that do not want their child to attend the presentation will be provided.

5.4 The Superintendent recommends that SKYWARD Inc. be approved as the new student information management system beginning in the 2017-18 academic year contingent upon contract negotiations and complete legal approval of contract terms by the solicitor at an estimated initial cost not to exceed

\$89,900 and \$33,234.00 per year for 3 years. Cost is expected to be reduced after negotiation. Contract execution will not begin until final costs are approved by the Board of Directors.

Mr. Pander asked for the Education Committee have the opportunity to review. Dr. Postupac discussed the process used in evaluating programs.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE

6.1 The Superintendent recommends approval for payment for the following Blackhawk Stadium NPDES Permits

- a. \$1,500 – Beaver County Clean Water Fund
- b. \$600 – Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Clean Water Fund
- c. \$1,250 – Beaver County Conservation District

6.2 It is recommended for Eckles to prepare requests for proposal soliciting quotes from qualified professionals for services. The professional services listed below are necessary as part of the information gathering process prior to the actual renovation design and construction documentation process for the project. The information provided for land survey, hazardous materials and concealed sewers are needed before Eckles can begin design of the project.

The civil engineering services for the sanitary sewage system is necessary now since existing soil investigation, sewage system design and submission to the Local Sewage Officer and the Department of Environmental Protection for review and approval is time sensitive given the District's schedule goals. Per the advice of Ron Andrasko, a soil scientist the District engaged to study the feasibility of developing a new sewage system, review and approval to a new sewage system may take up to 9 months. The Northwestern project cannot be bid without all the agency approvals in place so the timely commencement of the sewage design and approval process must begin as soon as practical to avoid delays and allow adequate construction time to complete the proposed renovations before the start of the 2018/2019 school term. The requests for proposal soliciting quotes are as follows:

- a. Professional services of an Industrial Hygienist to perform a hazardous materials survey at Northwestern Primary School, abatement design and specification preparation and air monitoring services during the abatement process.
- b. Professional services of a registered land surveyor for land survey services for the Northwestern property.
- c. Professional services of a registered plumber to scope and survey concealed sanitary and storm sewer piping and prepare video record and survey document of existing conditions.
- d. Professional services of a Civil Engineer to design and assist the Blackhawk School District obtain government agency approvals for a new sanitary sewage system for the renovated Northwestern Primary School.

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

7.1. Congratulations to the following students:

- a. Karen Patterson, Blackhawk Gymnastics, 1st Overall, 2nd on Beam, 2nd on Bars and 8th on Floor in the Moon Invitational Silver Division
- b. Mady Aulbach, Blackhawk Girls Basketball, Beaver County Times Athlete of the Week
- c. Dawson Merry, Blackhawk Boys Basketball Pittsburgh Post Gazette's West Feature Athlete

7.2 A motion was made by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mrs. Goehring to accept the resignation of Bryan Vitali, Head Varsity Soccer Coach.

Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No

7.3 The Superintendent recommends appoint Ryan DeSanzo as the Head Middle School Softball Coach for the 2016-17 school year pending clearances (Supplemental Contract \$1,753.80)

7.4 The Superintendent recommends appointing Damian Palaich as a Volunteer Varsity Track Coach for the 2016-17 school year pending clearances.

7.5 The Superintendent recommends approval for the Administration to open and award contracts to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications for the 2017-2018 athletic equipment and supplies.

ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON

No Report

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

9.1 The Superintendent recommends approval for a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with AIU #3 for gasoline and diesel usage.

FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Jones reported that she has met with Mrs. Fleischman and all is going well.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

No Report

POLICY COMMITTEE

No Report

BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT

13.1 It is recommended to approve the following conferences:

- a. Nate Goodrich, American String Teachers Association National Conference, Pittsburgh, March 1-4, 2017 (\$650 expenses not budgeted) It was noted that the conference is usually not held in Pittsburgh and therefore was not budgeted.
- b. Nate Goodrich, Western Region Orchestra, Dubois High School, March 9-11, 2017 (\$450 expenses budgeted).
- c. Tara Jones, PA Notary Education Online Course, (\$280 expenses budgeted).
- d. Krystal Kier, Christy Desselle, Tools for Skeptical Thinking, February 13, 2017, (no expense).
- e. Leah Lindemann, PSLA, Hershey, March 30 – April 1, 2017 (\$850 expenses not budgeted).
- f. Rick Ford, Mike Arbogast, PA State Athletic Directors Conference, Hershey, March 21-24, 2017 (\$1,534.42 expenses budgeted).

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

Verbal Vote: 6 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

No additional comments

Solicitor

No additional comments

School Directors

Mrs. Jones thanked Mrs. Amy Anderson and Ms. Laura DelVecchio (BCCTC) for the STEM Program held at Highland Middle School. It was an interesting and fun evening. She also expressed thanks to Mr. Nelson and Ms. Woodward for the NHS Program.

Mr. Pander expressed interest in a new organic turf (cork) and expressed interest in the district investigating it for the activities/stadium project.

The next scheduled meeting will be February 16, 2017 at Blackhawk High School Library, at 7:00PM.

The Voting Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Kaszer
Blackhawk School District Board Secretary