

BLACKHAWK SCHOOL DISTRICT
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BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS WORK/VOTING SESSION
Blackhawk High School Library
March 19, 2019

Mr. Schaefer called the Work Session to order at 7:00PM. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Battaglia	Mr. Jones	Dr. Makoczy	Mrs. Goehring
Mr. Heckathorn	Mr. Schaefer	Mr. Morrison	Mrs. Ziegler

Also in attendance:

Mr. Brandenburg – Business Manager	Dr. Postupac – Superintendent
Mr. Ira Weiss – Solicitor	Lauren Olstrom – Student Representative

Not in attendance:

Mr. Wimmel

Mr. Morrison made a motion, Mr. Jones seconded to approve the February minutes.

Verbal vote: 8 yes; 0 no; Motion Carried

Mr. Battaglia made a motion, Mrs. Ziegler seconded to approve the agenda and added the following informational items:

2.2 Congratulations to the following students for earning a chair at the PMEA All-State Festivals. The All-State Festival Concert is on Saturday, April 6, 10AM at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center:

- a. All-State Orchestra – Rebekah Cox, Blanch Darr and Mitchell Fleischman
- b. All State Band – Mitchell Fleischman

2.3 Congratulations to Anna Unice and Camille Baker for earning chairs at the PMEA Region 1 Chorus Festival, which is this weekend in Latrobe.

2.4 Congratulations to the following students for being selected to the Beaver County Band:

- a. Flute I – Kayla Brightwell
- b. Clarinet III – Theresa Cunniff
- c. Trumpet I – Gabriel Schiemer
- d. Trumpet II – Max Fleischman
- e. String Bass – Mitchell Fleischman

16.1 Spring round up sponsored by the PSBA “Get a Year’s Worth of School Updates in 3 Hours”, located at Upper St Clair on April 9, 1:30- 3:34. The cost is included with our PSBA membership.

16.2 Lawmakers look to crack down on youth vaping – House Bill 97 would update the law to treat vaping products – including those that don’t include nicotine – the same as tobacco products. The legislation is supported by the Pennsylvania School Bard Association, said Annette Stevenson, a spokeswoman for the group. (New Castle News, March 18, 2019)

Verbal Vote: 8 yes; 0 no; Motion Carried

PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Barb Brown gave a presentation highlighting the Gifted Program visiting Pittsburgh Glass Ms. Madison Duscheck (student) addressed the Board regarding class rank and valedictorian.

Mr. Joel Martin and Mr. Brian Sprinker presented the 2017-2018 Audit.

Mr. Wimmel arrived at 8:00PM

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

Lauren Ostrom commented on Carnegie Mellon Arts, and working on an interactive virtual reality trip to Japan with instruction.

Dr. Postupac commented on receiving notice that Midland is opening a charter school. Dr. Postupac reiterated the Blackhawk will continue to operate with a high quality of orchestra and band presence, and announced that Ryan Moore had contacted him regarding the BIS Basketball court renovations. The necessary funds have been raised, and the solicitor will continue to work with administration and Ryan to coordinate the project. Dr. Postupac also expressed interest in possibly hosting a PIMBA competition in the future.

Mr. Weiss commented on charter schools and PSBA updates

Matt Wimmel commented on the Nutrition Spring Symposium included in the board's packet.

Mr. Morrison made a motion, Mr. Jones seconded to adjourn the Work Session at 9:27PM.

Verbal Vote: 9 yes, 0 no, Motion Carried

Mr. Schaefer called the Voting Session to order at 9:27PM

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dr. Makoczy made a motion, Mrs. Ziegler seconded, to approve items 3.2 through 3.6.

3.2 Approval is recommended for the Financial Report for February.

3.3 Approval is recommended for the payment of bills.

a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$911,188.06

b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund: \$7,150.00

BAAG : \$0

c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$35,521.65

d. Fund 66 - Health Fund: \$0

Payroll: February \$1,217,500.76

3.4 Approval is recommended to accept the athletic activity account for February.

3.5 Approval is recommended to accept the following Category 2 e-rate applications for 2019-2020 school year pending e-rate application approval. Note: The item listed below was bid out through an RFP process. The item listed below is included in the technology budget for the 19/20 school year.

a. Advent Communications to provide the classroom wiring necessary to add wireless access points in each classroom district wide at a pre-Erate cost of \$24,742.04 (\$9,896.82 after an approximate 60% discount).

