

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS VOTING SESSION
Highland Middle School LGI Room
November 19, 2015**

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Dr. Rose call the meeting to order at 7:33PM. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken. Those in attendance were:

Ms. Aquino	Mr. Fleischman	Mrs. Helsing	Mr. May
Mr. Pander	Dr. Rose	Mr. Yonkee	Mr. Young

Mrs. Kaszer was absent.

Also in attendance were:

- Dr. Kerber – Superintendent
- Mr. Eric Brandenburg – Business Manager
- Mr. Hobie Webster – District Solicitor
- Mr. Noah Sims, Student Representative

In the absence of a minister to offer an opening prayer, a moment of silence was held.

Mr. Yonkee made a motion to approve the October 8, 2015 meeting minutes. Mr. Pander seconded this motion.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mr. May made a motion to approve the October 15, 2015 meeting minutes. Mr. Yonkee seconded this motion. Dr. Rose requested that a couple typographical errors be adjusted prior to posting. Content was correct.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Dr. Rose advised that there was an executive session held prior to this evening's meeting for personnel matters.

The Reorganization meeting in December will be on Monday, December 7th. This will be the only board meeting in December.

Presentation by the Blackhawk French Students

Speaking in French, the students paid tribute to France following the Paris Tragedy. The French AP students have designed a tee shirt as an effort to raise funds to donate to the French Red-Cross. In addition, the art students and cheerleaders are making a support banner to be signed by students and sent to Paris. The Key Club and the National Honor Society will be making Christmas Cards to send to

schools, hospitals and nursing homes in France. The Middle School will be participating in similar activities.

Two members of the high school orchestra played the French National Anthem.

Blackhawk Intermediate School Presentation

Mrs. Barb Brown, STEAM Teacher at BIS, provided an overview of the kick-off of the OLWEUS program at BIS. Items created by the students were on displayed in the meeting room and the lobby. Mrs. Brown spoke on the assembly and activities that started off the school year and the positive impact each had on the students as well as the Intermediate School.

PUBLIC REATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Fleischman congratulated the following November students of the month.

- a. Raeann Ensworth – Rotary Club
- b. Dennis Sen – Chippewa Lions Club
- c. Noelle Hughes – Little Beaver Lions Club

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Don Inman, Patterson Township, expressed interest in presenting a certificate to the board for the dedication in flying the American Flag. After a discussion with Dr. Rose it was agreed that he would present during the closing public comments.

Mrs. Jodi Weister, South Beaver Township, inquired about agenda item #3.4, requested more information regarding this item. Dr. Kerber advised that the board wishes to review the expenses for security at athletic and non-athletic activities and make sure it standardize the expense not to exceed \$39. Mrs. Weister clarified that the board is not looking to hire a security guard/company – No.

Mrs. Weister also inquired about #7.13, First Tee Program, requested additional information. Dr. Kerber explained that this is a golf program to orient youth to the sport of golf. Mrs. Weister asked if there was any cost to the district for this program – No, it is offered to grades K-5 through grant money.

Mr. Greg Woods, Chippewa Township, addressed item #5.1. Was pleased to see the curriculum was posted and asked for clarification as to what is being voted on this evening – STEAM or Computers. Dr. Kerber explained that today's vote will be for Computer Curriculum and additional curriculum will be completed and presented to the board after the first of the year.

Mr. Woods asked if the Computer Curriculum will be adopted immediately with classes meeting once a week. Dr. Kerber advised that this has been the case already. Mr. Woods asked for clarification of the curriculum difference for grades K-2 and 3-5; as the curriculums posted are labeled K-2 and 3-5; are the resources the same. Dr. Kerber advised that the standards, by grade, are embedded. Mr. Woods expressed concern that it is a mistake not to teach keyboarding separately from computers.

Mr. Bob Clendennen, Patterson Township, thanked Dr. Kerber for providing him with the requested documents and asked for clarification from the solicitor through the president if financial information and invoices to be paid are public documents that should be shared prior to a meeting.

Mr. Clendennen spoke on the date of the reorganization meeting for 2015 and referenced the minutes from December 2014. Mr. Clendennen referenced policy and asked for clarification as to why the change in the meeting date.

Mr. Clendennen noted that there is an addendum to the agenda for this evening's meeting and asked if the board is going to vote to accept the addendum. Dr. Kerber noted that they will be asked to do so.

