

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' VOTING MEETING  
Blackhawk's Middle School LGI Room  
September 18, 2014**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

Dr. Rose, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM. and the Pledge of Allegiance was made. Roll call was answered by seven members with one seat currently vacant. Those in attendance were:

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

Absent was:

Mr. May

Also attending were:

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

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

Pastor Kimberley Small, pastor at the First Assembly of God offered the opening prayer.

Mr. Oswald moved and Mr. Pander seconded a motion to accept the minutes from the August 28, 2014 meeting

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

Dr. Kerber introduced the Blackhawk Intermediate School (BIS) Buddies who gave a presentation on the Buddies program.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Fleischman had no report but thanked the BIS students, teachers and parents for their presentation and work.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

Mr. Bob Clendennen discussed proposed policy changes and subjects appropriate for executive sessions.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Yonkee moved and Mr. Oswald seconded a motion to accept the Financial Report for August as presented.

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

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

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

Mr. Yonkee referred the Board members to the Monthly Insurance Reports and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Mr. Fleischman asked about the current status of PlanCon reimbursements from the State.

## **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

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

- a. Sonja Reed
- b. Rachel Cline
- c. Rose Dunkerly
- d. Helen Chontos
- e. Rowenna Milinski

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

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. Pander seconded a motion to grant Brittany Simpson, paraprofessional at BIS, request for time off beginning on or about October 6, 2014 until on or about January 26, 2015 utilizing sick days and FMLA.

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

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. Fleischman seconded a motion to hire the following sub custodial workers at a rate of \$9 per hour pending receipt of clearances:

- a. Erin Lokey
- b. Kathy Buchanon
- c. Joseph Lehner

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

Mrs. Helsing moved and Ms. Aquino seconded a motion to renew the rate of Heather Kronk's contract for the 2014-15 school year.

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

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. Fleischman seconded a motion to employ Stephanie Heckathorn as paraprofessional at Northwestern Primary School effective immediately, at a rate of \$9.36 per hour plus benefits effective immediately.

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

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. Fleischman seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Jason Peek, Blackhawk Intermediate School custodian, effective September 8, 2014.

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

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. Pander seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Andi Lee-Marnicio, Blackhawk Intermediate School head custodian, effective September 26, 2014.

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

Mr. Fleischman nominated Matt Young as a member of the Board of Directors to complete the term of Paul Heckathorn which ends in 2015. Mr. Pander seconded the nomination. A discussion followed.

**Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 1 No (Mr. Oswald); - Motion Carried**

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. Pander seconded a motion to grant Theresa Bollinger's request for time of without pay on October 8, 9, and 10, 2014.

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

Dr. Rose administered the oath of office to Matt Young and directed him to take his seat at the Board table.

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

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

- a. AP English 12 (30), Jarrod McCowin, Pitt CHC Debate Forum, North Allegheny High School, May (TBD) 2015 (no expense).
- b. 9th Grade English (40), Amy Anderson, Story Reading to BIS students, BIS, October 28, 2014, (expenses collected from students).
- c. Select Concert Choir (18), Maura Underwood, Beaver County Chorus, New Brighton, September 22, 23, 2014 (\$400 expenses budgeted).
- d. Concert Choir Men (12), Maura Underwood, Penn State Men of Song Festival, State College, October 11, 2014 (\$900 expenses collected from students and budgeted).
- e. Ag Science 1 & FFA (10), Lyndsay Wilcox, Fall Leadership Conference, Altoona, October 1, 2014 (\$300 expenses budgeted and collected from students).
- f. Choir and Music Academy Students (5), Maura Underwood, PMEA District 5 Honors Chorus, Westminster College, October 30- November 1, 2014 (\$600 expenses budgeted).
- g. Choir and Music Academy Students (15), Maura Underwood, PMEA District 5 Chorus Auditions, Westminster College, October 2, 2014 (\$200 expenses budgeted).
- h. Grade 2 (66), Carol Durham, Marburger Dairy, Evans City, October 17, 2014 (\$290 expenses collected from outside source).
- i. Applied Engineering and Technology (12), Brandon Smith, Chain Reaction Contraption Contest, Carnegie Science Center, December 12, 2014 (expenses budgeted).
- j. Choir and Music Academy Students (7), Maura Underwood, PMEA District 5 Chorus, Greenville High School, January 21-24, 2015 (expenses budgeted).
- k. Choir and Music Academy Students (4), Maura Underwood PMEA Region 1 Chorus, location TBD (expenses budgeted).

