

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
WORK AND VOTING SESSION MINUTES  
Blackhawk High School Library  
July 15, 2010**

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

Rich Oswald, President of the Board of Directors, called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. Roll call was answered by eight members. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Calabria	Mr. Clendennen	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Fleischman
Mr. May	Mr. Oswald	Mrs. Pander	Mrs. Perri
Dr. Miller	Mr. Belczyk	Ms. Briggs (representing Mr. Salopek)	
Visitors: 25	Press: 0		

Mr. Inman was absent.

The opening prayer was given by Steve Atwater, from Chippewa United Methodist Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESIDENT REMARKS:**

Since there is a work session and voting meeting on the same night, the Board will proceed through all agenda items in a work session format. The public will be permitted to comment at the end of the work session, and then the voting meeting will occur.

Motion (Mr. Fitzgerald; seconded by Mr. Clendennen) to approve the Minutes from June 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 with a correction to Mrs. Pander's name.

**Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried**

**PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Board Presentation – Dr. Miller presented to the Board and audience her background and credentials for the position of Superintendent of Blackhawk Schools. She reviewed her beliefs, education and experience, leadership skills, commitment to educating the students of Blackhawk, and ability to be accountable, and the communication skills necessary to successfully lead Blackhawk.

VEBH Middle School Update Dan Engen of VEBH Architects presented to the Board and audience an update of the Middle School Project and timelines.

- Vo-Ag Program Update: Dr. Miller reviewed the following with regard to the Vo-Ag Program
- a. Audit during 2009-2010 school year
  - b. Integration of math, English, and career standards into Vo-Ag curriculum
  - c. NOCTI (National Occupational Competency Test)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: Following the work session the following public comments were addressed.**

Barb Brown requested the presentation made by Dr. Miller be placed on the district's web page. She also inquired about the potential savings with one less administrative position, and its impact on curriculum development

Chris Macy asked how many others applied for the superintendent's position.

Rick Sobona requested the source for the salary for superintendent's position, if bonuses are to be included, and an effort by the Board to curb spending.

Renee Schoenweiss commented on the problems that existed in the district for students with disabilities if they are still present and she requested to know how Dr. Miller will address these problems.

Chief Clint Berchtold complemented the Board on the practice of hiring within the district and supported Dr. Miller's appointment.

Colleen Barley commented on concerns educating students with disabilities and supported Dr. Miller's appointment.

Michael Alberico commented on the cost of a field trip request to a Steeler football game and what the purpose was of the Travel Club.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Motion (Mr. Fitzgerald; seconded by Mr. Calabria) to approve the financial report as submitted.

**Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Fitzgerald; seconded by Mr. Calabria) to approve the payment of bills per fund as submitted:

- a. Fund 10 – General Fund: 09-10 \$214,812.28; and 10-11 \$486,151.86
  - a. 6/11/10 Payroll \$634,272.67
  - b. 6/25/10 Payroll \$582,248.25
- b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund: \$58,670.46
- c. Fund 50 – Cafeteria Fund: 09-10 \$58,249.52; and 10-11 \$120.00
- d. Fund 66 – UPMC/Delta Dental: \$234,647.11

**Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Fitzgerald; seconded by Mrs. Pander) to accept the Serve You contract for prescription drug coverage retroactive to July 1, 2010.

**Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Fitzgerald; seconded by Mr. May) to amend the tax notice of Blackhawk School District residents of Lawrence County for the 2010-2011 real estate collections to reflect a discount period of 60 days in accordance with the law. This amendment is effective for the one year only.

**Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried**

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Motion (Mrs. Pander; seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald) to approve the contract with Heather Kronk, dance instructor for the 2010-2011 school year.

**Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried**

Motion (Mrs. Pander; seconded by Mr. Calabria) to employ Anne Glinsky beginning in the 2010-2011 school year as a Blackhawk High School German Teacher at Step 20, Bachelors at \$41,150.

**Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried**

Motion (Mrs. Pander; seconded by Mr. Clendennen) to appoint Dr. Michelle Miller as Superintendent of Schools for a (5) five year contract for a starting salary of \$116,000.00 and annual increments of \$3,000.00 per year.

**Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 2 No (Fleischman, Perri): Motion Carried**

Motion (Mrs. Pander; seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald) to approve the supplemental contract positions for the 2010-2011 school year.

**Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 1 No (Perri): Motion Carried**

Motion (Mrs. Pander; seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald) to appoint Suzanne Schlack as the Freshman Cheer Coach at a salary of \$2,031.72.

**Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried**

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Motion (Mrs. Perri; seconded by Mr. May) to approve the following field trips:  
a. Travel Club (HS) – Miss Olesnevich and Mr. Hanna, Cleveland Browns/Pittsburgh Steelers football game, January 2, 2011.

- b. Concert Choir (HS) – Maura Underwood, Music in the Parks, Sandusky, OH, March 21, 2011.
- c. BHS Band – Robert Barthen, New Brighton Halloween Parade, October 20, 2010.
- d. BHS Band – Robert Barthen – Beaver County Veteran’s Day Parade, November 11, 2010.

**Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried**

Motion (Mrs. Perri; seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald) to approve the Local Advisory Committee for the Vo-Ag program.

**Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried**

Motion (Mrs. Perri; seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald) to approve the Occupational Advisory Committee for the Vo-Ag program.

**Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried**

Motion (Mrs. Perri; seconded by Mr. May) to provide Economic students the opportunity to receive college credit through Robert Morris University if so desired, at no cost to the District.

**Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried**  
**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE**

Motion (Mr. Clendennen; seconded by Mr. May) to authorize VEBH to prepare bidding documents and advertise based upon Board reviewed preliminary plans and budgets for the following projects:

- a. Kitchen at BIS
- b. Masonry repairs at NW, BIS, High School
- c. Northwestern Roof

**Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Clendennen; seconded by Mr. May) to award the bid for the pool drain project to the lowest responsible bidder meeting district specifications at a cost not to exceed \$9,999.00.

**Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Clendennen; seconded by Mr. Calabria) to authorize VEBH to submit PDE 3074 related to the following projects:

- a. Kitchen at BIS
- b. Masonry repairs at NW, BIS, High School
- c. Northwestern Roof
- d. Pool Drain

**Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Clendennen; seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald) to authorize VEBH to prepare specifications, bidding documents, and advertise for the replacement of the BIS chiller.

**Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Clendennen; seconded by Mrs. Perri) to approve the following consultants to work with VEBH:

a. Pennoni Associates, Inc. 701 Seco Road, Monroeville, PA 15146 (landscape architect and design for BIS and High School Paving Projects)

**Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Clendennen; seconded by Mrs. Pander) to submit the applications to PennDOT for traffic signals at Patterson Primary and Blackhawk High School.

**Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried**

#### **BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT**

Motion (Mr. Calabria; seconded by Mrs. Perri) to approve the following conferences:

a. Susan Hullihen – Diabetes in the Schools, Children’s Hospital, Pittsburgh, August 20, 2010.

**Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments at this time.

**The Board adjourned at 10:50 pm to executive session for personnel matters with no further voting action to be taken.**

**Vincent M. Belczyk  
Board Secretary**