

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS VOTING SESSION
Blackhawk High School Library
January 19, 2017**

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Mr. Pander called the meeting to order at 7:10PM. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Fleischman	Mrs. Goehring	Mrs. Helsing	Mr. Schaefer
Mrs. Jones	Mr. Pander	Dr. Smith	

Absent: Mr. Yonkee, Mrs. Kaszer

Also in attendance were:

Mr. Eric Brandenburg – Business Manager
Mr. Hobart Webster – District Solicitor
Dr. Robert Postupac – Superintendent

There was not an executive session held this evening.

Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the agenda:

A motion was made by Mr. Pander and seconded by Dr. Smith to approve the agenda with addendum

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

2.1 In honor of School Board Appreciation Month, gratitude is extended to our nine Members of the Board of School 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.

2.2 Congratulations to the Blackhawk FFA members who attended the PA Farm Show. The Ag Issues Forum took 3rd place in the state which included team members Brittany Mitchell, Mya Smalley, Julia Woods and Alex Desmond. We would also like to congratulate the Blue Ribbon Square Dance Team which included Emma Pamer, Courtney Parish, CJ Burawa, Zach Allison, Jesse Brightwell, Jordan Belfiore, Zack Adams, Crystal Leksell, Carlee May, Choloe Horter and Ariana Vujaklya. Courtney Parish received her state FFA Keystone Degree, Ariana Vujaklya and Chance Kelcavic received their first FFA jacket through the FFA Alumni Scholarship Program.

Dave Esposito (Eckles Architect) gave an overview of Northwestern Project. Current capacity of BIS and HMS are at 95% which is sustainable but has no room for growth. The relocation of NPS student and staff is a temporary measure. Further discussion will take place regarding remodel or replacement.

Prayer - Reverend Scott Graham (Chippewa United Presbyterian Church)

Public Comment

Barb Brown asked about different reimbursement rates, alternate sources of water at NPS, thanked the Board for moving forward with building decisions.

An audience member asked if there were penalties involved with Eckels

Melissa Ziegler commented about NPS building project and the rate of future homes being built in the district and upgrades to NPS.

Jim Frederick commented on implementation of 10 point grading scale and effects on current students.

Karin Zahn commented on grading scale with regards to Merit Scholarships offered by colleges.

Bob Clendennen commented on HMS Building Project, budget costs and bond resolution.

Aaron Frederick (BHS student) commented on grading scale and its implications on past grades

Linda Rawding commented on the Tax Collector compensation increase

Board discussion followed with a motion made by Mr. Fleischman and seconded by Mrs. Helsing to amend item 3.4 regarding the tax collectors compensation resolution to \$6.75 per parcel and \$5.75 per parcel.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Prior to the motion, item 3.4 Resolution was edited to compensate the tax collectors \$5.75 and \$6.75 per parcel.

A motion was made by Mr. Schaefer and seconded by Mrs. Helsing to approve items 3.1 through 3.8. A Roll Call Vote was taken.

3.1 It is recommended to approve the Financial Report for November and December.

7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

3.2 It is recommended to approve the payment of bills.

- a. Fund 10 – General Fund: (November) \$422,088.07 (December) \$386,880.64
- b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund: (November) \$32,846.66 (December) \$0
BAAG : \$0
- c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: (November) \$30,085.14 (December) \$30,987.88
- d. Fund 66 - Health Fund: (November) \$966.00 (December) \$0
Payroll: (November) \$1,164,007.93 (December) \$1,589,708.94

7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

3.3 It is recommended to adopt the Act 1 Resolution which certifies the Board will not increase the 2017-18 millage at a rate to exceed the adjusted index (3.3%) as calculated by PDE (2.13 mills Beaver County) (.68 mills Lawrence County)

7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

3.4 It is recommended to adopt Resolution 01192017-1 establishing the compensation for the office of elected tax collectors.

5 Yes; 2 No; Motion Carried (Mrs. Jones and Dr. Smith)

3.5 It is recommended to issue an RFP to expand the district's security camera system to include appropriate surveillance coverage at Blackhawk High School, Blackhawk Intermediate School, and Patterson Primary school. The RFP will request inclusion of cameras compatible with the district's current Ocularis security camera system, appropriate licensing, camera installation, cabling, camera configuration, mobile access configuration, and server

setup. Specifics detailing the number of cameras and locations will be decided by district administration prior to issuing the RFP.

7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

3.6 It is recommended to approve the appointment of First National Bank as the depository of school funds and to transfer all funds to First National Bank.

7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

3.7 It is recommended to approve an amendment to the resolution adopted on November 17, 2016, related to the incurrence of non-electoral debt for the refunding of the School District's General Obligation bonds, Series of 2012, to (i) amend the definition of "Purchaser" to replace Piper Jaffray & Co. with Boenning & Scattergood, Inc and (ii) amend the definition of "Sinking Fund Depository" to replace Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. with Zions Bank.