3.6 Approval is recommended to accept the following Category 2 e-rate applications for 2019-2020 school year pending e-rate application approval. Notes: Items listed below were bid out using the e-rate approved PEPPM mini bid procurement process. The items listed below have been included in the technology budget for the 19-20 school year and are part of the regular replacement cycle.

a. CDWG for infrastructure switch equipment at a pre-Erate cost of \$38,150.00 (\$15,260.00 after an approximate 60% discount).

b. Dagostino Electronic Services for wireless equipment as a pre-Erate cost of \$110,450 (\$44,180 after an approximate 60% discount).

c. CDWG for cabling equipment at a pre-Erate total cost of \$4,413.00 (\$1,765.20 after an approximate 60% discount).

Roll Call Vote: Yes, Mr. Schaefer, Mr. Wimmel, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Goehring, Mr. Heckathorn, Mr. Jones, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison

9 Yes; 0 no; Motion Carried

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Goehring made a motion, Mr. Jones seconded, to approve items 4.1 through 4.8

4.1 Approval is recommended to accept the Memorandum of Understanding between the BESPAs and Blackhawk School District.

4.2 Approval is recommended to accept the Memorandum of Agreement between the BESPAs and Blackhawk School District.

4.3 Approval is recommended for ProSoft employee 256 to use FMLA beginning March 25, 2019 and ending on or about June 4, 2019.

4.4 Approval is recommended for ProSoft employee 497 to use intermittent FMLA beginning February 1, 2019.

4.5 Approval is recommended to employ Dave Rhoades as Paraprofessional at a rate of \$11.76 per hour and all benefits according to the BESPAs beginning March 20, 2019.

4.6 Approval is recommended to accept the resignation of Nathan Goodrich, Orchestra Teacher, received February 26, 2019, effective April 26, 2019.

4.7 Approval is recommended for the following substitute pending clearances:

a. Nathan Catanzarite

4.8 It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Mr. David Zaccari in accordance with the Resignation and Release, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yes, Mr. Wimmel, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Goehring, Mr. Heckathorn, Mr. Jones, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Schaefer

9 Yes; 0 no; Motion Carried

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Ziegler made a motion, Mr. Wimmel seconded to approve items 5.1 and 5.2.

5.1 Approval is recommended for the following field trips:

a. Seventh and Eighth Grade (2), George Hoydich, Jr. District Band, Sharon High School, April 26, 2019, expenses budgeted.

b. AP Biology (14), Anita Mensch, Open Heart Surgery Observation, Allegheny General Hospital, April 3, 2019, \$350 expenses budgeted.

c. BHS Orchestra (5), Nate Goodrich, All-State Orchestra, Pittsburgh, April 3-5, 2019, \$400 expenses budgeted.

d. Fourth Grade (185), Mindy Furda, Pittsburgh Zoo, May 9, 2019, no expense.

e. First Grade (65), Donald Bunney, Carnegie Science Center, May 3, 2019, no expense.

f. Kindergarten (115), Lisa Brown, National Aviary Experience, May 9, 2019, no expense.

g. Second Grade (80), Chelsea Haight, Carnegie Natural History Museum, May 16, 2019, no expense.

h. Freshman Class (140), Mr. Verbosky, Physical Education Trip, Brady's Run Park, \$500 substitute expense.

i. Seventh and Eight Grade (10), Sarah Shuleski, Beaver county Battle of the Books, BVIU, May 7, 2019, \$250 substitute expense.

j. Seventh Grade Social Studies (1), Ryan Hardesty, State Geography Bee, Harrisburg, March 29, 2019, \$250 expenses budgeted.

k. Concert Choir (5), Maura Underwood, PMEA All-State Chorus, Pittsburgh, April 3-6, 2019, \$2,400 expenses budgeted.

l. Special Ed (20), Mariah Brown, Adulging Day, East Liverpool, April 5, 2019, \$225 expenses budgeted.

- m. Special Ed (60), Mariah Brown, County Wild Transition Fair, CCBC, May 3, 2019, \$300 expenses budgeted.
 - n. Science Students (4), Kim Baker, Science Lab Challenge, Penn State Beaver, April 5, 2019. No expense.
 - o. Second Grade (85), Lori Uslenghi, Second Grade Skates into STEM Pittsburgh, April 12, 2019. No expense.
 - p. Kindergarten (66), Jenn Sharek, Children's Museum of Pittsburgh, May 24, 2019. No expense.
- 5.2 Approval is recommended for a 3 year contract with Rubicon Atlas, a curriculum planning software, at a total cost of \$27,007.65, with yearly installments according to the contract effective for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Roll Call Vote: Yes, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Goehring, Mr. Heckathorn, Mr. Jones, Mr. Morrison (5.1), Mr. Schaefer, Mr. Wimmel
No, Mr. Morrison (5.2), Dr. Makoczy
(5.1) 8 Yes, 1 no, Motion Carried
(5.2) 7 Yes, 2 no, Motion Carried

