

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS WORK SESSION
Blackhawk High School Library
May 15, 2018**

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 was an executive session held prior to tonight's meeting for personnel matters.
- *1.6 Approval of April Minutes. (Exhibit)
- *1.7 Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the Agenda.

2. PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Melissa Ziegler, Chairperson

Blackhawk is very proud of our student's achievements and we encourage the extracurricular activities that happen in each grade. Please visit each schools website for updates and happenings in our buildings. All accomplishments cannot be mentioned tonight, however, we would like to highlight the below.

- 2.1 Congratulations to the following students for being selected as "Student of the Month for April:

- a. Little Beaver Lions – Jennifer Schinke
 - b. Rotary Club – Jesse Auman
- 2.2 Congratulations to Lauren Ostrom, our student board representative. Lauren was chosen the Beaver County Distinguished Young Woman for 2019.
- 2.3 Blackhawk School District has been named one of 583 schools across the nation to be a Best Communities for Music Education recipient by The NAMM Foundation. Blackhawk demonstrates an unwavering commitment to providing comprehensive music education for all students. The award recognizes the commitment and dedication of Blackhawk to music and the arts as innovative learning opportunities for a well-rounded education.
- 2.4 Congratulations to the following Highland Middle School students for their accomplishments at the YSU English Festival. These students won awards in areas of trivia, poetry and writing:
- a. Lexie Carpenter
 - b. Caleb Farone
 - c. Alexa Hupp
 - d. Hailee Liptak
 - e. Talia Peccon
 - f. Devon Puglia
 - g. Ava Thompson
 - h. Natalee Tusick
 - i. Logan Yeager

- Presentation – Jodi Borroni, Lion Listeners
- Presentation – Fourth Grade Departmentalize
- Presentation – Music Department, NAMM Award
- Presentation – Patterson Primary Playground
- Presentation – Eckles
- Presentation – Jim Cox

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

3. FINANCE COMMITTEE
Greg Woods, Chairperson

- 3.1 Informational Item: Monthly Insurance Report for April. (Exhibit)
- a. UPMC Health Fund: \$273,291.53
 - b. UPMC Dental: \$9,774.75
 - c. UPMC Vision: \$1,332.00
- 3.2 It is recommended to approve the Financial Report for April. (Exhibit)

- 3.3 It is recommended to approve the payment of bills. (Exhibit will be provided prior to Voting Session)
- a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$
 - b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund: \$
BAAG : \$0
 - c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$
 - d. Fund 66 - Health Fund: \$
Payroll: April \$
- 3.4 It is recommended to approve the athletic activity account for April. (Exhibit)
- 3.5 It is recommended to approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$39,000 from BAAG to Fund 10 (General Fund). (Exhibit)
- 3.6 It is recommended to approve the Repository Tax Sale in Lawrence County. (Exhibit)
- 3.7 It is recommended to approve the Industrial Appraisal Agreement proposal for fixed asset accounting control and insurance valuation purposes at a cost of \$8,290.00. (Exhibit)
- 3.8 It is recommended to adopt the ACT I HOMESTEAD & FARMSTEAD EXCLUSION – RESOLUTION NO. 05222018 implementing the Act 1 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion:
RESOLUTION NO. 05222018
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 2018-2019 is \$862,045.31; 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, 2018; and
- WHEREAS, the School District has calculated a Homestead and Farmstead exclusion for the purpose of reducing School District property taxes; and
- NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School District shall implement the Homestead and Farmstead exclusion for the 2018-2019 school year in the amount of \$173.62. (Exhibit)
- 3.9 It is recommended to accept fees as quoted by UPMC to provide continued administrative services for the District’s health plan for the 2018-19 fiscal year at \$56.44 per member per month. Approximately \$203,184 (based on 170 contracts)

per year. (Exhibit)

