

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' VOTING MEETING
Blackhawk Intermediate School Gymnasium
February 21, 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. Heckathorn	Mr. Inman	Mr. Oswald	Dr. Rose

Absent was: Mr. May

Also attending were:

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

Mr. Oswald introduced Pastor Larry Bettencourt from the Champion Life Church, who gave the invocation.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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

Three of Blackhawk's Strings students who attended this year's District Orchestra Festival and who qualified by audition to participate in the Western Regional Orchestra. They are: Aleena Milinski (Violin); Nate Catanzarite (Bass); and, Kaylyn Kiser (Clarenet).

TSA students for their achievements at the Regions 1 and 6 Technology Student Associations Conference in Pittsburgh on January 11 and 14, 2013. Many students in Levels 1 and 2 placed in both individual and team events.

Mrs. JaneAnn Fucci, Primary Principal, for receiving the "Heart of a Lion" award for her "Outstanding service to citizens of the Blackhawk School District." The Little Beaver Lions Club honored Mrs. Fucci at their January meeting with a statuette and certificate.

Blackhawk High School Senior Clint Davis, a National Merit Scholarship contender. Clint is one of 15,000 students nationwide to be chosen for this scholarship.

Mr. Fleischman introduced Mrs. Carol Sprinker, Intermediate School Principal, who in turn introduced Intermediate School students and staff who presented the Be a Hero program at the school.

At this time Mr. Oswald allowed Ms. Carolyn Pengidore from Clear Choice Energy to present to the Board an informational briefing on the Energy Curtailment Program and proposed District participation.

Mr. Oswald then allowed Dr. Miller an opportunity to read a statement concerning the actions already taken to address with the elevated mold spore count and air quality concerns at Northwestern and planned future actions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Oswald asked if there were any public comments on agenda items or other matters and stated that he would allow 30 minutes for comments rather than the 15 minutes allotted by the Board Policy.

Mr. Ron Stidmon addressed his request that a statement he read at a prior meeting be included in the minutes, which subsequently was denied by the Board. He also stated that he sees a need for an anti-nepotism policy.

Mr. Rick Sobona questioned the age of the Northwestern Primary School building and the cost to fix problems at that facility.

Student Matt Young discussed taping Board meetings.

Mr. John Kaszer discussed the mold spore issue at Northwestern Primary School.

Mrs. Bonnie Goehring and seven students discussed Vocational Agriculture.

Mr. Perry Pander discussed the mold spore issue at Northwestern Primary School.

Mr. Jarrod McCowin, a parent of 2 students attending Northwestern Primary School, thanked Dr. Miller for keeping the staff and parents informed of the situation with mold spores and said that helped assure people the situation was under control.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Clendennen 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 January Monthly Insurance Report.

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Heckathorn seconded a motion to accept the Athletic Activities Accounts as presented.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to approve a contract with Industrial Appraisal Inc. to conduct a District wide appraisal for fixed asset and insurance valuation purposes at a cost of \$7,530.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to award the following Telecommunications contracts as a part of the e-rate bid process:

Blackboard Engage (School Fusion) for web site maintenance at a cost of approximately \$5,024 after e-rate reimbursement.

Classroll.com for the District grading system at an approximate cost of \$7,081 after e-rate reimbursement.

Consolidated Communications for the District telephone system at a cost of approximately \$2,009.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried (Mr. Fleischman out of the room)

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to approve Mary Jane Lombardo's use of FMLA leave beginning on or about March 12, 2013 and ending on or about April 29, 2013.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried (Mr. Fleischman out of the room)

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to appoint Bryan Vitali as Boys Varsity Soccer Head Coach at a salary of \$4,690.56 for the 2013- 2014 school year.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried (Mr. Fleischman out of the room)

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to appoint Cindy Guthrie as the Middle School Track Assistant Coach at a salary of \$2,107.17 for the 2012- 2013 school year.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried (Mr. Fleischman out of the room)

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to allow Matt Buffalini to serve as a volunteer Middle School Girls' Softball Coach pending receipt of clearances.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried (Mr. Fleischman out of the room)

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to approve a field trip; Regional Band, David Zaccari, Mercer Area High School, March 7-9, 2013 (expenses budgeted).