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Mr. Jones made a motion, Mrs. Ziegler seconded to approve item 7.1 through 7.7

- 7.1 Approval is recommended to appoint Regina Johnson as a Volunteer Middle School Softball Coach for the 2018-2019 school year.
 - 7.2 Approval is recommended to appoint Natalie Syke as a Volunteer Middle School Softball Coach for the 2018-2019 school year.
 - 7.3 Approval is recommended for the Darlington Road and Trail 5K (North Country Trail Association) to use the Northwestern parking lot on July 27, 2019. Times TBD. Custodian charge will be \$42.00 per hours.
 - 7.4 Approval is recommended for the resignation of Scott McGee, Jr Varsity Baseball Coach, effective immediately.
 - 7.5 Approval is recommended to appoint Dave Woods as the Jr Varsity Baseball Coach for the 2018-2019 school year. (Supplemental Contract \$2,607.00)
 - 7.6 Approval is recommended to appoint Isabella Ritorto as a Volunteer Lacrosse Coach for the 2018-2019 school year pending clearances.
 - 7.7 Approval is recommended to appoint Molly Morris as a Volunteer Lacrosse Coach for the 2018-2019 school year pending clearances.
- Roll Call Vote: Yes, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Goehring, Mr. Heckathorn, Mr. Jones, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Schaefer, Mr. Wimmel, Mrs. Ziegler
9 Yes, 0 no, Motions Carried

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Battaglia made a motion, Mr. Morrison seconded to approve item 9.1

- 9.1 Approval is recommended for the updated van/driver list from McCarters.
- Roll Call Vote: Yes, Mr. Heckathorn, Mr. Jones, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Schaefer, Mr. Wimmel, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia
Abstain: Mrs. Goehring
8 Yes, 0 no, 1 abstain, Motion Carried

BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT

Mr. Wimmel made a motion, Mrs. Ziegler seconded to approve item 13.1

- 13.1 Approval is recommended for the following conference:

a. Tara Jones, Skyward Keystone State User Group Conference, Hershey, April 16-17, 2019, \$810 expenses budgeted.

Roll Call Vote: Yes, Mr. Heckathorn, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Schaefer, Mr. Wimmel, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Goehring

Abstain: Mr. Jones

8 Yes, 0 no, 1 abstain, Motion Carried

BEAVER COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Wimmel made a motion, Mrs. Ziegler seconded to approve item 14.1

14.1 Approval is recommended to adopt the Beaver County Career & Technology Center's Joint Operating 2019-20 General Fund Budget of \$6,136,989.00 as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yes, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Schaefer, Mr. Wimmel, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Goehring, Mr. Heckathorn, Mr. Jones

No, Dr. Makoczy

8 Yes, 1 no, Motion Carried

INTERMEDIATE UNIT

Mr. Jones made a motion, Mr. Battaglia seconded to approve item 15.1

15.1 Approval is recommended to adopt the 2019 – 2020 Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit's General Operating Budget as presented. The Budget totals \$1,455,363.

Roll Call Vote: Yes, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Schaefer, Mr. Wimmel, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Goehring, Mr. Heckathorn, Mr. Jones

No, Dr. Makoczy

8 Yes, 1 no, Motion Carried

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mrs. Goehring commented that Northwestern Primary School is shut down and not closed, not for lease or sale. She also commented on website minutes, and the board meeting once or twice a month.

Dr. Postupac commented two meetings are scheduled and as previously discussed, two would be held when needed.

Dr. Makoczy asked if Blackhawk was still communicating with PGT Trucking and New Castle School of Trade regarding Northwestern Primary School.

Dr. Postupac responded that we would continue to meet with both companies and that Mrs. LeDonne would be organizing tours for some students.

Mrs. Ziegler reminded the public that the Citizen Advisory Committee will meet April 2, 7:00PM, she also commended the orchestra program and Nate Goodrich.

Mr. Morrison made a motion, Mr. Wimmel seconded to adjourn the voting meeting at 9:41PM

Verbal Vote 9 yes, 0 no, Motion Carried

Missy Delmonico

Blackhawk School Board Recording Secretary