

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' WORKING/ VOTING MEETING  
Blackhawk's High School Library  
July 17, 2014**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

Dr. Rose, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. and the Pledge of Allegiance was made. Roll call was answered by seven members. Those in attendance were:

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

Absent was:

Mr. Heckathorn      Mr. Oswald

Also attending were:

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

Pastor Rod Smith, Chippewa United Methodist Church offered the opening prayer.

Dr. Rose welcomed the new Superintendent, Dr. Melanie Kerber.

Mr. Yonkee moved and Mr. Pander seconded a motion to accept the minutes from the June 12, 2014 meeting

**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; - Motion Carried**

Mr. Fleischman moved and Mr. Pander seconded a motion to accept the minutes from the June 19, 2014 meeting.

**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; - Motion Carried**

Mrs. Helsing moved and Ms. Aquino seconded a motion to accept the minutes from the June 26, 2014 meeting.

**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; - Motion Carried**

Ms. Aquino moved and Mrs. Helsing seconded a motion to accept the minutes from the June 30, 2014 meeting.

**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; - Motion Carried**

**PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Fleischman offered commendations on behalf of the Board to Stella Wright, Kindergarten student at Patterson Primary School, for her performance in June as Gretel in the production of "Sound of Music" at the Lincoln Park School of Performing Arts. Stella then performed a song for the Board and the public.

Mr. Fleischman commended on behalf of the Board Eighth Grade Math teacher Nicole Holiday whose students scored 93% on the Keystone Exams.

Mr. Fleischman reminded the Board and the public that the Cougar Car Cruise is planned for July 26, 2014 and asked those able to attend to support the Band Boosters in their effort to raise funds with the car cruise.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

There were no comments.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Yonkee moved and Mr. Fleischman seconded a motion to accept the Financial Reports for the month of June.

**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; - Motion Carried**

Mr. Yonkee moved and Mr. Fleischman seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills as presented.

**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

Mr. Yonkee asked the Board members if they had any questions on monthly insurance reports for June included in their packets.

Mr. Yonkee moved and Mr. Pander seconded a motion to contract with the Reschini Group to conduct a study of the District's health care funding at a cost of \$5,000. A discussion followed.

**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; - Motion Carried**

## **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. Pander seconded a motion to hire Tracy Yowler as Middle School Pride teacher at Step 19, Master's level (\$47,845 annual salary).

**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; - Motion Carried**

Mrs. Helsing moved and Ms. Aquino seconded a motion to hire Amanda Wertz as a Middle School Special Education teacher at Step 19, Master's level (\$47,845 annual salary).

**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; - Motion Carried**

Mrs. Helsing moved and Ms. Aquino seconded a motion to hire Katherine Kelly as a Middle School Special Education teacher at Step 19, Bachelor's level (\$47,065 annual salary).  
**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; - Motion Carried**

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. Pander seconded a motion to hire Lyndsay Wilcox as High School Vo-Ag teacher at Step 19, Bachelor's level (\$47,065 annual salary). Some discussion followed.  
**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; - Motion Carried**

Mrs. Helsing moved and Ms. Aquino seconded a motion to hire Addison Young as a High School Social Studies teacher at Step 19, Bachelor's level (\$47,065 annual salary).  
**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; - Motion Carried**

Mrs. Helsing moved and Ms. Aquino seconded a motion to hire Drew Bosco as an Intermediate School Special Education teacher at Step 19, Bachelor's level (\$47,065 annual salary).  
**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; - Motion Carried**

Mrs. Helsing moved and Ms. Aquino seconded a motion to hire Amy Black as an Intermediate School Special Education teacher at Step 19, Master's + 30 level (\$49,465 annual salary).  
**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; - Motion Carried**

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to approve the supplemental contract positions for 2014- 2015 as presented.  
**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; - Motion Carried**

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. Fleischman seconded a motion to approve Resolution 07172014 regarding Dr. Kerber's electronic signature for PDE purposes.  
**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; - Motion Carried**

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to approve the following field trip:  
a. Tenth Grade (40-50), Diane Huston, Venture Outdoors, North Side Pittsburgh, September 25, 2014 (expenses budgeted, and collected from students/Blackhawk Foundation).  
**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. Pander seconded a motion to approve the following field trip:  
b. Eleventh Grade (25), Bryan Vitali, GO APE, North Side Pittsburgh, October 23, 2014 (expenses budgeted and collected from students/Blackhawk Foundation).  
**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to approve the following field trip:  
c. Twelfth Grade (3 groups of 60), Jamie Planitzer, Camp Kon-O-Kwee, Fombell, April 14, 15, 16, 2015 (expenses collected from students).

**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. Pander seconded a motion to approve the following field trip:

d. Ninth Grade (150-200), Joe Verbosky, Freshman Fitness Field Day, Brady's Run, April 30, 2015 (expenses collected from students).

