

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' WORK SESSION
Blackhawk's High School Library
March 14, 2013**

MEETING MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Mr. Richard Oswald, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:35 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. Fleischman	Mr. Fitzgerald
Mr. Heckathorn	Mr. Inman	Mr. Oswald	Dr. Rose

Absent was:

Mr. May

Also attending were:

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

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the February 14 and 21, 2013 meetings. Dr. Rose stated that in the February 14, 2014 minutes comments attributed to him per the secretary's notes under School Director's comments in the ADDITIONAL BUSINESS portion of the agenda concerning budget preparation and cardboard on a window at Northwestern Primary School should have been under Mr. Fleischman's comments. Mr. Fleischman wanted comments made by him concerning W-2 forms and ordering supplies added to his comments in the same section. Both Dr. Rose and Mr. Fleischman objected to the wording of Mr. Jarrod McCowin's comments under the PUBLIC COMMENTS section of the February 21, 2013 minutes. Mr. Inman called the question. Mr. Fleischman made a motion to amend the February 21, 2013 minutes to say, "Mr. Jarrod McCowin discussed the mold issue at Northwestern." Dr. Rose seconded it.

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

Dr. Rose asked that approval of the minutes be done separately. Mr. Inman withdrew his original motion and moved for approval of February 14, 2014 as amended with Dr. Rose's statements concerning budget preparation and cardboard on the window at Northwestern Primary School attributed to Mr. Fleischman and Mr. Fleischman's questions about W-2 forms and ordering of supplies included. Mr. Heckathorn seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to approve the February 21, 2013 minutes with Mr. Fleishman's request to include that he asked Dr. Miller if she had contacted a doctor in regards to the Northwestern situation and that she responded no.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Miller reviewed the items in this area being proposed for the March 21, 2013 Voting Meeting as reflected by the agenda. Dr. Miller added to the agenda a summary of the District's 26 Acts of Kindness and provided a letter to Sandy Hook Elementary School students and staff highlighting District's efforts to collect money and do acts of kindness in memory of the victims who lost their lives in Newtown, Connecticut. Mr. Fleischman asked that congratulations be added for two students who qualified for All State Concert Band.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Oswald asked if there were any public comments.

Mrs. Barbara Brown asked about the proposed renewal of Stop Loss Insurance.

Mrs. Jodi Weister asked for a copy of the February 14, 2013 minutes.

Mr. Perry Pander discussed water lines to the athletic fields at the Middle School.

Mrs. Jodi Weister objected to the brevity of the minutes given her comments during the February 21, 2013 meeting. The secretary was directed to more fully record her comments from the last meeting in these minutes. Mrs. Weister made no comments at the February 21, 2013 meeting, but assuming she meant the February 14, 2013 meeting, those comments were as follows:

Under the agenda item, "The public has the opportunity to address the Board" Mrs. Weister questioned why mold testing was not done in other parts of Northwestern and what is being done to reassure parents. Dr. Miller responded.

Under the agenda item, "Additional Business" subpara "C. Visitors" Mrs. Wiester accused Dr. Miller of not telling people mold was present when she knew it was and she asked why. Dr. Miller replied that she informed people based on the air quality reports the District received and she would check her notes for the timing of reports and information sent out, but that she wrote what she believed to be true at all times. Mrs. Weister then questioned the rationale and cost of having a police officer present at the meetings. Dr. Miller responded. Mrs. Weister commented on what is included or not in Board minutes.

Mrs. Bonnie Goehring asked about AESOP, the General Fund fund balance, number in Blackhawk's cyber school, and number in Lincoln Park Charter School. Dr. Miller said she had the results from the survey of teachers regarding Vo-Ag and would distribute it later in the meeting. Mrs. Goehring asked about a previous Vocational Agriculture student petition and Dr. Miller replied that copies were in the Board members' packets.

Mr. John Kaszer asked if the work in the change order recommended for domestic water to the soccer field concession stand was already completed and he was told no.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Wessel reviewed the items in this area being proposed for the March 21, 2013 Voting Meeting.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to approve the following substitutes for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year:

- a. Jennifer Morgan, English
- b. Denise Rodriguez, Para/ Secretary
- c. Alison Jaskiewicz, Elementary
- d. Tina Marteney, English

Dr. Rose asked the solicitor if it was permissible to vote items a. through d. rather than individually listing new hires and he was told yes. Dr. Rose asked if all clearances were met for those recommended and Dr. Miller replied that new hires are not placed on the agenda without a note unless clearances have been met.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Dr. Rose moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to approve the following field trips:

- a. Blackhawk Cyber (40), Kim Boggs, Carnegie Science Center, March 25, 2013 (expenses budgeted).
- b. Northwestern First Grade (100), First Grade teachers, Children's Museum, June 4, 2013 (expenses collected from others).
- c. TSA Grade 8 (20), Tim Linkenheimer, Dale Moll, PNC Park, May 23, 2013 (expenses collected from students).
- d. Music Academy – Vocal (11), Maura Underwood, McGuire Memorial Performance, March 28, 2013 (expenses are budgeted).
- e. Football Club (90), Sam Nardone, Pat Feeley, Lou Wolber, Football Club Hall of Fame Trip, Canton, March 22, 2013 (expenses collected from students).
- f. Northwestern Kindergarten (104), Kindergarten teachers, OH WOW Science Center, Youngstown, June 6, 2013 (expenses collected from others).
- g. Gifted Support (18), Jeff Tripodi, Academic Games Nationals, Charlotte, NC, April 26-30, 2013 (expenses budgeted and collected from students).
- h. French Classes 1-5 (50), Jenny Panella, Café des Amis, Sewickley, April 5, 2013 (expenses collected from students).
- i. Jazz Ensemble (19), Dave Zaccari, Jazz Ensemble Festival Trip, Central Valley, April 10, 2013 (expenses budgeted).
- j. BHS Chamber Players (7), Nate Goodrich, Performance at Elmcroft Assisted Living Chippewa, April 9, 2013 (expenses budgeted).
- k. Special Education, Mariah Brown, County Wide Transition Fair, CCBC, April 5, 2013 (expenses budgeted).
- l. AP Biology, Anita Mensch, Open Heart Surgery Observation, Allegheny General Hospital, April 3, 2013 (expenses budgeted).
- m. Mock-Trial Team (15), Dante DeNome, Supreme Court Sessions, Beaver County Courthouse, April 2, 2013 (expenses collected from other).
- n. Computer Science (6-12), Bill Bacu, Robert Morris Programming Competition, Robert Morris University, April 5, 2013 (expenses budgeted).

o. FFA-Ag Homeroom (9) Dale Moll, Glade Run Adventures- CSA, March 25, 2013 (no expense).

Dr. Miller reviewed the items proposed for approval in this area at the March 21, 2013 meeting.

Dr. Miller distributed a booklet highlighting achievements in the area of Music as a part of March is Music in Our Schools Month.

Dr. Miller presented a briefing on Safety and Security Overview and Recommendations to the Board and public. A discussion followed.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/ REAL ESTATE

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to approve a change order for the Highland Middle School Renovation project to Shipley Plumbing to provide domestic water service from Room F-010 to the east soccer field and to the concession building for the additional cost of \$6,496.62 per Shipley Change Order Request No. 27 dated March 8, 2013. A short discussion followed.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No - Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to approve a change order for the Highland Middle School Renovation project to Shipley Plumbing to provide domestic water service from Room D-149 to the south football field for the additional cost of \$4,651.08 per Shipley Change Order Request 26 dated March 8, 2013.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No - Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to approve a change order for the Highland Middle School Renovation project to ClimaTech, Inc. to provide post and beam structural steel support of HVAC piping in Room F-011, in lieu of overhead pipe supports at the additional cost of \$16,155.64 per ClimaTech's Change Order Request No. 3, dated February 4, 2013.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No - Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to approve a change order for the Highland Middle School Renovation project to ClimaTech, Inc. to provide additional HVAC piping supports suspended from the existing overhead structure on the second floor of Area F as recommended by the Structural Engineer for the additional cost of \$2,825.08 per ClimaTech's Change Order Request No. 4 dated February 4, 2013.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No - Motion Carried

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Dr. Miller reviewed the items in this area proposed for the March 21, 2013 Voting Meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE

No report.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to accept the Corrective Action Plan from the 2010 State Audit requiring McCarter's Transportation to provide bus driver clearances to the District so that they can be stored in District personnel files.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No - Motion Carried

FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

No report.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

No report.

POLICY COMMITTEE

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

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

BOARD/ STAFF ENRICHMENT

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

- a. Susan Hullihen, Medical Causes of Psychiatric Behavior, Butler, April 3, 2013, (expenses budgeted).
- b. Gina Gordon, The ASCA Annual National Conference: Liberty and Learning For All, June 30, 2013-July 2, 2013 (expenses budgeted).
- c. Rebecca Arbogast, Kelley Engle, Preventing Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Through the Life Cycle, BVIU, March 15, 2013 (expenses budgeted).
- d. Jeff Cienik, Elizabeth Walker, NATA Clinical Symposium, Las Vegas, June 23-27, 2013 (expenses budgeted).
- e. Andres Lee-Marnicio, Fagan Sanitary Supply Educational Seminars, Pittsburgh Marriot, April 4, 2013 (expenses budgeted).
- f. JaneAnn Fucci, Principal Round Table, Intermediate Unit 4, Grove City, March 26, 2013 (expenses budgeted).

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

INTERMEDIATE UNIT

Mr. Fitzgerald informed the Board that he would request approval of the Intermediate Unit budget at the next meeting. He discussed the basic numbers in the budget and the District's share.

VOCATIONAL- TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Mr. Fitzgerald informed the Board that the Vo-Tech budget will be discussed at a meeting scheduled for March 19, 2013.

PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Clendennen informed the Board that the PSBA is soliciting resolutions for items to be added to the PSBA platform and that anyone with issues they would like included should see him, Dr. Miller or Mr. Wessel.

BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

No report.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

School Directors: Mr. Oswald read a letter and press release from the Pennsylvania Association of Middle Level Educators announcing that Dr. Miller had been chosen as their Advocate Award winner. Dr. Rose and Mr. Clendennen made comments.

Administrators: Dr. Miller reminded the Board that she was instructed at the previous meeting to prepare a feasibility study for the Vocational Agriculture Program. She passed out the results of her study for Board members to review.

Visitors: Matt Young discussed videotaping meetings and hiring a new computer teacher at the High School.

Two students who did not identify themselves discussed FFA and Vocational Agriculture.

Mrs. Coddington discussed the Safety and Security Overview.

Mr. John Kaszer commented on the March is Music in Our Schools handout and Vocational Agriculture.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 PM.

Submitted by Jerry Wessel
Board Secretary