Mr. Clendennen discussed item 4.4 on the November 10th meeting and parliamentary procedure and Robert's Rules of Order when a 'call the question' occurs.

Mr. Webster responded to the questions posed; the financial documents were available prior to the meeting and will be. As for the date of the reorganization meeting, Mr. Webster explained that it would have been illegal to have the meeting on December 1st due to the way the statute defines the first week of December. (First week, beginning with the first Sunday - December 6 through December 12). Mr. Webster noted the comments made this evening regarding the parliamentary procedure were technically out of order if strict use of Roberts Rules were to be followed. Mr. Webster advised that he has changed his position at the board table in order to be able to advise the President of the Board during the meeting and noted that he provided a 'quick sheet' on Roberts Rules of Order to the board members this evening.

Mr. Clendennen addressed the addendum item regarding Dr. Kerber's contract and the dates listed. Mr. Webster noted that the addendum did include incorrect date(s) but does not impact the execution of the document.

Mrs. Ziegler, Chippewa Township, spoke on item 5.1 and that it differs from the agenda on the website site. Mrs. Ziegler noted that she emailed the board this week regarding curriculum and did not receive a response. Mrs. Ziegler discussed that while BIS students are in the computer lab, the time is being spent on extra math. She addressed the curriculum posted and how it appears vague.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Yonkee made a motion to approve the Financial Report for October. This motion was seconded by Mr. Young.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mr. Yonkee thanked Mr. Brandenburg for time spent reviewing the bills.

A motion was made to approval for the payment of bills by Mr. Yonkee and seconded by Mrs. Helsing.

- a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$693,543.58
 - b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund: \$0
 - c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$49,901.61
 - d. Fund 66 – UPMC Health Fund: \$216,412.35
 - e. Fund 67 – UPMC Dental: \$12,962.75
 - f. Fund 68 – UPMC Vision: \$2,176.95
- Payroll: October \$1,098,978.09

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

The Monthly Insurance Report for October was included in the board packets as an informational item. Mr. Yonkee inquired about the information received from Conrad Siegel regarding contributions to the healthcare fund. Dr. Kerber advised that a conference call was held November 18th; the district could lower their payments to the fund. Mr. Brandenburg explained that there is confusion on how to handle the account. He will be working with the auditors to determine the appropriate way to lower the contributions.

Mr. Yonkee made a motion to standardize security compensation for all athletic and non-athletic events not to exceed \$39 per hour. Mr. Yonkee noted that some municipalities pay more and others less thus the \$39 is an average. He inquired as to how overtime would be calculated. Mr. Webster noted that the district is paying an entity for services not an individual therefore overtime is not an issue. Mr. Yonkee noted that he didn't think this would be a problem for Chippewa as their rate is lower, however, Patterson's is higher at \$41. He addressed Mr. Inman in the audience who stated that he believed there is a contract. Mr. Webster stated that he has requested documentation and did not receive a contract; made the recommendation to table. Mr. Yonkee noted that the difference is only a few dollars and expressed interest in making a decision. Mr. Yonkee repeated the original motion. Mrs. Helsing seconded the motion. Mr. May made a motion to table until addition information is received and discussed at the next meeting. Ms. Aquino seconded the motion to table. A roll call was taken:

Yes – to Table	No – Not to Table
Mr. May	Mr. Young
Ms. Aquino	Mrs. Helsing
Mr. Yonkee	Mr. Fleischman
	Mr. Pander
	Dr. Rose

Roll Call Vote: 3 Yes; 5 No; Motion Failed

Return to the original motion. Mr. May inquired as to what will be done if the municipalities disagree. Mr. Webster explained that currently the district receives services at or below this rate from Chippewa Township. Furthermore, Patterson Township's service is more for emergency services and not for coverage at athletic events or non-athletic public events. Mr. Fullen advised that he meets with the municipalities annually regarding the rates. Chippewa is currently at \$38.50 and Patterson is \$41, no overtime. Previous discussions with the sheriff's department provided an offer of services for approximately \$65 per hour. Dr. Rose stated that the intention is to standardize the hourly rate for both athletic and non-athletic events and suggested to amend the original motion by identifying a not to exceed rate of \$41. Mr. Yonkee asked if the business manager and superintendent could work directly with the municipalities to negotiate a rate. Mr. May asked the difference between athletic event and non-athletic event. Athletic events are paid at straight time while non-athletic events are paid at time and a half. Discussion was held regarding having the business manager and the superintendent meet with the townships involved and bring back to the table in December. Mr. May made a motion to kill the motion which was seconded by Ms. Aquino. Mr. Webster explained that killing motion suspends the motion indefinitely; does not set a timeframe for the motion to be readdressed. Mr. May called the question and Mr. Pander seconded. A roll call vote was taken to end discussion and to pursue a vote on killing the motion. Two-Thirds majority is needed.