- 3.10 It is recommended to renew stop loss coverage as quoted by UPMC Health Benefits, Inc. for renewal for the 2018-19 fiscal year. Approximately \$249,091 per year.
- 3.11 It is recommended to accept the UPMC Vision Advantage quote to provide administrative services for District's vision plan for the 2018-19 fiscal year at \$1.00 per member per month. Approximately \$3,250 per year. (Exhibit)
- 3.12 It is recommended to accept the UPMC Dental Advantage quote to provide administrative services for the District's dental plan for the 2018- 19 fiscal year at \$3.25 per member per month. Approximately \$10,530 per year. (Exhibit)
- 3.13 It is recommended to approve UPMC WorkPartners (Wellness Program) for 2018-19 and 2019-20 school year at a total cost of \$18,740 to be disbursed from the Health Fund (Fund 66). (Exhibit)
- 3.14 It is recommended to approve closing the WesBanco Activities and Athletics Committee bank account and transfer the funds to FNB Athletics and Activities Fund bank account. (FNB is the Districts Depository)
- 3.15 It is recommended to adopt the 2018-2019 Blackhawk School District General Fund, proposed budgets as previously approved by the Board for review and modified as needed. General Fund (Fund 10) expected expenditures total \$37,754,702 and expected revenues total \$37,416,063. (Expenditures exceed revenues by \$338,639) (Exhibit)
- 3.16 It is recommend to accept A-G detailing the District's tax levies, tax collectors, tax collection procedures, and compensation rates for tax collectors:

A. 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 2018-2019 fiscal year at a rate of 66. mills based upon the assessed valuation of the properties in the District's municipalities located in Beaver County; and, at a rate of 21.17 mills based upon the assessed valuation of the properties in Enon Valley Borough in Lawrence County.

B. 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 2018-2019 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.

C. 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 2018-2019 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 2018-2019 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, 2018. 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, 2018, October 31, 2018 and December 31, 2018 respectively as provided by law. The payment of the first installment prior to or on August 31, 2018 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 2018- 2019 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 2018-2019 for delinquent Per Capita Taxes levied. Charges will be as contracted.

G. APPOINTMENT OF EIT, LST, AND MECHANICAL DEVICES COLLECTORS: Resolved that during the 2018- 2019 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.

4. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Bonnie Goehring, Chairperson

4.1 The Superintendent recommends approval to employ the following summer custodians and IT workers at a rate of \$9.00 per hour:

a. Shelley Horton

- b. Kathi Young
 - c. Marilyn Zoretich
 - d. Sharon LeBlanc
 - e. Carey Courinos
 - f. Tabitha Markusic
 - g. Erin Lokey
 - h. Jeri Carver
 - i. Keith Welsh
- 4.2 The Superintendent recommends approval to employ the following Summer IT workers at a rate of \$9.00 per hour:
- a. Eli Hopkins
 - b. Logan Mennell
- 4.3 The Superintendent recommends approval to accept the resignation of Catherine Virgin, Teacher, effective June 2, 2018.
- 4.4 The Superintendent recommends approval to accept the resignation of Hannah Nohe, Teacher, effective July 1, 2018.
- 4.5 The Superintendent recommends approval for the following substitute:
- a. Judy Campbell – teacher
- 4.6 The Superintendent recommends approval to employ Roxanne Hoffman, Paraprofessional, at a rate of \$11.76 per hour and benefits according to the BESPA, beginning August 22, 2018.
- 5. EDUCATION COMMITTEE**
Melissa Ziegler, Chairperson
- *5.1 The Superintendent recommends approval for the following field trips: (Exhibit)
- a. Sixth Grade (60-125), Sixth Grade Teachers, Read Aloud Children’s Picture Books, Patterson and NPS at BIS, May 22 and 23, 2018 \$560 bus costs budgeted.
- 5.2 The Superintendent recommends approval for the following student teachers for the 2018-19 school year:
- a. Alanna Rafter, Slippery Rock, with Heather Ream
 - b. Kelly Schneider, Slippery Rock, with Rob Puskas
 - c. Kylie Crowl, Geneva, with Rachelle DeFrank
 - d. Allison Joseph, Geneva, with Mandie Payne and Amy Black
 - e. Zachary Wallace, Geneva, with Christina Chesno and Megan Anderson
 - f. Megan Myer, Geneva, with Amy Cienkowski
 - g. Amanda Bemis, Geneva with Dianne Sarver
 - h. Ayana Hauser-Carter, Duquesne, with Joy Winters

