

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' REORGANIZATION & VOTING MEETING
Blackhawk's High School Library
December 3, 2012**

MEETING MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Mr. Richard Oswald, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was answered by seven members, a quorum.

Those in attendance were:

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| Mr. Calabria | Mr. Clendennen | Mr. Fleischman | Mr. Heckathorn |
| Mr. Inman | Mr. May | Mr. Oswald | |

Absent were:

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| Mr. Fitzgerald | Dr. Rose |
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Also attending were:

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| Dr. Miller- Superintendent | Mr. Salopek- Solicitor | Mr. Wessel- Board Secretary |
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Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the November 8 and November 15, 2012 meetings.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. May moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to recess the Voting Meeting and begin the Reorganization Meeting.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Oswald opened nominations for Temporary President. Mr. Clendennen nominated Mr. Calabria. No further nominations were received and Mr. Oswald closed the nominations.

Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Oswald announced the election of Mr. Calabria as Temporary President and turned the meeting over to him.

Mr. Calabria opened nominations for Board President for the year. Mr. Inman nominated Mr. Oswald. No further nominations were received and Mr. Calabria closed the nominations.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No; 1 Abstention (Mr. Fleischman) – Motion Carried (Note: Abstention Memorandum attached)

Mr. Calabria announced the election of Mr. Oswald as Board President and turned the meeting over to Mr. Oswald.

Mr. Oswald opened nominations for Board Vice-President. Mr. Clendennen nominated Mr. Inman. No further nominations were received and Mr. Oswald closed the nominations.
Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No; 1 Abstention (Mr. Fleischman) – Motion Carried (Note: Abstention Memorandum attached)

Mr. Oswald announced the election of Mr. Inman as Board Vice-President.

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to appoint Mr. John Salopek as District Solicitor for the 2013 year at a rate of \$750 per month for retainer and \$125 per hour for all matters not covered by the retainer.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion approve Mr. Greg Smith, Physician's Assistant, to give student and pre-employment physicals for the 2013 year at rates of \$10.00 for each student physical and \$30.00 for each pre-employment physical.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to approve Dr. Daniel L. Frattaroli to give student dental examinations for the 2013 year at a rate of \$1.00 per examination.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion set the following dates for Work Sessions and to set those meetings as voting meetings in case any actions are needed at the Work Sessions. All sessions will be held in the Blackhawk High School library at 7:30 PM.

January 10, 2013
February 14, 2013
March 14, 2013
April 11, 2013
May 9, 2013
June 13, 2013
August 8, 2013
September 12, 2013
October 10, 2013
November 14, 2013

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to set the following dates and locations for Voting Meetings of the School Board of Directors during 2013, with all meetings beginning at 7:30 PM.

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| January 17, 2013 | Patterson Primary School |
| February 21, 2013 | Blackhawk Intermediate School |
| March 21, 2013 | Blackhawk High School |
| April 18, 2013 | Northwestern Primary School |
| May 16, 2013 | Highland Middle School |
| June 20, 2013 | Blackhawk High School Library |
| July 18, 2013 | Blackhawk High School Library |

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| August 15, 2013 | Blackhawk High School Library |
| September 19, 2013 | Blackhawk High School Library |
| October 17, 2013 | Blackhawk High School Library |
| November 21, 2013 | Blackhawk High School Library |
| December 5, 2013 | Blackhawk High School Library (Reorganization Meeting) |

Mr. Calabria asked for clarification that only one meeting would be held in July and Mr. Oswald replied that July was a slow time and Board members were often gone on vacation and therefore July and December have only one meeting scheduled. The December reorganization meeting was set for Thursday, December 5, 2013 rather than Monday December 2, 2013 as per the Board policy because that day school will be closed for the Monday after Thanksgiving and it is the first day of rifle deer season.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to designate The Beaver County Times as the newspaper of general circulation to be used for official notices in 2013.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to authorize the Solicitor to file with the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for permission to use electronic signatures for the 2013 year.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to delegate to Mr. Oswald as Board President the ability to appoint School Directors as Chairpersons for 2013 of the following committees:

- Finance/ Insurance
- Personnel
- Education
- Buildings, Grounds and Real Estate
- Athletics
- Administrative Liaison
- Transportation
- Food Service
- Policy
- Public Relations & Communications
- Negotiations
- Intermediate Unit
- Vocational- Technical School
- PSBA Liaison
- Council of Governments
- Beaver Valley Joint School
- Vo-Tech Citizens Advisory

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. May moved and Mr. Heckathorn seconded a motion to adjourn the reorganization meeting and resume the regular Voting Meeting.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried Meeting Adjourned at 7:46 PM

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Fleischman offered congratulations on behalf of the Board to the Blackhawk High School Band for being recognized by the Beaver Falls American Legion Post #261 for the Band's outstanding service to American Legion programs and for their participation in this year's Veterans' Day parade.

Aside: Dr. Rose arrived at this time (7:48 PM).

