

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS WORK SESSION  
Blackhawk High School Library  
May 7, 2019**

**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

**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.

- 2.1 Congratulations to the following students for being selected Student of the Month for May:
  - a. Khalil Frazier – Rotary
  - b. Chloe Pyle– Little Beaver Lions

- 2.2 Congratulations to Lyndsay Wilcox, she was awarded a grant in the amount of \$3,380.00 for her Grant for Growing Application from the National FFA Organization.

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

Presentation: Blackhawk High School – Valedictorian

**3. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Dr. Makoczy, Chairperson

- 3.1 Informational Item: Monthly Insurance Report for April. (Exhibit)  
a. UPMC Health Fund: \$305,851.53  
b. UPMC Dental: \$8,747.75  
c. UPMC Vision: \$948.90
- 3.2 Approval is recommended for the Financial Report for April. (Exhibit)
- 3.3 Approval is recommended for the payment of bills.  
a. Fund 10 – General Fund:\$  
b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund: \$  
BAAG : \$0  
c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$  
d. Fund 66 - Health Fund: \$0  
Payroll: April \$
- 3.4 Approval is recommended to accept the athletic activity account for April. (Exhibit)
- 3.5 Approval is recommend to share the cost of safety equipment with Chippewa Township Police. The district responsibility will be \$2,239.19. (Exhibit)
- 3.6 Approval is recommended for the following budget transfers:  
a. \$44,431 from Fund 32 (Blackhawk Activities and Athletic Group) to Fund 10  
b. \$50,000 from Fund 10 to Fund 51 (Cafeteria)
- 3.7 Approval is recommended to accept fees as quoted by UPMC to provide continued administrative services for the District’s health plan for the 2019-20 fiscal year at \$52.98 per member per month. Approximately \$171,655 (based on 270 contracts) per year. (Exhibit)
- 3.8 Approval recommended to renew stop loss coverage as quoted by UPMC Health Benefits, Inc. for renewal for the 2019-20 fiscal year. Approximately \$370,850 per year. (Exhibit)
- 3.9 Approval is recommended to accept the UPMC Vision Advantage quote to provide

administrative services for District’s vision plan for the 2019-20 fiscal year at \$1.00 per member per month. Approximately \$3,250 per year. (Exhibit)

- 3.10 Approval It is recommended to accept the UPMC Dental Advantage quote to provide administrative services for the District’s dental plan for the 2019- 20 fiscal year at \$3.25 per member per month. Approximately \$10,530 per year. (Exhibit)
- 3.11 Approval is recommended to adopt the ACT I HOMESTEAD & FARMSTEAD EXCLUSION – RESOLUTION NO. 05142019 implementing the Act 1 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion: (Exhibit)

WHEREAS, the Department of Education informed the Blackhawk School District (“School District”) that its property tax reduction allocation under Act 1 for 2019-2020 is \$861,627.42; 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, 2019; 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 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$175.77.

- 3.12 Approval is recommended to adopt the 2019-2020 Blackhawk School District General Fund, proposed budgets as previously approved by the Board for review and modified as needed: (Exhibit)
  - a. *General Fund (Fund 10) expected expenditures total \$39,111,634 and expected revenues total \$37,752,903 (Expenditures exceed revenues by \$1,358,731) at a rate of 66.mils. **Based on a 0 mil increase.***
  - b. *General Fund (Fund 10) expected expenditures total \$39,111,634 and expected revenues total \$37,988409 (Expenditures exceed revenues by \$1,123,225) at a rate of 67. mils. **Based on a 1 mil increase.***
  - c. *General Fund (Fund 10) expected expenditures total \$39,111,634 and expected revenues total \$38,223,915 (Expenditures exceed revenues by \$887,719) at a rate of 68. mils. **Based on a 2 mil increase.***

- 3.13 Approval 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 2019-2020 fiscal year at a rate of \_\_ mills based upon the assessed valuation of the properties in the District’s municipalities located in Beaver County; and, at a rate of \_\_ 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 2019-2020 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 2019-2020 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 2019-2020 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, 2019. 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, 2019, October 31, 2019 and December 31, 2019 respectively as provided by law. The payment of the first installment prior to or on August 31, 2019 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 2019- 2020 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 2019-2020 for delinquent Per Capita Taxes levied. Charges will be as contracted.