- l. Cheerleaders (44), Michaleen Ensworth, University of Pitt Cheer Day, Heinz Field, November 1, 2014 (\$350 expenses collected from student).
- m. Mock Trial (20), Jeff Tripodi, University of Pittsburgh High School Mock Trial Tournament, University of Pitt, January 3-4, 2015 (\$150 expenses budgeted and collected from students).
- n. Gifted Class (25), Jeff Tripodi, World Events Competition, Ambridge High School, January 22, 2015 (\$200 expenses budgeted).
- o. Gifted Class (25), Jeff Tripodi, Academic Games National Competition, Kissimmee, FL, April 23-29, 2015 (\$ expenses budgeted and collected from students).
- p. Gifted Class (25), Jeff Tripodi, Propaganda Competition, Geneva College, November 21, 2014 (\$200 expenses budgeted).
- q. Gifted Class (20), Jeff Tripodi, Equations Competition, Center Stage, November 13, 2014 (\$200 expenses budgeted).
- r. Gifted Class (20), Jeff Tripodi, Linguistik Competition, Center Stage, March 3, 2015 (\$200 expenses budgeted).
- s. Gifted Class and Honors History (40), Jeff Tripodi, Pittsburgh 1892: Industry, Society, and Conflict, Pittsburgh, November 26, 2014 (\$500 expenses budgeted).

A discussion followed.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. Young seconded a motion allowing Penn State University to use Blackhawk Intermediate School for as a site in their research study to decrease bullying by providing a whole school ecological approach versus a single module type. The research team would conduct a brief pre-post test survey (21 items) for teachers and students to complete. Parent permission and student assent forms would be sent home to students once PSU has approved them.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

Mrs. Helsing moved and Ms. Aquino seconded a motion to approve homebound instruction for two high school students beginning September 9, 2014 and continuing until physician approval to return.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

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

Mr. Pander moved and Ms. Aquino seconded a motion to approve the Lease Agreement with Patterson Township and Blackhawk School District for the use of outdoor recreation facilities on the Patterson Primary School campus.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

## **ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Fleischman moved and Mr. Pander seconded a motion to donate \$5,000 for the Blackhawk Hockey Association to be designated for Blackhawk students.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

Mr. Fleischman moved and Ms. Aquino seconded a motion to appoint William Mahan as the 8th grade boys' basketball coach for the 2014/15 school year at a salary of \$1,954.40.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

Mr. Fleischman moved and Mr. Young seconded a motion to allow solicitation of bids on athletic equipment/supplies for 2014- 2015 school year.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE**

Dr. Rose asked Dr. Kerber to present her administrative report and she did so. Topics included:

- a. Community College of Beaver County Flight Academy
- b. Professional Development
- c. Student Learning Objectives
- d. Action Plans
- e. Statewide School Funding Event
- f. Our Crazy Adventure by Jayne Steele
- g. STEAM Presentation at AIU
- h. Open House
- i. Sensory Room

Dr. Rose assigned Mr. Young to the Technology Council.

#### **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

No Report.

#### **FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE**

No report.

Dr. Kerber informed the Board that Free and reduced numbers remain stable at about 29% of the student population. She was asked to find the County- wide Free and Reduced numbers and report them to the Board.

#### **NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE**

No report.