Mr. Oswald directed that Mr. Tom Durkin from VEBH Architects discuss the change order on the agenda under the Buildings and Grounds/ Real Estate Committee report so that Mr. Durkin would not be required to stay later. Mr. Durkin explained the change order and fielded questions from Dr. Rose and Mr. Fleischman. Mr. Inman presented a comparison study he did on school district construction project change orders and fielded questions from Dr. Rose and Mr. Fleischman.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Oswald asked if there were any public comments.

Mrs. Jodi Weister asked how the meeting schedule was publicized, where information in the "Blackhawk Now" publication came from and how Board minutes were developed. A debate followed.

Mr. Ron Stidman asked how the public can request that items be posted on the District web site and recommended Board meetings be videoed and posted on the web site. A debate followed.

Mr. Clendennen made point of order that the agenda item under consideration was PUBLIC COMMENTS, not time for School Directors under the ADDITIONAL BUSINESS portion of the agenda.

Mr. Perry Pander commented on the hot water boiler explosion at the Intermediate School.

Student Matt Young commented on information from other districts' construction projects that he got from the internet in response to Mr. Inman's study.

Mrs. Goehring asked about student testing and the air quality at Northwestern Primary School.

Mr. Perry Pander commented again on the hot water boiler explosion at the Intermediate School.

Mrs. Missy Kaiser informed the Board that the evening's agenda was not posted on the District web site.

Two Board members began to debate several issues and Mr. Clendennen raised a point of order that the agenda item under discussion was PUBLIC COMMENTS, not time for School Directors under ADDITIONAL BUSINESS.

Mr. Oswald declared a break at 9:00PM and the meeting was resumed at 9:10 PM.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Inman informed the Board that the November Financial Report and the November Insurance report will be presented at the January 10, 2013 meeting because of the date set for this meeting is too early in the month to have the data needed for the reports.

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to pay bills from the various funds as presented.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried (Note: Mr. May was out of the room)

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Heckathorn seconded a motion to adopt the Act 1 Resolution No. 12032012, which certifies that the Board will not increase millage for the 2013- 2014 year beyond the index (2.2% or 1.21 mills) as calculated by PDE.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; 1 Abstention (Dr. Rose) – Motion Carried (Note 1: Mr. May returned prior to the motion being voted upon)

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Oswald recommended, Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to approve the following substitutes for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year:

- a. William Burns, Math
- b. Teresa Scarsella, Paraprofessional
- c. Ronald Gonzalez, Paraprofessional
- d. Lisa Bradley, Paraprofessional
- e. Philip Lacey, Paraprofessional
- f. Kim Bonazza, Paraprofessional

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Oswald recommended, Mr. May moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded motion to employ Melinda Ferree as a part time cafeteria worker at Blackhawk High School at a rate of \$7.25 per hour (approximate annual cost \$3,900 with no benefits) effective immediately.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Oswald recommended, Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to employ Veronica Wood as a nurse PCA Paraprofessional for Blackhawk Intermediate School at a rate of \$12.50 per hour (approximate cost \$25, 875 per year plus benefits) effective immediately.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Oswald recommended, Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Shannon Dunlevy as Blackhawk Intermediate School paraprofessional. Ms. Dunlevy was hired at the November 15, 2012 Board meeting but declined to accept the position the next day. A discussion followed and Mr. Inman called the question.

Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No; 2 Abstentions (Mr. Fleischman and Dr. Rose) – Motion Carried
(Note: No Abstention Memorandum received from Mr. Fleischman)

Mr. Oswald recommended, Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to employ Lauren Grossman as Blackhawk Intermediate School paraprofessional at a rate of \$9.00 per hour (approximate cost \$11,340 annually plus benefits) effective immediately.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Oswald recommended, Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to grant Leah Lindeman unpaid child rearing leave for the remainder of the 2012- 2013 school year once she has exhausted her sick days.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mr. May moved and Mr. Heckathorn seconded a motion to approve the following field trips:

- a. BHS Band (3), Dave Zaccari, District 5 Honors Band, Westminster College, December 6 & 7, 2012 (expenses budgeted)
- b. National Art Honor Society (40), Ashley Biega, Art & Design Field Trip, Carnegie Museum of Art, December 19, 2012 (expenses collected from students).
- c. BHS Band (44) and BMS Band (42). Side by Side Concert, Highland Middle School, December 12, 2012 (expenses budgeted).
- d. AP Spanish (5) Ryan Ricciardi, Lunch at El Paso Mexican Restaurant, Chippewa, once a month, December 2012 through May, 2013 (expenses collected from students).

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/ REAL ESTATE

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to approve a change order to Yarborough Development in a not to exceed amount of \$2,000 for labor and materials related to the removal of the plaster ceiling in Room F-011 at the Middle School. A discussion followed.

