

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS WORK SESSION
Blackhawk High School Library
May 12, 2016**

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 There were executive sessions held on May 5 and 12 prior to the Board meeting for personnel matters.
- *1.6 It is recommended to approve minutes from April 12 and 28.
- *1.7 It is recommended that the video of the April 28, 2016 Board meeting not be posted on the District website.
- *1.8 Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the Agenda.

2. PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 2.1 Congratulations to the following high school students for being selected Student of the Month for May.
 - a. Nicholas Zuchelli– Little Beaver Lions Club
 - b. Alexandra Houk– Rotary Club

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

- 3.1 It is recommended to approve the Financial Report for April. (Exhibit provided prior to Voting Session)
- 3.2 It is recommended to approve the payment of bills. (Exhibit)
 - a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$0
 - b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund: \$0
 - c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$0
 - d. Fund 66 - Health Fund
Payroll: April \$0
- 3.3 Informational Item: Monthly Insurance Report for April. (Exhibit)
 - a. UPMC Health Fund: \$243,977.14
 - b. UPMC Dental: \$12,693.50
 - c. UPMC Vision: \$1,717.00
- 3.4 Informational Item: Discussion of facilities management proposals by ABM and Aramark. (Exhibit)
- *3.5 It is recommended to adopt the 2016-17 Proposed Final Budget in accordance with Section 687 of the School Laws of Pennsylvania and requests authorization for the budget to be made available for public inspection for 20 days beginning no later than May 26, 2016. (Exhibit)

For Information Only

The 2016-17 Proposed Final Budget is estimated at Blackhawk with the levying of 63.99 mills (Beaver County) and 20.53 mills (Lawrence County). The approval of the 2016-17 Final General Budget is scheduled for June 16, 2016.

The millage during the 2015-16 school year was Beaver County 59.12 and Lawrence County 18.69. It is recommended to raise taxes 4.87 mills, which is 1.9 mills to the allowable index and 2.97 mills for approved PDE Referendum Exceptions.

- *3.6 It is recommended to adopt the **ACT I HOMESTEAD & FARMSTEAD EXCLUSION – RESOLUTION NO. 05122016** implementing the Act 1 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion:

RESOLUTION NO. 05122016

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF THE BLACKHAWK SCHOOL DISTRICT IMPLEMENTING THE ACT 1 HOMESTEAD AND FARMSTEAD EXCLUSION.

WHEREAS, the Department of Education informed the Blackhawk School District (“School District”) that its property tax reduction allocation under Act 1 for 2016-2017 is \$861,652.67; and

WHEREAS, Act 1 requires the School District to use its allocation to calculate a Homestead and Farmstead exclusion and to adopt a resolution implementing the exclusion by June 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the School District has calculated a Homestead and Farmstead exclusion for the purpose of reducing School District property taxes;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School District shall implement the Homestead and Farmstead exclusion for the 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$171.20

4. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

- *4.1 It is recommended to approve curtailment of programs and the corresponding furloughs in the following areas: Foreign Language, Business Education, Family Consumer Science, Primary Education, and Elementary Education. The Superintendent and Solicitor are further authorized to file the appropriate notices with the Department of Education.
- *4.2 It is recommended to approve custodial furloughs as recommended by the Superintendent
- *4.3 It is recommended to approve the following furloughs of supplemental personnel as recommended by the Superintendent:
 - a. Athletic coaches
 - b. Department chairs in physical education, special education, business education
 - c. Building level computer technicians
 - d. Assistant yearbook advisor
- *4.4 It is recommended to approve the following seasonal grass-cutting work at a rate of \$9.00 per hour:
 - a. Lukas Goehring (pending clearances)
 - b. Cameron Croston (pending clearances)
- 4.5 It is recommended to approve the following for summer custodial work at a rate of \$9.00 per hour:
 - a. Dana Cummings (cafeteria)
- 4.6 Approval is recommended to employ the following summer IT staff at a rate of \$9.00 per hour:
 - a. Frank Ceriani
 - b. Eli Hopkins

4.7 It is recommended to grant a Blackhawk employee FMLA from August 17, 2016 until on or about October 24, 2016.

4.8 It is recommended to approve Bethany Cousino as substitute speech therapist for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year pending clearances.

5. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

5.1 It is recommended to approve the following field trips: (Exhibit)

- a. BHS Concert Choir (42), Maura Underwood, New York City Trip, New York, November 18 – 20, 2016 (expenses collected from students).
- b. Sixth Grade (175), Barbara Mallozzi, Read Aloud Children’s Books, NPS and PPS, May 31, 2016 (\$540 expenses budgeted).
- c. TSA (8), Tim Linkenheimer, National TSA Conference, Nashville TN, June 27- July 2, 2016 (\$ expenses budgeted, collected from students and other source).

5.2 It is recommended to participate in the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit’s “Beaver County Summer Academy for 2016” at a cost not to exceed \$500.00. (Exhibit)

5.3 It is recommended to renew the District’s Pennsylvania School Board Association annual membership at a cost of \$12,486.81. (Exhibit)

5.4 It is recommended to replace full day kindergarten with half day kindergarten beginning with the 2016-2017 school year.

5.5 This year, we are again proud to be offering our Summer Academy. The Summer Academy is an opportunity for students in grades K-3 to have five weeks of intensive reading instruction. The program, which is staffed by Blackhawk teachers, is completely free to families and transportation is provided. The program will run for five weeks from June 20th - July 21st. Classes meet Monday through Thursday from 9 AM – 11:45 AM at Patterson Primary School. This summer the program for grades K-2, will be funded by Title 1 funds. Students are invited to the program based upon the end of year reading scores. A very exciting addition this year is our pre-k program. In this program, we will identify students who attended our kindergarten screening days who may benefit from a preview to the kindergarten year. These students will be attending three mornings a week.

6. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE

6.1 Information item: discussion of the Northwestern Primary renovation project.

*6.2 It is recommended to approve the termination of the Northwestern Primary renovation contract with Eckles Engineering. The District will be required to pay the costs presently incurred and other costs as required by the contract.

*6.3 It is recommended to accept Professional Service Industries, Inc. (PSI) proposals for Asbestos & Hazardous Materials Survey, Abatement Design Services, and Asbestos Abatement Air Monitoring Services for Northwestern Primary at a cost of \$4,110 without monitoring. Supervision of the abatement work, monitoring of the air quality during and clearance of the air quality after abatement is complete is performed on a per diem basis at \$385/day. The number of days needed to perform the abatement will be able to be estimated once the amounts and locations of asbestos are determined after the survey and documentation phase. At that time there will be a more accurate estimation of the length of time needed for abatement and the cost for supervision and air monitoring.

*6.4 It is recommended to contract with PSI to do testing for the comfort parameters (Carbon dioxide, temperature, carbon monoxide and relative humidity); airborne microbiologicals (bioaerosols & culturable molds; total volatile organic compounds (TVOCS); formaldehyde; and airborne particulates in an estimated 5 locations throughout the Northwestern facility at a total estimated project cost of \$4,215.

*6.5 It is recommended to award proposal for boundary and topographic survey services (land survey and site plan) for Northwestern Primary to Wallace Pancher Group and AES Surveying and Land Planning Inc for an amount of \$10,500.

6.6 It is recommended to approve the Location Agreement between FNT Enterprises LLC and Blackhawk School District with the program entitled “Friday Night Tykes: Steel Country”. (Exhibit)

6.6 It is recommended for DMS Facility Management System annual service contract for HVAC services for Patterson and the Intermediate School at a rate of \$2,747 from FIT Optimized Solutions. The current one year service contract expires May 31, 2016. FIT Optimized Solutions is responsible for the computer programming of the boiler, pumps, and univents, at Patterson and BIS. This company is authorized to service the equipment that we have. (Exhibit)

6.7 It is recommended to accept the proposal from Abbey Carpet (COSTAR) to carpet 6 classrooms at Patterson Primary School at a cost of \$23,264.00. (Exhibit)

7. ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

7.1 It is recommended to approve the Athletic Department Activity Report for April.

7.2 Congratulations to Lexie Houk! Lexie will be attending Carlow College in the fall. In addition to academics Lexie will be playing on the women’s soccer team.

7.3 Fall physicals will be held on Wednesday, June 1st at Highland Middle School and Blackhawk High School.

- 7.4 The Scholar Athlete Breakfast will be held on Friday, May 27th at 7:45 am.
- 7.5 The Boys Baseball Team won their section and will be advancing to the WPIAL and PIAA State Championships.
- 7.6 The Girls Lacrosse Team won their section and will be advancing to the WPIAL and PIAA State Championships.
- 7.7 Congratulations to the following students who placed at the Pennsylvania Technology Student Association (TSA) conference at the Seven Springs Mountain Resort on April 13-16
 Individual Events:
 a. Shelby Bosworth 9th Place Photographic Technology
 b. Ryan Hutchinson 4th Place Transportation Modeling
 c. Katlyn Walker 4th Place CAD Engineering 3D
 d. Mitchell Pulleo 3rd Place Prepared Presentation
 Team Events:
 a. Jake Stoyanoff & Nate Dessler 8th Place SciVis
 b. Nick Foust, Cy Fox, David Bibby, Roger Diehl, Mitchell Pulleo & Matt Rockage 5th Place Animatronics
 c. Alex Jena, Bryan Culler, Eric Scanlon, Hannah Mensch & Jennifer Schinke 6th Place Architectural Renovation
 d. Mitchell Pulleo & Roger Diehl 6th Place Debating Technology Issues
 e. Juliana Capo, Shelby Bosworth, & Jacob Trzcinski 3rd Place Manufacturing Prototype
 f. Nick Foust & Eli Hopkins 2nd Place Pennsylvania Computer Systems Troubleshooting
 g. Matt Rockage, CJ Burawa & Mitchell Pulleo 2nd Place System Control Technology
- 7.8 Congratulations also goes out to the following students that qualified for the National TSA Conference in Nashville, Tennessee on June 28-July 2: Mitchell Pulleo, CJ Burawa, Matt Rockage, Juliana Capo, Shelby Bosworth, & Jacob Trzcinski
- 7.9 Congratulations to Nicole Cuddy, who was named Beaver County Times Female Athlete of the Week. Nicole plays on the lacrosse team and is a 4 year letter winner.
- 7.10 The 1991-1992 Men's Basketball team will be inducted into the WPIAL Hall of Fame on June 10, 2016 at the Greentree Doubletree. Anyone interested in attending or placing an ad please contact the athletic office.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON

- 8.1 Informational Item: Report by Dr. Kerber

9. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No Report

10. FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

No Report

11. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

No Report

12. POLICY COMMITTEE

No Report

13. BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT

*13.1 It is recommended to approve the following conferences:

- a. Jeff Cienik, National Athletic Training Symposium, Baltimore MD, June 22-25, 2016 (\$1,337.31 expenses budgeted).
- b. Melanie Kerber, Superintendent Academy, Harrisburg, May 16-17, 2016 (\$508 expenses budgeted).

14. BEAVER COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY

No Report

15. PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

No Report

16. BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

No Report

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- A. Visitors
- B. Administration
- C. Student Representative
- D. Solicitor
- E. School Directors
- F. Next Meeting—May 19, 2016 Blackhawk High School Library, 7:30PM.
- G. Adjournment
- H. Executive Session, if needed.