- 5.3 The Superintendent recommends approval for Homebound Instruction for a sixth grade student beginning May 1, 2018, according to physicians order.
- 5.4 The Superintendent recommends approval for and the following teachers to teach 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 with transportation is provided. The program will run for five weeks from June 18th - July 13th. Classes meet Monday through Thursday from 9 AM – 11:45 AM at Blackhawk Intermediate School. Students are invited to the program based upon the end of year reading scores. Our incoming Kindergarten students who have registered to attend Kindergarten in the Fall will be invited to participate. Our Kindergarten screening process identifies students who would benefit from a preview to the kindergarten year. These students will be attending three mornings a week. (Names of teachers will be provided prior to the Voting Session)
- 5.5 The Superintendent recommends approval for a 2 year pilot of the Science Fusion Textbooks for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years for grades 3 and 4. The consumable textbooks include online resources for use at school and at home.
- 5.6 The Superintendent recommends approval to sponsor the “Beaver County Summer Academy” at a cost of \$500. The Academy will be conducted during the weeks of June 18, and June 25, 2018 at the Beaver Area School District.

6. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE

Bonnie Goehring, Chairperson

- 6.1 It is recommended to approve the proposal from Fagan Sanitary Supply for gym floor refinishing at the high school, middle school and intermediate school at a cost of \$8,600 with work to begin after the 2017-2018 school year. (Exhibit)
- 6.2 It is recommended to approve the proposal from Trane to replace space humidity sensors and temperature sensor at Highland Middle School at a cost of \$4,259 with work to begin after the 2017-2018 school year. (Exhibit)
- 6.3 It is recommended to approve the proposal for a three year Service Agreement with Trane for Highland Middle School at a cost of \$11,637 (year1), \$12,102. (year 2), and \$12,586 (year 3). (Exhibit)
- 6.4 It is recommended to approve the proposal from A.G. Mauro Company to replace the boiler room and kitchen door at Patterson Primary at a cost of \$8,990 with work to begin after the 2017-18 school year. (Exhibit)
- 6.5 It is recommended to approve the proposal from AB Specialties, Inc. to repair the high school auditorium doors at a cost of \$3,294 with work to begin after the 2017-18 school year. (Exhibit)

6.6 It is recommended to approve the Eckles Community Advisory Committee Study at a cost of \$65,000. (Exhibit)

7. ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Dan Jones, Chairperson

7.1 Congratulations to the following students for being named Beaver County Times Athlete of the Week.

- a. Carlee May (Lacrosse)
- b. Michael Turconi (Baseball)
- c. Maddie Young (Softball)

7.2 Congratulations to Mady Aulbach and Mackenzie Amalia for being named First Team All-Section in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

7.3 Congratulations to Mady Aulbach for being named First Team 4A All WPIAL.

7.4 Congratulations to Mady Aulbach and Mackenzie Amalia for being named Second Team All-State.

7.5 Congratulations to Bree Dickton for breaking a school record for softball with 18 strike-outs in a game on Friday, April 20th at New Castle.

7.6 Congratulations to Drew Rodenbeck, he captured the Section 2, AA Singles Title for tennis.

7.7 It is recommended to approve the resignation of Kirsten Frye as Artistic Director effective immediately.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON

Neil Morrison, Chairperson

No Report

9. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

John Battaglia, Chairperson

9.1 It is recommended to approve the updated bus and van driver list from McCarters. (Exhibit)

10. FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

Dan Jones, Chairperson

No Report

11. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

Neil Morrison, Chairperson

No Report

12. POLICY COMMITTEE

Greg Woods, Chairperson

No Report

13. BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT

Matt Wimmel, Chairperson

13.1 The Superintendent recommends approval for the following conferences: (Exhibit)

- a. Krystal Kier, Christy Desselle, Road Testing – Childhood Apraxia of Speech Assessment and Treatment, BVIU, May 18, 2018 no expense.

14. BEAVER COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY

Matt Wimmel, Chairperson

14.1 It is recommended to approve the Beaver County Career and Technology Center 2018-2019 Operating Budget of \$5,985,989. (Exhibit)

15. INTERMEDIATE UNIT

Bonnie Goehring, Chairperson

16. PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Melissa Ziegler, Chairperson

16.1 The Superintendent recommends approval to renew the District's Pennsylvania School Board Association annual membership at a cost of \$12,856.11. (Exhibit)

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- A. Visitors
- B. Student Representative
- C. Administration
- D. Solicitor
- E. School Directors
- F. Voting Session, May 22, 2018 Blackhawk High School Library, 7:00PM.
- G. Adjournment
- H. Executive Session, if needed.