#### **POLICY COMMITTEE**

Mr. Yonkee moved and Mr. Fleischman seconded a motion to adopt Policy 006 Local Board Procedures. Some discussion followed.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

Mr. Yonkee moved and Mr. Fleischman seconded a motion to adopt Policy 903 Public Participation in Board Meetings.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

## **BOARD/ STAFF ENRICHMENT**

Ms. Aquino moved and Mr. Pander seconded a motion to approve the following conferences:

- a. Gina Gordon, Sami Hanna, Educator Effectiveness System: A Review of the School Counselor Rubric, October 22, 2014, Geneva College. (No expense)
- b. Gina Gordon, PA School Counselors Association 59th Annual State Conference: Spring To Distinguished, Seven Springs, December 3-6, 2014 (\$749 expenses budgeted).
- c. Tim Linkenheimer, Amanda Sweesy, Jeff Tripodi, Beaver County Gifted Consortium planning session, September 5, 2014 (no expense- previously approved).
- d. Ashley Biega, Dale Moll, Tim Linkenheimer, TSA Regional Conference Planning Meeting, Pittsburgh Technical Institute, October 3, 2014, (\$50 expenses budgeted).
- e. Andrew Yuhaniak, Annual NCAA Update, University of Pitt, October 7, 2014 (\$60 expenses budgeted).
- f. Ashley Biega, Dale Moll, Tim Linkenheimer, Brandon Smith, Technology and Engineering Education Association of Pennsylvania 2014 STEM Conference, Camp Hill, November 6-7, 2014 (\$826 expenses budgeted).
- g. Brandon Smith, Chain Reaction Contraption Contest Orientation, Carnegie Science Center, September 25, 2014 (\$50 expenses budgeted).
- h. LuAnne Maginness, Beaver County Truancy Prevention Program, BVIU, Sept26, 2014 (no expense).
- i. Jeff Tripodi, Beaver County Gifted Consortium meeting, BVIU, October 3, 2014, March 18, 2015, April 10, 2015 (no expense)
- j. Scott Nelson, Dale Moll, Tim Linkenheimer, Ashley Beiga, Carnegie STEM Excellence Pathway Partner Kickoff Workshop, Carnegie Science Center, October 7, 2014 (\$100 expenses budgeted)
- k. Jack Fullen, PSADA Conference, Hershey, March 17-21, 2015 (expenses budgeted).
- l. Carol Sprinker, Gina Gordon, Danielle Bailey, Highmark – Center for Safe Schools – Huddle Up, Pittsburgh, October 28, 2014 (no expense).

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

## **INTERMEDIATE UNIT**

No report.

## **VOCATIONAL- TECHNICAL SCHOOL**

Dr. Kerber reported that the Vo-Tech School is still searching for a Director.

## **PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

The Board voted for PSBA Officers as follows:

Mr. Fleischman moved and Mrs. Helsing seconded a motion to cast the Board's vote for President-elect for Kathy K. Swope.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

Mr. Fleischman moved and Mrs. Helsing seconded a motion to cast the Board's vote for Vice President for Mark B. Miller.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

Mr. Fleischman moved and Mr. Young seconded a motion to cast the Board's vote for Treasurer for Otto W. Voit III.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

Mr. Fleischman moved and Ms. Aquino seconded a motion to cast the Board's vote for At-large Representative (West) for Daniel J. O'Keefe.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

**BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

No report.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

Visitors: Mr. Jarrod McCowin discussed the selection of the new Board member.  
Mrs. Melissa Ziegler discussed the selection of the new Board member.  
Mrs. Autumn Giocondi discussed the selection of the new Board member.  
Mr. Bob Clendennen discussed the selection of the new Board member and subjects discussed in previous executive sessions.

Administrators: None.

Solicitor: Corrected the date for the next meeting as shown in the approved minutes from the August 28, 2014 meeting.

School Directors: Mr. Fleischman discussed the selection of the new Board member.  
Ms. Aquino discussed the selection of the new Board member.  
Mrs. Helsing discussed the selection of the new Board member.  
Mr. Fleischman announced that a meeting was scheduled next week with auditors to look at the four year cost of the revoked collective bargaining agreement with the teachers' association.

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 PM on October 16, 2014 in the Highland Middle School LGI room.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Submitted by Jerry Wessel  
Board Secretary