

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING
Blackhawk High School Library
June 28, 2016**

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Mr. Pander called the meeting to order at 7:12PM. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken. Those in attendance were:

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

Also in attendance were:

Mr. Rob Postupac – Substitute Superintendent
Mr. Hobie Webster – District Solicitor

There was an executive session for personnel matters prior to this meeting.

Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the agenda:

Three additions to the agenda were identified:

- a. The Blackhawk School District declares a commitment to obtain a \$1M bond in January 2017 to be used as a new activities and athletic complex at Blackhawk high school in conjunction with the Blackhawk Activities and Athletic Group who must obtain a minimal of \$500,000 for this complex and with the understanding that if this group, BAAG, does not have \$500,000 by June 1, 2017 the bond proceeds will go toward other buildings and grounds projects deemed necessary by the sitting board at that time.
- b. One application to join the Blackhawk School Board was received by Mr. Rod Stidmon. The recommendation was made to approve his placement on the board.
- c. A bid in the amount of \$73,800 was received from Battaglia Moving and Storage for the relocation of Northwestern classrooms to Blackhawk Intermediate School and 5th grade from Blackhawk Intermediate School to Highland Middle School. This was the only bid which was received.

Mr. Pander made a motion to approve the agenda, with additions. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Jones.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rob Puskas, Chippewa Township, spoke on raising taxes to the exemptions.

Melissa Ziegler, Chippewa Township, asked if the proposed budget reflect any new positions – no. Any furloughs or cuts – no. She also spoke on the solicitor line item.

Bob Clendennen, Patterson Township, spoke on the additions to the agenda, the budget and the audit.

Greg Woods, Chippewa Township, commented on the \$1M Bond proposal.

Mr. Postupac addressed the public regarding the necessity of raising taxes. Highlights included:

- A decade of increased debt without an increase in revenue.
- Working with and building a relationship with the BEA
- Auditor General visit on Tuesday

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Kaszer made the motion to adopt the 2016-2017 Blackhawk School District General Fund, proposed budgets a previously approved by the Board for review and modified as needed. General Fund (Fund 10) expected expenditures total \$35,898,509 and expected revenues total \$36,025,620. Mrs. Helsing seconded this motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yes – To Approve Budget	No – Not to Approve Budget
Mrs. Jones	
Mrs. Goehring	
Mr. Fleischman	
Mrs. Helsing	
Mrs. Kaszer	
Mr. Pander	
Mr. Schaefer	

Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

The motion to accept items A-H detailing the District’s tax levies, tax collectors, tax collection procedures, and compensation rates for tax collectors as outlined below was made by Mrs. Kaszer and seconded by Mrs. Goehring.

- REAL ESTATE LEVY:** Resolved that the Board of School Directors does hereby levy and impose a tax upon all taxable real estate property for the 2016-2017 fiscal year at a rate of 63.99 mills based upon the assessed valuation of the properties in the District’s municipalities located in Beaver County; and, at a rate of 20.53 mills based upon the assessed valuation of the properties in Enon Valley Borough in Lawrence County.
- SCHOOL CODE PER CAPITA TAX:** Resolved that pursuant to the authority granted under Section 679 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949, as amended, the School Board of Directors does hereby levy and impose a Per Capita Tax of \$5.00 for the 2016-2017 fiscal year on each resident or inhabitant of the School District 18 years of age or older. The determination of those taxable and the assessment, collection and enforcement of the tax shall conform to the provisions of the standing Act 511 Per Capita Tax Resolution adopted by the School Board of Directors heretofore.
- ACT 511 TAXES:** Resolved that the levy of one percent (1%) on all earned income and net profits levied by under the authority of the Local Tax Enabling Act 511 of 1965, as amended, is hereby renewed for the 2016-17 fiscal year and for an indefinite term thereafter, and all taxes levied

under Act 511 of 1965 including the earned income and net profits tax and the real estate transfer tax be reenacted without substantial change.

- D. PAYMENT PERIOD FOR REAL ESTATE AND PER CAPITA TAXES: Resolved that in compliance with statutes, the Real Estate Taxes, Section 679 and Act 511 Per Capita taxes for fiscal year 2016-2017 shall be payable at a 2% discount during the months of July and August, at face the months of September and October and at a penalty of an additional 10% of the face value after November 1, 2016. The real estate taxes may be paid at face without discount or penalty in three equal installments if the same are paid on or prior to August 31, 2016, October 31, 2016 and December 31, 2016 respectively as provided by law. The payment of the first installment prior to or on August 31, 2016 shall be conclusive evidence of intent to pay the tax by installments. If such installments become delinquent, the full face amount plus an added 10% of the face amount penalty shall become immediately due.
- E. COMMISSION FOR COLLECTION OF SECTION 679 PER CAPITA TAXES: Resolved that for the 2016-2017 fiscal year collectors of the Section 679 Per Capita Tax and Act 511 Per Capita Tax will be paid per contracted amount with Berkheimer Associates Inc. (Berkheimer)
- F. DELINQUENT SECTION 679 and ACT 511 PER CAPITA: Resolved that Berkheimer is hereby appointed the collection agency during fiscal year 2016-2017 for delinquent Per Capita Taxes levied. Charges will be as contracted.
- G. APPOINTMENT OF EIT, LST, AND MECHANICAL DEVICES COLLECORS: Resolved that during the 2016-2017 fiscal year collectors for Earned Income Tax, Local Services Tax and Mechanical Devices Tax will be Berkheimer. Rates for collection will be as per existing agreement between the District and Berkheimer. Berkheimer will be responsible for delinquent collection for any EIT, LST and mechanical devices taxes uncollected for the year.
- H. APPOINTMENT OF AMUSEMENT TAX COLLECTOR: Resolved that the District Business Manager be appointed as interim Amusement Tax Collector.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yes – To Approve	No – Not to Approve
Mr. Schaefer	
Mrs. Helsing	
Mrs. Jones	
Mrs. Goehring	
Mrs. Kaszer	
Mr. Pander	
Mr. Fleischman	

Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

AGENDA AMENDMENT ITEMS:

Mr. Fleischman made the motion for the Blackhawk School District to declare a commitment to obtain a \$1M bond in January 2017 to be used as a new activities and athletic complex at Blackhawk High School in conjunction with the Blackhawk Activities and Athletic Group who must obtain a minimal of \$500,000 for this complex and with the understanding that if this group, BAAG, does not have \$500,000 by June 1, 2017 the bond proceeds will go toward other buildings and grounds projects deemed necessary by the sitting board at that time. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jones.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

A motion to appoint Mr. Rod Stidmon to the vacant board seat for Regional 1 was made by Mrs. Kaszer and seconded by Mrs. Jones.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mrs. Goehring made a motion to accept the bid of \$73,800 by Battaglia Moving and Storage to move the classrooms from Northwestern to Blackhawk Intermediate School and the 5th grade from Blackhawk Intermediate School to Highland Middle School. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Helsing.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

Visitors

Melissa Ziegler, Chippewa Township, spoke about the Activities and Athletic Complex.

Bob Clendennen, Patterson Township, spoke regarding the PlanCon J, audits, the moving expense, Act 34 in regards to Highland Middle School.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Kaszer
Blackhawk School District Board Secretary