Yes – End Discussion	No – Continue Discussion
Mr. Yonkee	Mr. Pander
Ms. Aquino	Mr. Fleischman
Mr. Young	Mrs. Helsing
Mr. May	
Dr. Rose	

Roll-Call Vote: 5 Yes; 3 No; Motion Carried

Mr. Pander made a motion to send back to the Business Manager for additional information. Mr. Fleischman seconded the motion.

Yes – Business Manager to Pursue	No – Business Manager Won't Pursue
Mr. Fleischman	
Mrs. Helsing	
Mr. Yonkee	
Ms. Aquino	
Mr. Young	
Mr. May	
Mr. Pander	
Dr. Rose	

Roll-Call Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Helsing motioned to employ Theresa Drzik as part time cafeteria worker at a rate of \$7.25 per hour. This was seconded by Mr. Yonkee.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mrs. Helsing motioned to employ Jennifer Cooper as a part time cafeteria worker at a rate of \$7.25 per hour. This was seconded by Mr. Pander.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mrs. Helsing motioned to accept the resignation of Ashley Boyers, Assistant Principal effective January 1, 2016. Mr. Yonkee seconded this motion with regret. Mr. Boyer's service was recognized by the board and Best Wishes were extended.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mr. Young stepped out of the meeting at this point.

Mrs. Helsing made the motion to approve Nanine Karpinski as Assistant Head custodian at the High School at a rate of \$17.20 per hour plus the building Assistant Head Custodian stipend of \$.47 per hour effective November 30, 2015. Ms. Aquino seconded this motion.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mrs. Helsing made the motion to approve the following fulltime custodians 2nd shift at the High School at a rate of \$14.20 per hour effective November 30, 2015:

- a. Shannon Sabatucci
- b. David McCowin
- c. Christine Cipolla
- d. Richard Turkovich

Mr. Pander seconded the motion.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mrs. Helsing made the motion to employ Shelley Horton as part time cafeteria worker at a rate of \$7.25 per hour. This motion was seconded by Mr. Fleischman.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mr. Young returned to the meeting at this time.

Ms. Aquino asked if there was a motion to approve the addendum to the agenda and if not could that be completed at this time.

Mr. Fleischman made a motion to approve the addendum which was seconded by Mrs. Helsing.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mrs. Helsing made the motion to employ Shelley Horton as part time cafeteria worker at a rate of \$7.25 per hour. This motion was seconded by Mr. Fleischman.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

(This motion was repeated since it appeared on the addendum.)

Mrs. Helsing motioned to approve the following substitute custodian at a rate of \$9.00 per hour:

- a. Kevin Whipple

Mr. Young seconded this motion.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Ms. Aquino read a motion to accept minor adjustments to K-2 Computer curriculum and accept the entire computer curriculum for grades 3-5. Grades 6-8 Computer standards are imbedded in other classes. Ms. Aquino before actually making the motion, she asked what resources were used to develop curriculum – Dr. Kerber advised the information is documented. Ms. Aquino removed the motion pending receipt and review of the information.

Ms. Aquino made a motion to approve the following field trips:

- a. Seventh and Eighth grade (30), YSU English Festival, Youngstown State University, April 21, 2016 \$240 expenses collected from student and budgeted.
- b. High School Band (40), High School and HMS Side by Side Band, Highland Middle School, December 21, 2015 (\$150 expenses budgeted).
- c. Honors History 9 (40), Pittsburgh 1892: Industry, Society and Conflict, Frick Art and Historical Center, November 25, 2015 (\$740 expenses budgeted and collected from students).
- d. Transition (6), CCAC Skilled Trades and Service Fair, CCAC Oakdale, November 24, 2015 (no expense).

- e. PRIDE (15), Special Olympic Bowling, Sims Bowling Alley, December 4, 2015 (no expense).
- f. BHS Orchestra (7), District 2, 3, 5 Orchestra, Meadville, January 14-16, 2016 (\$1,300 expenses budgeted).
- g. BHS Orchestra (4), Western Regional orchestra, State College, February 25-27, 2016 (\$900 expenses budgeted).