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/ REAL ESTATE

No report.

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

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

Daren Braudis, Nick Gray, Josh McCuean, and Kyle Schaefer who were selected to represent Blackhawk on the All Star Ice Hockey Team this year. Coach Matt Stuber was also selected to be the Head Coach of this year's All Star Game which took place on Sunday February 10, 2013.

Tyler Engle and Chassidy Omogrosso who were named Bronze Athletes of the Week by the Beaver County Times for the week of January 4, 2013.

Cassidy Omogrosso who scored her "1,000th career point" at the girls' basketball game on February 7, 2013 at New Castle.

The Girls' Basketball Team who were section champions and will advance to the WPIAL Playoffs.

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The Girls' Swim Team who clinched the Section Championships.

Alex Caratelli (Robert Morris University), Cole Chiappialle (Penn State University as a preferred walk-on) and Nolan Moffet (Westminster College) who received athletic scholarships.

Cole Chiappialle who was selected to play in the Pennsylvania State football Coaches Association East West All-Star Game on May 5, 2013 in Dowingtown, PA.

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to approve the spring sports schedules.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to allow the administration to open and tabulate bids for the 2013- 2014 athletic supplies.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE

No report.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No report.

FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

No report.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

No report.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Dr. Rose presented the first reading of Policy 622, GASB Statement 34.

Dr. Rose presented the first reading of Policy 610, Purchases Subject to Bid/ Quotation.

BOARD/ STAFF ENRICHMENT

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to approve conference attendance by Carol Sprinker, to PSSA ELA Writing Field Test Range- finding Grades 3, 4, 5 at Harrisburg, PA March 4-8, 2013 (no expense).

INTERMEDIATE UNIT

No report.

VOCATIONAL- TECHNICAL SCHOOL

No report.

PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Clendennen reminded Board members that upcoming budget debates at the State level will be controversial and Board members should weigh in with their representatives.

BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

No report.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

School Directors: Dr. Rose moved and Mr. Fleischman seconded a motion to direct the District's administration to gather information concerning the feasibility of reinstating the Vocational Agriculture Program in the curriculum. A discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes; 4 No (Mr. Calabria, Mr. Clendennen, Mr. Inman, Mr. Oswald) - Motion Failed

Dr. Rose raised the issue of placing Mr. Stidmon's written statement in the minutes of a previous meeting and moved to do so. Mr. Oswald found the motion to be improper because the Board already voted on the issue and a revote must be raised by a majority voter.

Mr. Fitzgerald asked that at future Building and Grounds Committee meetings Board members be allowed to ask questions on reports made prior to the public so Board members would be able to ask their questions first.

Mr. Fleischman asked questions of Dr. Miller concerning her report on the Northwestern Primary School. He also asked if she had consulted with a doctor in regards to the Northwestern issue and she replied no.

Dr. Rose asked about absenteeism at Northwestern.

Administrators: Dr. Miller thanked Mrs. Sprinker and the Intermediate School staff and students for their presentation and hospitality. She also thanked Chief Berchtold for his service to the District and congratulated him for being recognized as a hero by the Intermediate School students in their program.

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

Mrs. Goehring spoke about Vocational Agriculture.

Matt Young spoke about parliamentary procedures, the RCI program, and videotaping Board meetings.

Chief Berchtold informed the Board that his investigation of the alleged incident between Board members and Mr. Stidmon was a police matter and he found no grounds for charges to be filed. Further, he clarified that his meeting was not a secret meeting but rather, Mr. Stidmon requested the meeting and attendees.

Next Meeting: Mr. Oswald announced that the next scheduled meeting is March 14, 2013 at 7:30 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 10:02 PM.

Submitted by Jerry Wessel
Board Secretary