

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' VOTING MEETING
Northwestern Primary School Cafeteria
April 18, 2013**

MEETING MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Mr. Richard Oswald, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM. and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was answered by eight members, a quorum.

Those in attendance were:

Mr. Calabria	Mr. Clendennen	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Fleischman
Mr. Inman	Mr. May	Mr. Oswald	Dr. Rose

Absent was: Mr. Heckathorn

Also attending were:

Dr. Miller- Superintendent Mr. Salopek- Solicitor Mr. Wessel- Board Secretary

Mr. Oswald introduced Pastor Judy Angleberger from the Steffin Hill Presbyterian, who gave the invocation.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Fleischman offered the following congratulations on behalf of the Board to:
Blackhawk Intermediate School's Mia Bartoles for being a winner in the Chesapeake's Discovering Tomorrow's Leaders program. The school will receive 3 iPad minis in honor of Mia.

Gennifer Dusold, Amber Leitsch and Steve Genova for being selected as a student honoree for the 2013 Beaver Valley Musicians Hall of Fame. This recognition enables these students to be eligible for a scholarship along with recognition at an awards ceremony.

Frantzi Schaub for winning Mr. Beaver County, 2013. Frantzi competed with other area students in the Prevention Network sponsored, Mr. Beaver County Competition at Central Valley High School. Proceeds benefit the American Stroke Association.

The BHS Band for their success at the Three Rivers Winter Ensemble Association Championships. BHS Percussion took first place and our guard took sixth place.

Mr. Fleischman introduced Mrs. JaneAnn Fucci, Primary Principal, who gave a presentation on the District's program for preparation for Kindergarten.

Mr. Fleischman offered the following congratulations on behalf of the Board to:

The fifteen high school students who participated in the Mock Trial Competition at the Beaver County Courthouse. Clint Davies, Natalie Patura, Alexis Bovalino and Becca Lozier

received Best Witness Award and Noelle Marousis, Chelsea Marousis and Francesca Veon received Best Advocate Award. The team ended the season with a loss to Quigley High School in the Semi-final round. Their record for the season was 4 wins and 2 losses.

High School students who participated in the Science Lab Challenge. Sam Dessler and Eric Collins took first place, winning a \$50 mall gift certificate, and the whole team is eligible for a \$1000 scholarship at Penn State Beaver.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Oswald asked if there were any public comments on agenda items or other matters.

Several students, to include Madison Kyle, Jenny Goehring, Albany Kyle and Morgan McKenzie, made a presentation for reinstatement of Vocational Agriculture.

Mr. Ron Stidmon discussed the Program of Studies, Vocational Agriculture and Keystone exams.

Mrs. Bonnie Goehring discussed Vocational Agriculture and the Program of Studies.

Mr. Lyndes discussed Vocational Agriculture and the CDL preparation class.

Mr. Jon Kaszer discussed the CDL class.

An unidentified student discussed Vocational Agriculture.

A second unidentified student discussed Vocational Agriculture.

An unidentified adult male discussed the CDL class.

Mr. James Malone discussed Vocational Agriculture.

Mrs. Jodi Wiester inquired about the agenda item for security upgrades.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to accept the Financial Report for the month of March 2013 as submitted.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills as presented.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

The Board was directed by Mr. Inman to the exhibits within their packets for the March Monthly Insurance Report.

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to contribute \$1,000 to the Blackhawk Area Youth Baseball Association toward the purchase of field maintenance supplies per Administrative Guideline #9.13.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; - Motion Carried

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

No report.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mr. May moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to implement Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) at Highland Middle School and to pilot BYOT at the High School beginning in 2013- 2014. This will allow students to keep their own personal technology devices to support their learning during instruction. A discussion followed.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. May moved and Mr. Fleischman seconded a motion to offer Vocational Agriculture at the High School. A discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote: 3 Yes; 5 No (Mr. Calabria, Mr. Clendennen, Mr. Inman, Mr. Oswald, Dr. Rose) – Motion Failed

Mr. May moved and Dr. Rose seconded a motion to accept the Blackhawk High School Program of Studies for the 2013- 2014 school year.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes; 2 No (Mr. Fleischman, Mr. May) – Motion Carried

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/ REAL ESTATE

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to contract with Weatherproofing Technologies Inc. to replace the roof at Blackhawk Intermediate School using a hot applied built-up roof with a cold applied flood coat and aggregate at a cost of \$673,784.08. A discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote: 7 yes; 1 No (Mr. Fleischman) – Motion Carried

Note: Mr. May departed at this time (9:35 PM).