Mr. May seconded the motion.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Ms. Aquino motioned to accept the Flexible Instruction Day proposal, employing non-traditional strategies to provide a continuity of instruction on school cancellation due to bad weather. The application was submitted to Pennsylvania Department of Education last December and has been approved by PDE and is available to us as an alternative to adding on days missed. Dr. Kerber provided the history of submitting the plan to the PDE and receiving their approval. Next steps would be to work with the bargaining unit for acceptance. Two formats could be used; 1) a Blizzard Bag and 2) on-line assignments. Approved for up to 5 days. This is strictly giving approval to continue moving ahead with discussion; may decide not to use until further developed. Mr. Yonkee asked for an explanation of Blizzard Bags. Hard copies of work that would sent home for completion. There is no cost associated for the program. Mrs. Helsing seconded the motion. Mr. May verified that an MOU for the teachers' contract would be needed.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 1 No (Mr. Yonkee); Motion Carried

BUILDING AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE

Mr. Pander addressed a question raised at last week's meeting regarding the drainage at the high school soccer field. Mr. Pander spoke with the Motz Group upon reviewing the drawings of the field it was determined that there is drainage; a retention pond is there. If a problem would occur with drainage the pipes could move deeper. Mr. Pander want to clarify this information as it was misrepresented at the last meeting.

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Mr. Fleischman made the motion to approve the athletic activity account. This motion was seconded by Mr. Pander.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

The motion was made to accept the resignation of Mike Arbogast, Middle School Football Coach by Mr. Fleischman. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Helsing. Mr. Fleischman extended Thanks to Mr. Arbogast for his service.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mr. Fleischman made a motion to approve Don Diel as the Middle School Track Assistant Coach for the 2015-16 school year (Supplemental Contract - \$2,472.50). This motion was seconded by Mr. Pander.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mr. Fleischman made a motion to approve Cory Schmidt as the Middle School and Varsity Swim Head Coach for the 2015-16 school year (Supplemental Contract – Varsity \$5,290 & Middle School \$2,254). Mr. Young seconded the motion. Mrs. Helsing asked how an individual do both positions. Mr. Fullen clarified that the Varsity season is in the winter while the Middle School season is in the spring.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mr. Fleischman motioned to approve Jamie Planitzer as the Varsity Swim Assistant Coach for the 2015-16 school year (Supplemental Contract - \$3,266.00). Mrs. Helsing seconded the motion.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mr. Fleischman made the motion to approve Zack Hayward as the 8th Grade Middle School boys Basketball Head Coach for the 2015-16 school year (Supplemental Contract - \$2,012.50). Mr. May seconded this motion.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mr. Fleischman made the motion to approve Calin Smith for the Winter Percussion (Supplemental Contract - \$2,637.20). Mrs. Helsing seconded this motion.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mr. Fleischman motioned to approve Greg Hayward as a Volunteer Coach for the 8th Grade Middle School Boys Basketball Team. Mr. May seconded the motion.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mr. Fleischman motions to approve Alexis Hayward as a Volunteer Coach for the 8th Grade Middle School Boys Basketball Team and the Girls Varsity Basketball Team pending clearances. Mrs. Helsing seconded the motion.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

The motion to approve Robin Hertzler as a Volunteer Coach for Bowling for the 2015-16 school year, pending clearances, was made by Mr. Fleischman and seconded by Mr. Yonkee.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Fleischman to approve Travis Crognale as a Volunteer Coach for Bowling for the 2015-16 school year. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Helsing.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mr. Fleischman motioned to approve Heather McCowin as the Assistant Yearbook Supervisor for the 2015-16 school year (Supplemental Contract - \$1,054). This motion was seconded by Ms. Aquino. Mr. Pander made a motion to table this motion until the next meeting. Mrs. Helsing seconded the motion to table. Roll Call Vote was taken:

Yes- To Table	No – Not to Table
Mrs. Helsing	Ms. Aquino
Mr. Yonkee	Mr. May
Mr. Young	Dr. Rose
Mr. Pander	
Mr. Fleischman	

Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes; 3 No; Motion Carried

Mrs. Kaszer arrived at this time; 9:25PM.