7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

3.8 It is recommended to approve the Resolution authorizing the incurrence of non-electoral debt, in the form of the General Obligation Bonds, in order to fund (i) the acquisition, construction and installation of various capital improvements to the School District's facilities including, but not limited to, roof repair at the High School Campus and construction of new athletic facilities and (ii) the purchase of lighting upgrades, HVAC systems, energy management systems and water/sewer improvements currently being leased under a Master Equipment Lease/Purchase Agreement dated as of August 1, 2008, as amended, all in accordance with the Local Government Unit Debt Act.

6 Yes; 1 No; Motion Carried (Mr. Schaefer)

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mrs. Helsing and seconded by Mr. Schaefer to approve items 4.1 through 4.4. A Roll Call Vote was taken.

4.1 It is recommended to approve the employment of Dr. Gary Koch as School Psychologist for a three year term at a rate of \$70,000 per school year retroactive to January 3, 2017 (pro-rated for the current year).

7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

4.2 It is recommended to approve Nate Goodrich's request for an unpaid day April 30, 2017.

7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

4.3 It is recommended to approve Harris Solution Employee # 1331 for FMLA on or about March 1, 2017 until on or about June 1, 2017.

7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

4.4 It is recommended to approve the Articles of Agreement between Western Beaver School District and Blackhawk School District regarding the sharing of administrative services, and the employment contract of Dr. Robert Postupac pursuant to Section 1073 of the Public School Code.

7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

EDUCATION

A motion was made by Mrs. Helsing and seconded by Dr. Smith to approve items 5.1

Mrs. Jones made a motion to table 5.1, no second, motion failed.

A Roll Call Vote was taken to approve 5.1.

5.1 It is recommended to implement a 10 point grading system for Blackhawk School District to begin in the Spring.

7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

BUILDING AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE

A motion was made by Mrs. Goehring and seconded by Mr. Fleischman to approve items 6.1 and 6.2. A Roll Call Vote was taken.

6.1 It is recommended to approve A.G. Mauro Company to move lockers and install door in the Highland Middle School Pride room at a cost of \$3,590.

7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

6.2 It is recommended to approve Eckles Architecture & Engineering, Inc. as the Architect for the renovations of Northwestern Primary School under the terms of the contract between Eckles and the District which was suspended in May 2016.

Mrs. Jones commented on the terms and length of service in the Eckles contract, Dave Esposito answered the fee's will be determined by the type of project the Board voted on and the project progress.

7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Mr. Schaefer and seconded by Mrs. Helsing to approve items 7.1 through 7.5. A Roll Call Vote was taken.

7. It is recommended to approve the athletic activity account for November and December.

7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

7.2 Approval is recommended to accept the resignation of Justin Homer as the Assistant Football Coach

7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

7.3 It is recommended to approve the following supplemental contracts:

a. Shawn Haddox as the Head Middle School Track Coach for the 2016/2017 school year (Supplemental Contract \$3,199.50)

b. Amy Taylor as the Assistant Middle School Track Coach for the 2016/2017 school year (Supplemental Contract \$2,310.75)

c. Theresa Bollinger as the Assistant Middle School Track Coach for the 2016/2017 school year (Supplemental Contract \$2,310.75)

d. Dan Muir as the Head Middle School Volleyball Coach for the 2016/2017 school year (Supplemental Contract \$1,943.40)

e. Charlie Gusset as the 1st Assistant Girls Softball Coach for the 2016/2017 school year (Supplemental Contract \$2,512.20)

f. Kenneth Fields as a Volunteer for the School Musical for the 2016/2017 school year pending clearances.

g. Dan Mensch as a Volunteer Softball Coach for the 2016/2017 school year pending clearances.

h. Zack Black as Volunteer Varsity and Middle School Track Coach for the 2016/2017 school year

7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

7.4 It is recommended to accept the resignation of Chris Stangefeld as Musical Technical Director effective immediately.

7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

7.5 It is recommended to approve Chuck Ziegler as Technical Director for the 2016/17 school year at a rate of \$1905.50 (Supplemental Contract).

5 Yes; 2 No; Motion Carried (Mr. Pander, Mr. Fleischman)

ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON

No Report

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Dr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Goehring to approve items 9.1 and 9.2. A Roll Call Vote was taken.

9.1 It is recommended to approve the MOU between Lawrence County Children and Youth Services regarding 7 transportation.

7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

9.2 It is recommended to approve the MOU between Beaver County Children and Youth Services regarding transportation.

7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

No Report

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

No Report

POLICY COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Mr. Fleischman and seconded by Dr. Smith to approve items 5.1. A Roll Call Vote was taken.

12.1 It is recommended to approve the update to policy 227, Controlled Substance; Paraphernalia. Board action was taken to implement immediate effect of this policy.

7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Goehring to approve item 13.1. A discussion followed. A motion was made by Mr. Schaefer and seconded by Mrs. Jones to table 13.1. A Roll Call Vote was taken.

7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried to table

BEAVER COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY

No Report

PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

No Report

BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

No Report

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Visitors

Melissa Ziegler thanked the board for their decision regarding item 7.5

Bob Clendennen commented on district financial status, previous audits and past budget transfers.

The next scheduled meeting will be February 9, 2017 at Blackhawk High School Library, at 7:00PM
The Voting Meeting adjourned at 9:30PM