**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

Mrs. Helsing moved and Ms. Aquino seconded a motion to adopt the following series of High School textbooks:

- a. World History and Geography
- b. Chemistry
- c. Introduction to Psychology

**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/ REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Pander moved and Mr. Fleischman seconded a motion to ratify a contract to repair Northwestern Primary School entrance doors at a cost not to exceed \$10,500.

**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

Mr. Pander moved and Mr. Fleischman seconded a motion to ratify a contract with ServPro of West Hills for \$18,065 to remove contaminated soil under the high school locker room. The cost minus the District's \$5,000 deductive amount will be reimbursed by the District's insurance company.

**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

Mr. Pander moved and Mr. Fleischman seconded a motion to purchase filtering water coolers for Northwestern Primary School at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.

**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

Mr. Pander moved and Mrs. Helsing seconded a motion to contract with Abbey Carpets through Costars bidding consortium to replace worn/ damaged carpets at Northwestern Primary School at a cost of not to exceed \$35,00.

**ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Fleischman offered congratulations on behalf of the Board to Chassidy Omogrosso (girls' basketball) and Brendan McKay (baseball) who were selected as the Beaver County Times Athlete of the Year.

Mr. Fleischman offered congratulations on behalf of the Board to Brendan McKay who received the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Baseball Player of the Year and Pittsburgh Post-Gazette First Team All-Section, Beaver County Times Baseball Player of the year and Beaver County Times First Team All-Section.

Mr. Fleischman offered congratulations on behalf of the Board to Cody Bain, Joe Campagna and Jake Emge who were selected to Pittsburgh Post-Gazette First Team All-Section for Baseball.

Mr. Fleischman offered congratulations on behalf of the Board to Joe Campagna who was selected to Beaver County Times First Team All-Section for Baseball.

Mr. Fleischman offered congratulations on behalf of the Board to Heather Barrett, Megan Davis and Bridgette Shaffer who were named to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette First Team All-Section for Softball.

Mr. Fleischman offered congratulations on behalf of the Board to Heather Barrett and Megan Davis who were named to the Beaver County Times First Team All-Section for Softball.

Mr. Fleischman moved and Mr. Pander seconded a motion to accept the Student Activities Account report as submitted.

**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

Mr. Fleischman referred the Board members to the Summary of Spring Sports Seasons in their packets.

Mr. Fleischman referred the Board members to the 2013- 2014 Athletics Highlights in their packets.

Mr. Fleischman moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to accept the fall athletic schedules as submitted.

**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

Mr. Fleischman moved and Mr. Pander seconded a motion to enter into a co-operative sponsorship with the Beaver County Christian School in the following sports:

- a. Softball
- b. Wrestling
- c. Girls Soccer
- d. Girls Tennis
- e. Boys and Girls Golf

**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

Mr. Fleischman moved and Mrs. Helsing seconded a motion to enter into a co-operative sponsorship with the Beaver County Christian School in Boys' volleyball.

**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

## **ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE**

Dr. Rose asked for a moment of silence for the District residents who were killed in a recent house explosion.

## **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

No report.

## **FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE**

No report.

## **NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE**

No report.

## **POLICY COMMITTEE**

Mr. Yonkee presented a first reading of Policy 217 Graduation Requirements, and had Mr. Scott Nelson, High School principal, read the policy and answer questions on it.

Mr. Yonkee reported on a conference he attended at which changes to Federal policies were discussed.

Mr. Yonkee moved and Mr. May seconded a motion directing the Policy Committee and solicitor to rewrite the policy concerning scheduling Board meetings to provide for a single meeting per month. Some discussion preceded and followed the motion.

**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

## **BOARD/ STAFF ENRICHMENT**

Ms. Aquino informed the Board members that a letter was sent to Dr. Thomas thanking him for his service as Acting Superintendent.

## **INTERMEDIATE UNIT**

No report.

## **VOCATIONAL- TECHNICAL SCHOOL**

No report.

## **PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

No report.

## **BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

No report.

## **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

Visitors: Mrs. Melissa Zeigler asked about the rules for public participation at Board meetings and plans to fill the position of Curriculum Director.

Mrs. Diane Rumbaugh discussed the quality of drinking water in Chippewa Township and the litigation over the early bird teachers' contract.

Administrators: Dr. Kerber reported that she prepared a State of the District Report that will be posted on line Friday July 18, 2014.

School Directors: Mr. Pander thanked the custodians at Northwestern Primary School for their work preparing the building for the new school year.

Mr. Fleichman again thanked Stella Wright for performing and her parents for attending the meeting.

Dr. Rose addressed the policy for public participation in meetings and referred the quality of drinking water questions to the Buildings and Grounds Committee to research.

Next Meeting: Mr. May moved and Mr. Pander seconded a motion to set the next meeting for August 14, 2014 in the Blackhawk High School library at 7:30 PM.

**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by Jerry Wessel  
Board Secretary