

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' WORK SESSION  
Blackhawk's High School Library  
June 12, 2014**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

Dr. Rose, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:43 PM. and the Pledge of Allegiance was made. Roll call was answered by six members. Those in attendance were:

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

Absent were:

Mr. Heckathorn	Mrs. Helsing	Mr. Oswald
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Also attending were:

Dr. Thomas- Acting Superintendent  
Mr. Petrush- Solicitor  
Mr. Wessel- Board Secretary

Dr. Rose directed the attendees to the videotaping policy in place for the meeting.

Dr. Rose asked for a moment of silent reflection for those Board members missing due to illnesses.

Ms. Aquino moved and Mr. Yonkee seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2014 meeting as written.

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

Mr. Yonkee moved and Mr. Pander seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the May 22, 2014 meeting as written.

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

Mr. Pander moved and Ms. Aquino seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the May 29, 2014 meeting as written.

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

**PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Fleischman introduced Ms. JaneAnn Fucci, Principal of Patterson Primary School, who congratulated and presented a plaque to Ms. Carol Morsey upon her retirement as Patterson Primary School Secretary. He then introduced Mr. Scott Nelson, High School Principal, who congratulated and presented plaques to Ms. Loralee Alexander and Ms. Donna DiTorro upon

their retirements as High School Paraprofessionals. Mr. Fleischman also recognized retirees who could not be present- Ms. Katherine Smith (High School Secretary), Ms. Roberta Bannon, (High School teacher), Ms. Deborah Daquila (High School teacher) and Ms. Peggy Mesko (Middle School teacher).

Mr. Fleischman offered congratulations on behalf of the Board to Blackhawk High School and the cast of the musical Titanic” who received the “Outstanding Vocal Ensemble” award at the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Henry Mancini Theatre Awards.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dr. Rose asked if there were any members of the public who wished to make comments.

Ms. Melissa Zeigler asked if an executive session was held prior to the meeting and Dr. Rose replied that one was held for Personnel but none was planned for after the meeting. Ms. Zeigler discussed the cost of litigation, the survey of Kindergarten parents, and perception of the Board by the public.

Mr. Clint Berchtold questioned the vetting procedure used for the new Superintendent, and discussed the revocation of the teachers’ contract.

Mr. Bob Clendennen asked for a podium for use by the members of the public when they speak.

Mr. Berchtold apologized for getting loud and said he did not want to appear to be scolding the Board.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Yonkee informed the Board that the Financial Report for May will be presented at the June 19, 2014 meeting.

Mr. Yonkee informed the Board that bills paid from the District Funds for May will be presented for approval at the June 19, 2014 meeting.

Mr. Yonkee informed the Board that the May Monthly Insurance Reports will be provided at the June 19, 2014 meeting.

Mr. Yonkee discussed the agenda items for the June 19, 2014 meeting relating to the budgets for 2014- 2015; the tax levies, tax collectors and tax collection procedures for 2014- 2015; Homestead/ Farmstead exclusions for 2014- 2015; and, insurances for the 2014- 2015 school year.

Mr. Yonkee introduced two proposed bids for upset tax sales properties on the agenda for the June 19, 2014 meeting.

After some discussion, Mr. Yonkee moved and Ms. Aquino seconded a motion to hire an actuary to examine the balances and recommend Fund balance levels for the District's Health Funds.

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

#### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Mr. Pander discussed the Personnel Committee items on the agenda for the June 19, 2014 meeting and added an agenda item to hire extra part time employees for the summer to clean trouble areas at Northwestern Primary School.

#### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Ms. Aquino discussed the Education Committee items on the agenda for the June 19, 2014 meeting.

#### **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/ REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Pander introduced Ms. Missy Kaszer, who gave a presentation on construction issues at the Middle School and repair issues at the Northwestern Primary School.

#### **ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Fleischman congratulated on behalf of Board the boy's baseball team who are the WPIAL AAA runner-up and qualified for the PIAA baseball playoffs.

Mr. Fleischman congratulated on behalf of the Board Brendan McKay who was selected as the 2013-2014 Gatorade Pennsylvania Baseball Player of the Year for the second year in a row and by the WPIAL Baseball Coaches Association as the WPIAL AAA Pitcher of the Year.

Mr. Fleischman congratulated on behalf of the Board Brendan McKay who at the May 29, 2014 WPIAL Championship game had his consecutive scoreless innings streak end at 72 1/3 which ties the second-longest in US high school baseball history.

Mr. Fleischman congratulated on behalf of the Board Nicole Cuddy, Jordan Taylor, Ashley Comley and Aleena Milinski who were selected to the Western PA Scholastic Lacrosse Association (WPSLA) All Section Team - Division 2 in Women's Lacrosse and Aleena Milinski, the first Blackhawk player chosen for the Western Pennsylvania National Team.

Mr. Fleischman covered the item proposed for the June 19, 2014 agenda.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE**

No report.

#### **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

No report.

#### **FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE**

No report.

## **NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE**

No report.

## **POLICY COMMITTEE**

Mr. Yonkee gave the first reading of Policy 304, Conflict of Interest/ Nepotism.

## **BOARD/ STAFF ENRICHMENT**

Ms. Aquino discussed the conference attendances on the agenda for the June 19, 2014 meeting.

## **INTERMEDIATE UNIT**

No report.

## **VOCATIONAL- TECHNICAL SCHOOL**

Dr. Rose discussed the item in this area proposed for the June 19, 2014 meeting..

## **PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

No report.

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

No report.

## **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

Visitors: Mr. Bob Clendennen discussed stop loss insurance, the proposed millage increase, the proposed Nepotism Policy, Middle School change orders, and topics discussed in Executive Sessions.

Ms. Missy Kaszer discussed the purpose of her presentation earlier in the meeting.

Ms. Melissa Zeigler discussed the Health Care Fund, cost of an actuary, planned movement of summer school from Northwestern Primary School to Patterson Primary School, and winning kids back to the District from cyber, charter and private schools.

Ms. Jodi Weister discussed the Health Fund.

Mr. Jon Kaszer discussed the briefing presented earlier, the previous IRS fine status, and the public comment policy enforcement.

Administrators: Dr. Thomas wished employee Ms. Lauren Chappell well as she moves to a position in another district.

School Directors: Mr. Pander said he has been speaking with the architect about improvements at Northwestern Primary School, but not a major renovation project. The main objective this summer is a thorough cleaning of vents and other areas. Some discussion followed.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2014 in the Blackhawk High School library at 7:30 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 PM.

Submitted by Jerry Wessel  
Board Secretary