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

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Mr. Calabria offered the following congratulations to the Men's Football Team on recent Parkway Conference honors:

- a. Alex Caratelli, Top 24 Offense, Wide Receivers; Top 24 Defense, Defensive Back.
- b. Nolan Moffett, Top 24 Offense, Guards; Top 24 Defense, Defensive Back.
- c. Chandler Kincade, Top 24 Offense, Quarterback- Unanimous selection
- d. Cole Chiappialle, Top 24 Offense, Running Back, Unanimous selection
- e. Andrew Podbielski, Top 24 Defense, End, Honorable Mention Offense, Tight End
- f. Tyler Beatrice, Honorable Mention Offense, Center, Honorable Mention Defense, Down Linemen
- g. Cody Bain, Honorable Mention Defense, Outside Linebacker

- h. Tom Graham, Honorable Mention Defense, Inside Linebacker
- i. Tyler Engle, Honorable Mention Defense, Defensive Back

Mr. Calabria offered congratulations to Haley Schramm who received Class AA All WPIAL First Team and Section 1-AA First Team Girls Volleyball and Makenna Malinowski who received Section 1-AA First Team Girls Volleyball selections.

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Chris Lantzy as Boys' Varsity Soccer Coach. Some discussion followed.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to reinstate the Freshman Football Program for the 2013- 2014 school year.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE

Mr. Oswald announced that during Voting Meetings from January through May 2013 principals, their staff and/ or students will provide brief presentations to highlight their school's successes and student achievements.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No report.

FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

Mr. Fleischman stated that he regrets missing the opening of the new Middle School cafeteria but understands that it went well. He congratulated and thanked the food service workers for the success.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

No report.

POLICY COMMITTEE

No report.

BOARD/ STAFF ENRICHMENT

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Heckathorn seconded a motion to approve attendance at the following conferences:

- a. Gina Gordon, Beaver County Counselor's Association Workshop, Beaver County Career and Technology Center, January 11, 2013.

b. Bob Amalia, Joe Boyer, Lou Wolber. Joe Basile, PA Baseball Coaches Clinic, Green Tree, January 11 & 12, 2013 (expenses budgeted).

c. Jack Fullen, PSADA Conference, Hershey, March 16, 2013 (expenses budgeted).

d. Ashley Biega, PTI High School Teacher Workshop, Oakdale, April 14, 2013 (expenses budgeted).

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

INTERMEDIATE UNIT

No report.

VOCATIONAL- TECHNICAL SCHOOL

No report.

PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

No report.

BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

No report.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

School Directors: Mr. Inman commented about the positive information he previously asked to be posted on the District web site and after some discussion offered to request that it be removed. Mr. Inman then moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion that the information Mr. Inman presented earlier in the meeting concerning contingency fund use be posted to the web site. A discussion followed and Dr. Rose moved that the motion be tabled if a byline is posted with the report indicating its source. Mr. Inman agreed.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen entered a plea for the return of civility to the meetings.

Mr. Heckathorn recommended that Board members visit the Christmas programs at the Primary and Intermediate schools if their schedules allowed.

Note: Mr. May departed for his job at this time.

Mr. Fleischman asked about the State auditor and the delay of pay deposits from close of business the day before Thanksgiving to the morning after Thanksgiving.

Dr. Rose questioned the meeting dates approved by the Board for the 2013 year as approved prior to his arrival.

Dr. Rose questioned the sources used by Mr. Inman for the contingency fund data he presented earlier in the meeting.

Mr. Clendennen again called for civility and an end to side comments and disrespectful actions.

Mr. Fleischman talked about owning actions and votes taken.

Dr. Rose asked if the joining of the municipalities of Patterson and Fallston would result in more students for Blackhawk. He was told no.

Mr. Fleischman talked about previous Board decisions.

Administrators: None

Visitors: Ms. Barb Brown asked for the fund balances in the Health and Dental Funds and Mr. Wessel said they will not be ready until the January meeting.

Mrs. Goehring asked if the savings from refinancing the 2007 bond issue was designated and she was told no by Mr. Oswald.

Mr. Pander discussed posting items on the District web site and the accuracy of the data in the information posted.

Matt Young talked about the Board minutes.

Dr. Rose moved and Mr. Fleischman seconded motion to have meetings recorded. A discussion followed. Dr. Rose called the question. Then Dr. Rose re-phrased the motion to allowing anyone to video tape the meetings. Mr. Fleishman seconded. The solicitor said the right to record the meetings already existed in the law. Mr. Inman moved to table the motion(s).

Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes; 2 No- Motion to Table Carried

Mr. Fleischman volunteered to form a committee to explore recording meetings and Mr. Oswald said he could do so and report under the Public Affairs and Communications section of future agendas.

Mr. Oswald announced that the next meeting will be held on January 10, 2013 in the Blackhawk High School library at 7:30 PM and will be preceded at 6:30 PM by a Buildings and Grounds meeting which is also open to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 PM.

Submitted by Jerry Wessel
Board Secretary