

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING  
Budget Presentation  
Blackhawk High School Auditorium  
June 14, 2016**

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

The meeting to order at 7:04PM. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Fleischman	Mrs. Goehring	Mrs. Helsing	Mrs. Kaszer
Mr. Pander	Mr. Schaefer	Mr. Yonkee	

Also in attendance were:

Mr. Eric Brandenburg – Business Manager  
Mr. Rob Postupac – Substitute Superintendent  
Mr. Hobie Webster – District Solicitor

Dr. Postupac provide a budget presentation with a variety of scenarios. Highlights include:

- The audited fund balance as of 6/30/15 was \$228,485; the projected year-end (6/30/16) fund balance of \$659,370.
- Early Retirement Incentives contributed to the additional expenditures; benefits achieved in future years.
- Exception above the index is granted based on PSERS and Special Education only; Blackhawk receive approval to raise taxes to the exception for the 2016-17 school year only.
- 4 Scenarios were reviewed
  - Scenario 1: Expenditure Budget includes moving expense \$100,000 / \$10 Million Bond Issue (\$226,000 YR 1 – Years after \$335,000 annually)
  - Scenario 2: Expenditures include shutdown NWP (maintain water and sewage for stadium) and moving costs
  - Scenario 3: Expenditures based on operating 5 schools (2015-2016 Configuration)
  - Scenario 4: Going to referendum and projecting 2017-2018, 2018-2019 going to index; shutdown NWP (Maintain water and sewage for stadium) and moving costs.
- The HVAC Contract/Bond with Trane (\$553,000 annually) will end in 2023
- Athletic Complex: Option for district to borrow \$1M in January 2017, if the Activities/Athletic Committee meets their commitment, to fund the complex upgrade. The Activities/Athletic Committee will need to continue fund raising efforts for 3 years. This estimated cost to the district for a \$1M bond would be \$35,000.
- If there is no tax increase this year there will be cuts in programs/teachers.

**Recommendation:**

Dr. Postupac made the recommendation to the Board to consider Scenario 4: Raise taxes to the referendum for 2016-17, and plan to index in 2017-2018 and 2018-2019, shutdown NWP (temporarily), water and sewage will be maintained and moving costs will be incorporated. Taxes would be raised by 4.87 mills. Total Revenues would be \$36,025,620 while Total Expenditures would be \$35,898,509 generating a fund balance of \$786,481 on June 30, 2017.

Future Planning includes:

- Moving out of NWP this year
- Taxes to Referendum 2016-2017
- Taxes to Index 2017-2018 and 2018-2019
- All parties (Board, Taxpayers & Staff) will have to contribute
- PlanCon reimbursement, while anticipated, will not be included until received

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Bob Clendennen, Patterson Township, spoke regarding the budget line items, comprehensive plan, and the classrooms at BIS to accommodate the students from NWP.

Melissa Ziegler, Chippewa Township, Thanked Dr. Postupac for a plan and spoke on the primary levels.

Mr. Webster, Solicitor, reminded that the district can't avoid furloughs  
The Board meeting was recessed at 7:13PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Kaszer  
Blackhawk School District Board Secretary