

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' VOTING MEETING
Blackhawk's Middle School LGI Room
August 28, 2014**

MEETING MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Dr. Rose, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM. and the Pledge of Allegiance was made. Roll call was answered by six members. Those in attendance were:

Ms. Aquino Mrs. Helsing Mr. Pander Dr. Rose
Mr. Yonkee

Absent was:

Mr. Fleischman Mr. May Mr. Oswald

Also attending were:

Dr. Kerber - Superintendent
Mr. Petrush- District Solicitor
Mr. Wessel- Board Secretary

Dr. Rose reminded attendees of the video- taping policy.

Dr. Rose asked for a moment of silent reflection for Mr. Oswald who underwent surgery earlier in the day and others absent due to illness.

Mr. Pander moved and Mrs. Helsing seconded a motion to accept the minutes from the August 21, 2014 meeting

Verbal Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No; - Motion Carried

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Aquino offered commendations on behalf of the students who placed at the National Technology Student Association (TSA) conference in Washington DC on June 27-July 1, 2014.

Level 1 (6th – 8th Grade) Events:

- a. Hannah Mensch – (Individual) 8th Place Communication Challenge
- b. Eric Scanlon, Sydney Davis and Hannah Mensch (Team) 7th Place Geospatial Technology

Level 2 (9th – 12th) Events:

- a. Mitchell Pulleo (Individual) 9th Place Prepared Presentation
- b. Alex Devic and David Early (Team) 4th Place Open Source Software

Dr. Kerber presented letters of commendation for the students above.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Rose asked if there were any members of the public who wished to comment on agenda items only.

Ms. Jodi Weister asked about the process for filling the vacant seat on the Board, the General Fund's fund balance, the lease money received from gas leases, and the transfer of funds to the Construction Fund approved the previous meeting.

(Note: Mr. May arrived during the above discussion.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Yonkee moved and Mrs. Helsing seconded a motion to accept the July Financial Report.

Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mr. Yonkee moved and Mr. Pander seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills from the various Funds as presented.

Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mr. Yonkee referred the Board members to the monthly insurance reports and asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Yonkee moved and Mr. Pander seconded motion to allow tax forgiveness for an upset sale on tax parcel #19-001-0800 which owed \$764.50 in tax principal and \$201.44 in penalties and interest.

Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Helsing moved and Ms. Aquino seconded a motion to place the following individuals on the substitute teacher list for the 2014-2015 school year:

- a. Brittney Miller
- b. Kelsey Mason
- c. Jaclyn Begly

Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No; - Motion Carried

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Helsing moved and Ms. Aquino seconded a motion to approve the following field trips:

- a. Concert Choir (50), Holiday Concert Tour, Maura Underwood, Old Economy Village, Pittsburgh, December 2, 2014 (expenses collected from students)
- b. High School Band (55), Band Performance at Elmcroft, Dave Zaccari, September 16, 2014 or September 24, 2014 (which ever fits with academic schedule) (expenses budgeted \$300).
- c. High School Band (7) Band Demonstration, Dave Zaccari, George Hoydich, Blackhawk Intermediate School, August 28, 2014 (no expense).

d. English Club (40), "MacBeth", Joy Winers, Pittsburgh, October 8, 2014 (\$250 expenses budgeted).

Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. May seconded motion to allow German exchange student, Krissi Tetzlaff, to attend Blackhawk High School for the 2014-15 school year. Krissi is hosted by Blackhawk residents, Sue Ellen and Todd Wagner.

Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/ REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

Mr. Pander introduced Mr. J. D. Campbell from the Quarterback Club who made a presentation on short term maintenance issues at Northwestern Stadium and possible future plans for a new stadium.

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Mr. Pander moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to establish an ad hoc committee, which would include members of the public, to assess future facility needs.

Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mr. Pander moved and Mrs. Helsing seconded a motion to do the short term fixes at the Northwestern Stadium pointed out by the Quarterback Club.

Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Ms. Aquino moved and Mr. Pander seconded a motion to recommend to the Hockey Club that Sixth Grade players be allowed to play at the Middle School level. A discussion followed during which it was agreed that this action does not apply automatically to moving up students in other sports sponsored by the District.

Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE

No report.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Dr. Rose informed the Board that arrangements have been made to transport a JROTC student to Ambridge High School for classes.

FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

No report.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

No report.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Mr. Yonkee moved and Ms. Aquino seconded a motion adopt Policy 217 Graduation Requirements.

Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mr. Yonkee presented a second reading of Policy 006 Local Board Procedures.

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BOARD/ STAFF ENRICHMENT

No report.

INTERMEDIATE UNIT

No report.

VOCATIONAL- TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Mr. May attended a Vo-Tech Board meeting by phone prior to this meeting because Vo-Tech is searching for a superintendent. The process will continue and Mr. May will report its progress.

Dr. Rose announced that an executive session was held prior to this meeting for the above issue and legal items.

PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

No report.

BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

No report.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Visitors: Matt Young asked if handicapped accessibility was a concern at Northwestern Stadium. Mrs. Dana Tessier thanked the Board for their decision concerning sixth graders being allowed to play Middle School hockey.

Administrators: Dr. Kerber recognized the teachers and staff for a good start to the school year.

School Directors: Mr. Yonkee discussed the need for a strategic plan to be developed for facilities and District organization.

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. Pander seconded a motion to move the year's remaining Board meetings to the Middle School LGI room. A discussion followed.

Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Next Meeting: The next meeting scheduled on September 18, 2014 at 7:30 PM in the Middle School LGI room.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 PM.

Submitted by Jerry Wessel
Board Secretary