Mr. Fleischman motioned to approve the First tee Program for students in Grades K-5. Mr. Pander seconded the motion.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

A motion to solicit bids on athletic equipment/supplies for the 2016-17 school year was made by Mr. Fleischman and seconded by Mr. May.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mr. Fleischman extended congratulations to the Girls' Soccer Team for making it to the WPIAL playoff.

Congratulations was extended to Morgan Bartoles and Lexi Frank for making the All-WPIAL Team for Girls' Soccer.

Congratulation was extended to Matt Warnaka and Ryan Cerbus for making the 1st Team All Section for Men's Soccer.

Blackhawk Athletic Department sponsored a Sports Medicine presentation on November 17 for students, parents and coaches in the Blackhawk School District and surrounding communities.

7 student attended the WPIAL Summit on Sportsmanship on November 12, 2015.

ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON

Dr. Kerber noted a few recent activities including:

- Traveled to Harrisburg with other superintendents to meet with the Secretary of Education. Discuss points include: Budget, Keystones, unfunded mandates, and tax increase referendums.
- Working on a \$5 million dollar grant through the Science Foundation; partnering with Robert Morris University. If received, focus on agriculture.
- Attended a 2-day seminar on the safety and crisis intervention. Will be working with the community first responders after the first of the year.
- Career Readiness Program; developing a database of individuals who can assist with visits, job shadowing, etc.
- 35 students have been added to Kindergarten since August; continuing to monitor

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Mr. May inquired as to the two transportation issues brought before the board in October. Mrs. Kaszer stated that she has met with both Dr. Kerber and McCarter's to discuss. At present there are no vans or mini-busses available during those pick-up times. McCarter's did drive the route to explore the turn-around option. The issue that was discovered was that the bus would need to complete a second turn-around and there was not an area to do so. Currently the only way to accommodate would be to look at another driver at a cost to the district of \$23,000. Mr. May expressed that the cost seemed high and noted the potential hazard of the road.

Mr. May inquired about the situation with an ROTC student and asked for an explanation. Dr. Kerber advised that the individual is requesting reimbursement \$25 a day for 2 days a week for mileage. Dr. Kerber explained that there are several students that attend other dual enrollment programs. Discussion was held regarding past practices and reimbursements.

Mr. May addressed with Dr. Rose that in a past executive session it was discussed in moving around some of the committee chairman positions. Dr. Rose advised that this is the last meeting prior to the reorganization meeting; changes can occur at that time.

Mr. May left the meeting at this time due to a work commitment.

FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

No Report

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

No Report.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Mr. Young provided the first reading of Policy 819 – Suicide Prevention.

Mr. Yonkee addressed the seriousness of this situation and the decisions that are associated.

BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT

Mr. Young motioned the approval of the following conferences:

- a. Susan Hullihen, 10th Annual School Nurse In-Service, New Castle, January 18, 2016 (\$75 budgeted).
- b. Katie Singletary, Amanda Wertz, FBA Training, BVIU, January 12 and March 23, 2016 (no expense).
- c. Jack Fullen, P.A.S.D.A. Conference, Hershey, March 15-19, 2016 (\$1,400 budgeted).
- d. Nate Goodrich, Western Region Orchestra, State College, February 25-27, 2016 (\$500 expenses budgeted).
- e. Nate Goodrich, District 2, 3, 5 Orchestra, Meadville, January 14-16, 2016 (\$500 expenses budgeted).

This motion was seconded by Ms. Aquino

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

BEAVER COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY

Mrs. Kaszer extended congratulations to Kyle Lyndes for placing 3rd in the FFA Regional Competition in the Nursery/Landscape Career Development event. Kyle will be eligible to compete in the State event in May 2016.

Congratulations was also extended to Tasha Crawford who placed 2nd in the Gold Star Public Speaking competition. She is in the Automotive Technology Program.

PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

No Report

BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

No Report

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Visitors

Mr. Don Inman, Patterson Township, addressed comments that were made during the special meeting held on November 10, 2015 and appeared in the Beaver County Times. Mr. Inman reviewed the history of building projects within the district over the last few decades. Following Dr. Kerber's presentation earlier this month, Mr. Inman spoke with the board of commissioners at Patterson Township and Patterson Heights and presented the board with letters from each regarding Patterson Primary School.

Mr. Inman presented a certificate of recognition to the district for their dedication to flying the American Flag at the high school.