**G. APPOINTMENT OF EIT, LST, AND MECHANICAL DEVICES COLLECTORS:** Resolved that during the 2019- 2020 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 Approval is recommended to employ the following summer custodians, grass cutters and IT workers at a rate of \$9.00 per hour pending clearances:

- a. Reagan Rider
- b. Cassandra Majors

4.2 Approval is recommended for the following substitutes:

- a. Brandy McCandless
- b. Angela Renniger

4.3 Approval is recommended to accept the resignation of Linda Cartwright, paraprofessional, effective at the conclusion of the 2018-19 school year.

4.4 Approval is recommended to accept the separation agreement with Prosoft Employee #129.

4.5 Approval is recommended for the following summer school teachers and paraprofessionals:

- a. Kristi Bresh
- b. Mary Beth George
- c. Erica Shildt
- d. Tracy Yowler
- e. Rachael Rockage
- f. Sara Peace
- g. Lauren McClinton
- h. Jordyn Shipley
- i. Rose Highberger
- j. Cara Moyer
- k. Christina Welsh
- l. Cassandra Majors

**5. EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Melissa Ziegler, Chairperson

5.1 Approval is recommended for the following field trips: (Exhibit)

- a. Blackhawk High School (50), Missy Balaski, Cedar Point, Sandusky, May 11, 2019, no expense.
- b. TSA (21), Tim Linkenheimer, National TSA Conference, Washington DC, June 27-July 2, 2019 \$6,000 expenses budgeted.

- 5.2 Approval is recommended for the following student teachers:
  - a. Rebecca Rienow (Geneva), with Shawna Terry and Katie Singletary
  - b. Katelyn Shoemaker (Geneva), with Gretchen Hogue and Dianne Sarver
  - c. Justine Crawford (Geneva), with Laurel Brest
  - d. Emily Ethridge (Geneva), with Dan Nolte
  - e. Victoria Springer (Carlow), with Lori Uslenghi
  - f. Meghan Hirneisen (Geneva), with Deb Thellman
  
- 5.3 Approval is recommended for Dr. McKrell, Physician, be elected to provide or oversee the student physical examinations for the coming year. He will be compensated at the rate of \$25 per student physical examination and \$30 per pre-employment physical. (Dr. Kilpatrick moving out of the district)

**6. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE**

Bonnie Goehring, Chairperson

- 6.1 Approval is recommended to contract with Widmer Engineering Inc. to maintain the water permit as required by DEP at a cost not to exceed \$6,000. (Exhibit)

**7. ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**

Dan Jones, Chairperson

- 7.1 Congratulations to Abby Schaefer for being named The Beaver County Times Girls Athlete of the Week.
  
- 7.2 Congratulations to Bob Amalia on his 300th Career Win as a Head Coach at the Blackhawk- Ambridge game on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
  
- 7.3 Congratulations to John Malagise for being named Tribune HSSN Baseball Player of the Week.
  
- 7.4 Congratulations to Mackenzie Amalia and Mady Aulbach for being named to the 1st Team All State Basketball Team. This is the first time two Blackhawk Players have been named to the 1st Team All State Basketball Team in the same year.
  
- 7.5 Congratulations to the following students for receiving scholarships:
  - a. Mady Aulbach - \$1,000 Jim Collins WPIAL Scholar Athlete
  - b. Carmen Campagna - \$500 MAC Scholar Athlete
  - c. Madison Duschek - \$1,000 BCHOF Wright Automotive Scholarship

**8. ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON**

Neil Morrison, Chairperson

No Report

**9. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

John Battaglia, Chairperson

No Report

**10. FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE**

Dan Jones, Chairperson

No Report

**11. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE**

Neil Morrison, Chairperson

No Report

**12. POLICY COMMITTEE**

Melissa Ziegler, Chairperson

No Report

**13. BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT**

Matt Wimmel, Chairperson

**Approval is recommended for item 13.1**

- \*13.1 Approval is recommended to accept the resignation of Matthew Wimmel, Region 2 School Director.

**14. BEAVER COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY**

Matt Wimmel, Chairperson

No Report

**15. INTERMEDIATE UNIT**

Dan Jones, Chairperson

No Report

**16. PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Melissa Ziegler, Chairperson

- 16.1 Approval is recommended to renew the District's Pennsylvania School Board Association annual membership at a cost of \$13,530.56. (Exhibit)

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

- A. Visitors
- B. Student Representative
- C. Administration

- D. Solicitor
- E. School Directors
- F. Next Meeting, May 14, 2019, Blackhawk High School Library, 7:00PM.
- G. Adjournment
- H. Executive Session if needed.