

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS VOTING SESSION
Highland Middle School LGI Room
January 15, 2015**

AGENDA

1. BOARD ORGANIZATION

- 1.1 Call to Order
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.3 Roll Call
- 1.4 The purpose of videotaping a meeting is for public information. The opinions expressed by any member of the public do not necessarily reflect the view or opinion of the Blackhawk School District Board of School Directors and are solely that of the speaker. The Blackhawk School District Board of School Directors hereby expressly disclaims any and all responsibility or liability for any false, defamatory or slanderous statements expressed by the speaker. Any unauthorized re-broadcasting of any video, audio or still image of the video recording of the meeting is strictly forbidden without the written permission of the Blackhawk School District Board of School Directors.
- 1.5 Prayer, Pastor Gary Hilton, Chippewa United Methodist Church

**2. PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS
Dean Fleischman, Chairperson**

- 2.1 Commendations to Chloe Leaf, 4th grader, who organized a drive for homemade Christmas cards. Students at BIS - as well as students from the entire Blackhawk School District were able to make 754 homemade Christmas cards which were sent to Addie Fausett, a young lady in Fountain Green, Utah who has a terminal disease. Thank you for your generous spirit Chloe!
- 2.2 Commendations to Madeline Portzline, Brant Kish, Xander Wilkinson, and Will Portzline, who sold \$500 worth of tickets for the 50/50 raffle for Coaches vs Cancer. The raffle drawing was held December 17, 2014. These students are on the Patterson Heights Junior Council, the organization through which the raffle was made possible.

- 2.3 In honor of School Board Appreciation Month, gratitude is extended to our nine school board directors. The Blackhawk School District and community thank the Board for their time and efforts they put forth in making our district a special place. The Board will be honored at a breakfast on January 27 at 7:30 am followed by a visit to all schools to drop into classrooms.

THE PUBLIC HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD AT THIS TIME ON AGENDA ITEMS.

Presentation regarding technology software for the 2015-16 academic school year by Jim Cox.

Presentation by Beth Schiemer regarding Northwestern.

Presentation by Carol Sprinker, Northwestern Principal.

3. FINANCE COMMITTEE
Ken Yonkee, Missy Kaszer, Co-Chairperson

- *3.1 Approval is recommended to accept the Financial Report for November and December. (Exhibit)
- *3.2 Approval is recommended to for the payment of bills. (Exhibit)
- a. Fund 10 – General Fund: November \$548,958.86, December \$402,876.94
 - b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund: \$0
 - c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: November \$57,796.29, December \$0
 - d. Fund 66 – UPMC Health Fund: \$0
 - e. Fund 67 – UPMC Dental: November \$8,218.20, December \$7,318.50
 - f. Fund 68 – UPMC Vision: November \$1,798.00, December \$2,126.00
- Payroll: November \$719,801.05, December \$671,203.83
- 3.3 Informational Item: Monthly Insurance Report for November and December. (Exhibit)
- *3.4 Approval is recommended to appoint John Frombach as Blackhawk School District authorized representative to make request upon and receive any and all tax information and records from Berkheimer, relative to the collection of taxes for official purposes only. (Exhibit)
- *3.5 Approval is recommended to ratify contracting with Ira Weiss as special council to the audit.
- *3.6 Approval is recommended for Blackhawk School District to utilize SchoolBrains, eSchoolView, and Schoology as replacement services, effective July 1, 2015.

4. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Perry Pander, Kathy Helsing, Co-Chairpersons

- *4.1 Approval is recommended to hire Michelle Markusic as full time custodian for Blackhawk High School at a rate of \$14.80 per hour plus benefits (approximately \$37,331.92 per year) effective January 5, 2015.
- *4.2 Approval is recommended to hire Timothy Hopton as a substitute custodian at a rate of \$9.00 per hour pending clearances.
- *4.3 Approval is recommended for Amy Anderson to assume the role of Acting Principal for Highland Middle School at a rate of \$75 per work day in addition to the regular teaching salary.
- *4.4 Approval is recommended to appoint Tom Householder as deputy tax collector to Linda Rawding in accordance with Act 164 of 2014 pertaining to the Local Tax Collector Law. (Exhibit)
- *4.5 Approval is recommended to appoint Susan Phillips as deputy tax collector to Robin Huston in accordance with Act 164 of 2014 pertaining to the Local Tax Collector Law. (Exhibit)
- *4.6 Approval is recommended for the following substitutes:
 - a. Ian Taylor
 - b. Angela Ringling
 - c. Marissa Neely
 - d. Mary Kay Jones (pending clearances)
 - e. Jennifer Morgan
- *4.7 Approval is recommended for Heather McCalla to use sick days as well as FMLA beginning on or about January 19, 2015 until on or about April 7, 2015.
- *4.8 Approval is recommended to ratify contracting with Dr. Dan Miller, University of Pittsburgh, for professional development in math for Blackhawk Intermediate School teachers at a rate of \$6,260.
- *4.9 Approval is recommended for Rachael Omogrosso to use sick days as well as FMLA beginning on or about February 23, 2015 until on or about May 4, 2015.
- *4.10 Approval is recommended for Theresa Taylor to use FMLA beginning March 1, 2015 until April 1, 2015.

5. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Tory Aquino, Ken Yonkee, Co-Chairpersons

- *5.1 Approval is recommended for the following field trips: (Exhibit)

- a. How Stuff Works/Applied Engineering and Technology (29), Brandon Smith, Power Plant, Shippensport, PA, January 16, 2015. (\$145 expenses budgeted)
- b. Transition (20), Mariah Brown, Tour of PTI, Pittsburgh, January 28, 2015. (expenses collected from other)
- c. High School Band (60), Dave Zaccari, Band performance at BOA Grand Nationals, Indianapolis, PA November 11-14, 2015. (expenses collected by student)
- d. Ninth Grade Academy (200), Missy Bender, 9th Grade Academy Science Center, Pittsburgh, April 1, 2015. (expenses collected from students)
- e. AP Biology (18), Anita Mensch, Open Heart Surgery Observation, Allegheny General, April 8, 2015. (\$360 expenses budgeted)
- f. Choir/Academy Students (3), Maura Underwood, PMEA All-State Chorus, Harrisburg, March 25-28, 2015. (\$1,100 expenses budgeted)
- g. FFA (9), Lyndsay Wilcox, ACES Conference, Harrisburg, February 21-22, 2015. (expenses collected from students)
- h. PPS Second Grade (88), Megan Anderson, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Pittsburgh, May 14, 2015. (expenses collected from PTO)
- i. Fifth Grade (177), Wes Chismar, Danielle Bailey, Outdoor Education, Camp Kon-O-Kwee/Spencer, April 27-May 1, 2015. (expenses budgeted and collected from other)
- j. PRIDE (4), Tracy Yowler, Community Based Instruction, Walmart, Dollar Tree, McDonalds, January 30, 2015. (no expense)
- k. BHS Orchestra (7), Nathan Goodrich, District 2,3,5 Orchestra, Sharon, February 4-6, 2015. (\$250 expenses budgeted)
- l. FFA (9), Lyndsay Wilcox, ACES leadership, Harrisburg, February 14-15, 2015. (expenses collected from students)

6. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE
Perry Pander, Chairperson

No Report

7. ATHLETICS COMMITTEE
Tory Aquino, Chairperson

- *7.1 Approval is recommended to appoint Olesia Stasko as the assistant softball coach for the 2014-15 school year at a salary of \$2,010.24
- *7.2 Approval is recommended to appoint Charles Gussett as the middle school softball coach for the 2014-15 school year at a salary of \$1,652.86
- *7.3 Approval is recommended to appoint James Riggio as a volunteer softball coach for the 2014-15 school year.
- *7.4 Approval is recommended to accept the resignation of Kim Baker, middle school track coach.

- *7.5 Approval is recommended to accept the resignation of Natalie Nicolette, middle school track coach.
- *7.6 Approval is recommended to appoint T.J. Lambert as volunteer boys' baseball coach for the 2014-15 school year.
- *7.7 Approval is recommended to appoint Frank Campagna as volunteer boys' baseball coach for the 2014-15 school year.
- *7.8 Approval is recommended to accept the resignation of Mary Ann Miller, middle school swim team head coach.

**8. ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON
Lance Rose, Chairperson**

No Report

**9. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Paul May, Missy Kaszer, Co-Chairpersons**

No Report

**10. FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE
Paul May, Chairpersons**

- 10.1 Approval is recommended for the District to terminate the management contract with Nutrition Inc. on June 30, 2015, and implement a district operated food service program effective July 1, 2015.

**11. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE
Lance Rose, Chairperson**

No Report

**12. POLICY COMMITTEE
Matt Young, Chairperson**

No Report

**13. BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT
Matt Young, Chairperson**

- *13.1 Approval is recommended for the following conferences: (Exhibit)
 - a. Tara Jones, Child Accounting Professional Association Spring Conference, Hershey, February 25, 2015. (\$965 expenses budgeted)

- b. Kathy Kiser, JaneAnn Fucci, Tara Jones, PDE Data Summit 2015, Hershey, March 25, 2015. (\$1026.10 expenses budgeted)
- c. Rebecca Freyvogel, Pam Lapek, PA Title I Improving Schools Performance, Pittsburgh, January 26, 2015. (\$50 expenses budgeted).
- d. Dale Moll, Transform ED Classes, Allegheny Intermediate Unit, January 21, March 5, and March 25, 2015. (no expense)
- e. Amy Cienkowski, JaneAnn Fucci, Carol Sprinker, Karla Campagna, Danielle Bailey, Kyleigh Squicquero, Drew Bosco, Amy Black, Kristie Bresz, Brian Bain, Math & Science Collaborative Consortium, Carnegie Science Center, Pittsburgh, February 5, 2015. (\$50 expenses budgeted)
- f. Ashley Boyers, PDE – Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth, Harrisburg, January 15, 2015. (\$386 expenses budgeted)
- g. Jim Perlik, Donna Holt, Chris Yingling, Western PA Facilities Directors Association, North Huntingdon, February 6, 2015. (\$160 expenses budgeted)
- h. JaneAnn Fucci, Lisa Brown, BC Transition: Best Practices to Transition to Formal School, BVIU, February 6, 2015. (\$60 expenses budgeted)
- i. Jim Cox, Pete & C State Educational Technology Conference, Hershey, February 8-11, 2015. (\$1,002 not budgeted/strongly recommended)
- j. Leah Lindemann, Project Zero: Developing a Culture of Thinking, Quaker Valley Middle School, January 17, 2015. (\$50 expenses budgeted)
- k. Nathan Goodrich, District 2,3,5 Orchestra, Sharon, February 4-6, 2015. (\$330 expenses budgeted)
- l. Ryan Hardesty, PAMLE State Conference, State College, February 22-24, 2015. (no expense)

**14. VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL
Dean Fleischman, Chairperson**

No Report

**15. PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
Dean Fleischman, Chairperson**

No Report

**16. BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Lance Rose, Chairperson**

No Report

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- A. Visitors
- B. Administration
- C. Solicitor
- D. School Directors

- E. Next Meeting—February 12, 2015, Highland Middle School LGI room, 7:30PM.
- F. Adjournment
- G. Executive Session, if needed.