Mrs. Jodi Weister, South Beaver Township, inquired as to the growth of the district – Dr. Kerber stated that it has remained flat. Mrs. Weister asked if the primary schools were combined would staffing be affected – Dr. Kerber advised that no eliminations are anticipated. Mrs. Weister inquired as to the use of the Northwestern annex building – wrestling practice. Mrs. Weister asked if there have been any issues with the boiler at Northwestern so far this year – No, while the heating system is considered to be working overtime. Mrs. Weister inquired as to why such a large difference in busing cost (\$20,000) if students moved to BIS – this is due to an extra run being made; can be readdressed with McCarter's.

Mr. Bob Clendennen, Patterson Township, noted that there is climate control in the LGI room that has the night set back activated. This can be turned off on meeting nights. Mr. Clendennen thanked the lame duck board for not voting on the building project. Spoke on the budget being over spent by \$700,000 and \$686,200 over the last year years. Mr. Clendennen addressed the turf field on 37th street; Dr. Kerber addressed that she has spoken with Mr. Mark Taylor and was advised that all there is a field, no press box, track, etc. Additionally, the district would be share the field with the other community teams and activities.

Mr. Clendennen stated that Dr. Rose provided no financial leadership for students, taxpayers and district. Dr. Rose advised Mr. Clendennen that he is out of order. After additional comments, Mr. Clendennen was advised that he would be escorted out of the meeting if continued.

Mr. Greg Woods, Chippewa Township, inquired as to who is on the curriculum committee – Dr. Kerber responded a number of teachers and principals. In regards to computers, does Mrs. LaDonne had a comprehensive document for K-2? Dr. Kerber will discuss with Mrs. LaDonne and post on the web. Mr. Woods asked for clarification that a certified keyboarding teacher is needed to instruct keyboarding – yes. Will keyboarding be taught in the computer classes – No, it is not in the standards.

Mr. Woods asked the board members how they felt about curriculum grouped rather than by individual grades. Ms. Aquino commented; if not received in elementary levels then test scores could drop at higher grade levels.

Mrs. Ziegler, Chippewa Township, asked if anyone else would care to answer. Mr. Webster advised that this is a public comment session, the board is not required to respond.

Mr. Mark Hoenig, Chippewa Township, inquired where did item 3.4 end up. Mr. Webster advised that it was referred to the Business Manager. Mr. Hoenig noted that for the most part there have been no problems. If security guards are used, instead of police, they do not have arresting power. Asked the board to have some good negotiations and move forward.

Mr. Young addressed the president to call a point of order noting that the public comment session has extended beyond 15 minutes and since the board has been reminded to follow policy, Mr. Young made a motion to cease the public comments. Mr. Pander seconded this motion.

Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 2 No; (Ms. Aquino & Mr. Yonkee) Motion Carried

Administration

Dr. Kerber acknowledged the out-going board members and thanked them for their service. Prior to this evening's meeting each board member received a school bell on a plaque engraved with their years of service. Dr. Kerber asked for the newly elected members to see her following the meeting.

Solicitor

No Comments

School Directors

Mr. Pander made a recommendation to Mr. Woods that the Education Commitment formed at the reorganization meeting in December meet with him and a few other parents to discuss concerns.

Mr. Yonkee noted that Blackhawk has been a district with an outstanding reputation. Spoke on the need to do a better job. Mr. Yonkee spoke on the dedication of the teachers and staff. Expressed his thanks for the tribute to France that was presented this evening.

Ms. Aquino expressed the board and public regarding her hope for the new board, provided advice to the new members and expressed thanks for the opportunity to serve.

Mr. Fleischman thanked the outgoing board members. He spoke on a conversation that he had with Mr. Young regarding the policy for searching backpacks. Mr. Young noted that his finding is that the current policy allows for backpacks to line the hall and have dogs pass through, however, defers to the legal counsel of the district.

Dr. Rose acknowledge that Mrs. Kaszer was absent at the beginning of the meeting this evening as she was been honored at a dinner this evening by the Beaver County Career and Technology Center for her service as Blackhawk's representative.

Dr. Rose thanked the community for electing him to the board and to the board for appointing him to the role of president.

Student Representative

Mr. Sims noted that the main activity right now are the activities for France as outlined earlier.

The next meeting will be the reorganization meeting on Monday, December 7, 2015 at Highland Middle School, LGI Room, at 7:30PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Kaszer
Blackhawk School District Board Secretary