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to contract with Horizon Information Systems to provide and install complete exterior door access control solution consisting of S2 network nodes, new access control cabling, HID card readers and door contacts at Patterson Primary School, Northwestern Primary School Blackhawk Intermediate School, and Blackhawk High School at a cost of \$47,200. A discussion followed.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Mr. Calabria offered the following congratulations on behalf of the Board to:

Chassidy Omogrosso who was selected the 2012-13 Pennsylvania Sports Writers All-State Girls Basketball team, Pittsburgh Post- Gazette 2013 Girls Basketball Fab Five (includes all WPIAL Schools), Pittsburgh Post-Gazette West 2013 Girls Basketball Fab Five (includes Beaver County and Western Allegheny County schools), The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review Terrific 10, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette All Section Team for Class AAA, Section 2, and the Beaver County Times Girls' Basketball 1st Team All-Section, Section 2 – AAA.

Halle Denman who was selected for the Beaver County Times Girls' Basketball 1st Team All-Section, Section 2 – AAA and the Beaver County Times Top 25.

Alexis Graham who was selected to the Beaver County Times Top 25.

Steve Lodovico, Girls' Basketball Coach, who was selected Beaver County Times Girl's Coach of the Year.

Chase Migliore who was selected to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette All Section Team for WPIAL Class AAA, Section 2 and the Beaver County Times Boys' Basketball 1st Team All-Section, Section 2 – AAA.

The JV Hockey Team who won their Division for the season.

ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE

No report.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No report.

FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

No report. Mr. Fleischman asked for the draft Food Service budget.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

No report.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Dr. Rose informed the Board that he is working on an anti- nepotism policy.

BOARD/ STAFF ENRICHMENT

No report.

INTERMEDIATE UNIT

No report.

VOCATIONAL- TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Mr. Fitzgerald and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to accept the 2013- 2014 Beaver County Career and Technology Center's budget of \$4,133,131.14, representing a 2.7% increase.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to adopt a Resolution Urging Increased State Funding for School Construction and Renovation Projects. Mr. Fleischman wanted it noted that he predicted that money might not be available for reimbursement prior to the Middle School project being approved. Mr. Clendennen responded that when the Act 34 hearing was held on December 16, 2010 reimbursement was in place and it is still owed the District under the law.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to adopt a Resolution Urging Pension Reform. A discussion followed.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to adopt a Resolution Calling for Reform of Cyber Charter Funding Formula.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to adopt a Resolution Calling for Reform of Charter and Cyber School Funding Formula.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

No report.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

School Directors: Mr. Fleischman discussed Vocational Agriculture and asked about pending retirements and any positions to be added. He was told that personnel matters must be discussed in executive session.

Mr. Clendennen read the PSBA paper on Board conduct and encouraged Board members to try to make things work.

Administrators: Dr. Miller thanked the students who presented for Vocational Agriculture and praised their professional presentation and conduct.

Mr. Wessel passed to the Board members ballots for the election of members for the BVIU board.

Visitors: Mrs. Barb Brown asked for the fund balances for the Health and Dental Funds and Mr. Wessel gave them to her.

Ms. Goehring spoke about Vocational Agriculture, Athletics, the Intermediate School roof replacement, and the Program of Studies.

Mr. Kaszer discussed Vocational Agriculture.

Mrs. Denise McKenzie discussed Vocational Agriculture.

Mr. Pander discussed security upgrades.

Mrs. Fucci offered to give more information concerning the State pension system to an individual Board member.

Mr. Larry Boggs informed the Board and public that although he works for the Beaver County Times newspaper, he has no influence on what is or is not written or published by the paper.

Mrs. Goehring discussed Athletics and Vocational Agriculture.

Mr. Jack Fullen, Athletic Director, commented on the importance of extracurricular activities and the continual budget cuts that have taken place in athletics.

Next Meeting: Mr. Oswald announced that the next scheduled meeting is May 9, 2013 at 7:30 PM in the Blackhawk High School Library. A Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting will be held prior to the meeting at 6:30 PM and will be open to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 PM.

Submitted by Jerry Wessel
Board Secretary