

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS WORK SESSION
Blackhawk High School Library
February 9, 2017**

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 January minutes. (Exhibit)
- *1.7 Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the Agenda.

**2. PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS
Dean Fleischman, Chairperson**

- 2.1 Congratulations to the following high school students for being selected Student of the Month for February:
 - a. Colin Schaly– Chippewa Lions
 - b. Raina McKoen– Rotary Club
 - c. Julianna Capo– Little Beaver Lions Club

Presentation by Scott Nelson regarding grading scale.

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

**3. FINANCE COMMITTEE
Doug Schaefer, Chairperson**

- 3.1 Informational Item: Monthly Insurance Report for January. (Exhibit)
 - a. UPMC Health Fund: \$352,251.17
 - b. UPMC Dental: \$15,287.20
 - c. UPMC Vision: \$2,626.00
- 3.2 The Superintendent recommends approval of the Financial Report for January.
- 3.3 The Superintendent recommends approval for the payment of bills.
 - a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$
 - b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund: \$0
BAAG : \$0
 - c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$
 - d. Fund 66 - Health Fund: \$0
Payroll: January \$
- 3.4 The Superintendent recommends approval of the athletic activity account for January.
- 3.5 The Superintendent recommends approval to renew the districts telephone system contract with Consolidated Communications at a rate of \$1,238.10 per month for 36 months. The contract rate is the same as the previous agreement with an additional 500 minutes of long distance included. The agreement provides service to the districts telephone system along with standard phone lines for fax, fire, and security alarms. (Exhibit)
- 3.6 The Superintendent recommends approval for to following budget transfer requests:
 - a. From Fund 10 (General Fund) to Fund 32 (Construction Fund) in the amount of \$15,360.
 - b. From Substitute wages (Fund 10) to Nursing Services Contracted (Fund 10)

**4. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
Kathy Helsing, Chairperson**

It is recommended to approve item 4.1 as presented. Motion made by ____seconded by ____.

- *4.1 The Superintendent recommends approval to employ Kelsey Darr as Paraprofessional, at a rate corresponding to the Blackhawk Educational Support Personnel Agreement beginning February 10, 2017.

- 4.2 The Superintendent recommends approval of the Settlement Agreement between the Blackhawk Education Support Professionals Association and the District resolving grievances dated April 25, 2016 and May 3, 2016, as presented. (Exhibit)
- 4.3 The Superintendent recommends approval of Pro Soft Employee #1274 request for unpaid leave for the 2017-2018 school year per Bargaining Agreement.
- 4.4 The Superintendent recommends approval to accept the resignation of John Grodson, Maintenance Worker, effective February 3, 2017.
- 4.5 The Superintendent recommends approval to employ Lisa Cramer as Custodian for Blackhawk School District at a rate corresponding to the Blackhawk Education Support Personnel Agreement beginning February 20, 2017 pending clearances.

5. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Kathy Helsing, Chairperson

- 5.1 The Superintendent recommends the approval of the following field trips: (Exhibit)
 - a. Concert Choir Men (9), Maura Underwood, Brothers, Sing On, Westminster College, March 23, 2017 (no expense).
 - b. BHS Orchestra (5), Nate Goodrich, Western Region Orchestra, Dubois High School, March 9-11, 2017, (\$200 expenses budgeted)
 - c. Fifth Grade (6), Krsten Neeley, Chorus Fest, Grove City College, March 31, 2017 (\$216 expenses budgeted).
 - d. Journalism (5), Joy Winters, Washington, D.C., Penn State University, March 29, 2017 (no expense).
 - e. Journalism (30), Joy Winters, Washington, D.C., Washington D.C., March 3, 2017 (no expense)
 - f. PRIDE/Transition (15), Mariah Brown, Job Shadow, Animal Friends, Pittsburgh, February 21, 2017 (no expense).
 - g. Student Powered Solutions, Rob Puskas, Tour of Power Station, Shippingport, March 3, 2017 (no expense).
 - h. Tenth Grade (45), Andy Yuhaniak, BCCTC Tour, February 23, 2017 (no expense).
 - i. National Art Honor Society (45), Laura Kahler, Art Trip National Gallery Of Art, Washington D.C., March 24, 2017 (expenses collected from students).
 - j. FFA (9), Lyndsay Wilcox, Area FFA Public Speaking Contest, New Wilmington, March 22, 2017 (expenses collected from students)
- 5.2 The Superintendent recommends approval of the High School Program of Studies for the 2017-2018 school year.
- 5.3 The Superintendent recommends approval of a presentation, for 8th and 9th grade by the Drug and Alcohol Services of Beaver Valley pending solicitor review. An opt out letter for parents that do not want their child to attend the presentation will be provided. (Exhibit)

- 5.4 The Superintendent recommends that SKYWARD Inc. be approved as the new student information management system beginning in the 2017-18 academic year contingent upon contract negotiations and complete legal approval of contract terms by the solicitor at an estimated initial cost not to exceed \$89,900 and \$33,234.00 per year for 3 years. Cost is expected to be reduced after negotiation. Contract execution will not begin until final costs are approved by the Board of Directors.

6. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE
Bonnie Goehring, Chairperson

- 6.1 The Superintendent recommends approval for payment for the following Blackhawk Stadium NPDES Permits
- a. \$1,500 – Beaver County Clean Water Fund
 - b. \$600 – Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Clean Water Fund
 - c. \$1,250 – Beaver County Conservation District
- 6.2 It is recommended for Eckles to prepare requests for proposal soliciting quotes from qualified professionals for services. The professional services listed below are necessary as part of the information gathering process prior to the actual renovation design and construction documentation process for the project. The information provided for land survey, hazardous materials and concealed sewers are needed before Eckles can begin design of the project.

The civil engineering services for the sanitary sewage system is necessary now since existing soil investigation, sewage system design and submission to the Local Sewage Officer and the Department of Environmental Protection for review and approval is time sensitive given the District's schedule goals. Per the advice of Ron Andrasko, a soil scientist the District engaged to study the feasibility of developing a new sewage system, review and approval to a new sewage system may take up to 9 months. The Northwestern project cannot be bid without all the agency approvals in place so the timely commencement of the sewage design and approval process must begin as soon as practical to avoid delays and allow adequate construction time to complete the proposed renovations before the start of the 2018/2019 school term. The requests for proposal soliciting quotes are as follows:

- a. professional services of an Industrial Hygienist to perform a hazardous materials survey at Northwestern Primary School, abatement design and specification preparation and air monitoring services during the abatement process.
- b. professional services of a registered land surveyor for land survey services for the Northwestern property.
- c. professional services of a registered plumber to scope and survey concealed sanitary and storm sewer piping and prepare video record and a survey document of existing conditions.
- d. professional services of a Civil Engineer to design and assist the Blackhawk School District obtain government agency approvals for a new sanitary sewage system for the renovated Northwestern Primary School.

7. ATHLETICS COMMITTEE
Doug Schaefer, Chairperson

- 7.1 Congratulations to the following students:
- a. Karen Patterson, Blackhawk Gymnastics, 1st Overall, 2nd on Beam, 2nd on Bars and 8th on Floor in the Moon Invitational Silver Division
 - b. Mady Aulbach, Blackhawk Girls Basketball, Beaver County Times Athlete of the Week
 - c. Dawson Merry , Blackhawk Boys Basketball Pittsburgh Post Gazette's West Feature Athlete
- 7.2 The Superintendent recommends to accept the resignation of Bryan Vitali, Head Varsity Soccer Coach.
- 7.3 The Superintendent recommends appointing Ryan DeSanzo as the Head Middle School Softball Coach for the 2016-2017 school year pending clearances (Supplemental Contract \$1,753.80)
- 7.4 The Superintendent recommends appointing Damian Palaich as a Volunteer Varsity Track Coach for the 2016-2017 school year pending clearances.
- 7.5 The Superintendent recommends approval for the Administration to open and award contracts to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications for the 2017-2018 athletic equipment and supplies.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON
Dr. Susan Smith, Chairperson

No Report

9. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Ken Yonkee, Chairperson

- 9.1 The Superintendent recommends approval for a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with AIU#3 for gasoline and diesel usage. (Exhibit)

10. FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE
Marian Jones, Chairperson

No Report

11. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE
Bonnie Goehring, Chairperson

No Report

12. POLICY COMMITTEE
Dean Fleischman, Chairperson

No Report

13. BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT
Dr. Susan Smith, Chairperson

- *13.1 It is recommended to approve the following conferences: (Exhibit)
- a. Nate Goodrich, American String Teachers Association National Conference, Pittsburgh, March 1-4, 2017 (\$650 expenses not budgeted)
 - b. Nate Goodrich, Western Region Orchestra, Dubois High School, March 9-11, 2017 (\$450 expenses budgeted)
 - c. Tara Jones, PA Notary Education Online Course, (\$280 expenses budgeted)
 - d. Krystal Kier, Christy Desselle, Tools for Skeptical Thinking, February 13, 2017, (no expense)
 - e. Leah Lindemann, PSLA, Hershey, March 30, - April 1, 2017, (\$850 expenses not budgeted)
 - f. Rick Ford, Mike Arbogast, PA State Athletic Directors Conference, Hershey, March 21-24, 2017 (\$1,534.42 expenses budgeted)

14. BEAVER COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY
Missy Kaszer, Chairperson

No Report

15. PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
Ken Yonkee, Chairperson

No Report

16. BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Missy Kaszer, Chairperson

No Report

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- A. Administration
- B. Solicitor
- C. School Directors
- D. Next Meeting—February 16, 2017 Blackhawk High School Library, 7:00PM.
- E. Adjournment
- F. Executive Session, if needed.