

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' VOTING MEETING
Blackhawk's High School Library
June 20, 2013**

MEETING MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

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

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

Absent were:

Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Heckathorn
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Also attending were:

Dr. Miller- Superintendent	Mr. Salopek- Solicitor	Mr. Wessel- Board Secretary
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The invocation was given by Pastor Brian Algeo from the First Assembly of God, Beaver Falls, PA.

Mr. Oswald announced that the July 18, 2013 meetings will be a combined Work and Voting session to be held in the Blackhawk High School Library. Mr. Oswald announced that on June 15, 2012 an Executive Session was held for Personnel matters, many of which will be considered later in the meeting.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Fleischman yielded the floor to Dr. Miller who introduced administrators recognizing retiring employees as follows:

Teachers Don Connors, Mary Mudge and John Yaria were recognized by Mr. Anthony Mooney, Middle School principal.

Teacher Judy Campbell and technology administrator George Trombulak were recognized by Mr. Scott Nelson, High School principal.

Secretary Loraine Sharp was recognized by Special Education Director Korin McMillan.

Dr. Miller recognized teacher Marian Moore and custodian Cindy Hupp who could not attend the ceremony.

Cafeteria employees Sally Thomas, Judy Hague and Constant Baker were recognized by Mrs. Sue Lukacs, who also recognized Becky Abel and Shirley Ratkovich who could not attend the ceremony.

Mr. Fleischman offered congratulations on behalf of the Board to Dale Moll and the High School staff who were awarded a STEAM grant by the Allegheny Intermediate Unit's Center for Creativity in the amount of \$20,000 after being selected from over 80 applicants.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Mr. Ron Stidmon commented on the loss of a quorum at the previous meeting when Mr. Fleischman and Dr. Rose departed prior to meeting end, interaction with Board members during the Public Comments section of the agenda, the Act 93 proposal and administrator contracts on the agenda for consideration.

Matt Young commented on Robert's Rules of Order.

Mrs. Bonnie Goehring asked questions related to the budget.

Matt Young asked about the policy being developed for videotaping Board meetings.

Mr. Stidmon commented on adjournment when the quorum was lost at the previous meeting.

Mr. Jack Fullen discussed the meeting policy as it relates to one person speaking multiple times and the time allotted for each person to speak.

Mrs. Jodi Wiester discussed acceptable class sizes.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to approve bills for May from the various Funds as submitted.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

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

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to adopt the 2013-2014 Blackhawk School District General Fund, Food Service Fund, Health Fund, Dental Fund and Vision Fund proposed budgets as previously approved by the Board for review. General Fund (Fund 10) expected expenditures total \$31,930,422 and expected revenues total \$31,934,823. Food Service Fund (Fund 51) expected expenditures total \$1,117,984 and expected revenues total \$1,119,454. Health Fund (Fund 66) expected expenditures total \$4,195,125 and expected revenues total \$4,197,500. Dental Fund (Fund 67) expected expenditures total \$195,000 and expected revenues total \$196,549. Vision Fund (Fund 68) expected expenditures total \$23,024 and expected revenues total \$ 23,074. A discussion followed.

Dr. Rose moved and Mr. Fleischman seconded motion that the budgets for the various District Funds be voted on separately.

Roll Call Vote: 3 Yes; 4 No (Mr. Calabria, Mr. Clendennen, Mr. Inman and Mr. Oswald) - Motion Failed

A discussion followed and the original motion was voted upon.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes; 2 No (Mr. Fleischman, Dr. Rose) - Motion Carried

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to accept A-G below detailing the District's tax levies, tax collectors, tax collection procedures, and compensation rates for tax collectors:

A. REAL ESTATE LEVY: Resolved that the Board of School Directors does hereby levy and impose a tax upon all taxable real estate property for the 2013-2014 fiscal year at a rate of 56.14 mills based upon the assessed valuation of the properties in the District's municipalities located in Beaver County; and, at a rate of 17.56 mills based upon the assessed valuation of the properties in Enon Valley Borough in Lawrence County. This equates to \$5.614 per \$100 of assessed value for properties in Beaver County and \$1.756 per \$100 of assessed value for properties in Lawrence County.

B. SCHOOL CODE PER CAPITA TAX: Resolved that pursuant to the authority granted under Section 679 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949, as amended, the School Board of Directors does hereby levy and impose a Per Capita Tax of \$5 for the 2013-2014 fiscal year on each resident or inhabitant of the School District 18 years of age or older. The determination of those taxable and the assessment, collection and enforcement of the tax shall conform to the provisions of the standing Act 511 Per Capita Tax Resolution adopted by the School Board of Directors heretofore.

C. PAYMENT PERIOD FOR REAL ESTATE AND PER CAPITA TAXES: Resolved that in compliance with statutes the Real Estate and Section 679 Per Capita taxes for fiscal year 2013- 2014 shall be payable at a 2% discount during the months of July and August, at face the months of September and October and at a penalty of an additional 10% of the face value penalty after November 1, 2013. The taxes may be paid at face without discount or penalty in three equal installments if the same are paid on or prior to August 31, 2013, October 31, 2013, and December 31, 2013 respectively as provided by law. The payment of the first installment prior to or on August 31, 2013 shall be conclusive evidence of intent to pay the tax by installments. If such installments become delinquent, the full face amount plus an added 10% of the face amount penalty shall become immediately due.

D. COMMISSION FOR COLLECTION OF SECTION 679 PER CAPITA TAXES: Resolved that for the 2013- 2014 fiscal year collectors of the Section 679 Per Capita Tax will be paid per contracted amount with Berkheimer Associates Inc. (Berkheimer)

E. DELINQUENT SECTION 679 TAXES: Resolved that Berkheimer is hereby appointed the collection agency during fiscal year 2013- 2014 for delinquent Per Capita Taxes levied. Charges will be as contracted.

F. APPOINTMENT OF EIT, LST, AND MECHANICAL DEVICES COLLECTORS: Resolved that during the 2013- 2014 fiscal year collectors for EIT, LST and Mechanical Devices Tax will be Berkheimer. Rates for collection will be as per existing agreement between the District and Berkheimer.

Berkheimer will be responsible for delinquent collection for any EIT, LST and mechanical devices taxes uncollected for the year.

G. APPOINTMENT OF AMUSEMENT TAX COLLECTOR: Resolved that the

District Business Manager be appointed as interim Amusement Tax Collector.

Dr. Rose asked if each item should be voted separately and Mr. Oswald asked for a consensus. It was decided to keep them under one motion.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes; 2 No (Mr. Fleischman, Dr. Rose) - Motion Carried

(Note: Mr. Fitzgerald arrived at this time, 9:14 PM)

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Don Inman as Board Treasurer effective immediately.

A discussion followed.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to appoint Mr. Paul May as Board Treasurer for a one year term beginning July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2013 according to the School Code, Section 404.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to employ Kristi Bresz as 6th grade teacher at Highland Middle School for the 2013-14 school year at a salary of \$47,845, Step19, Masters.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to employ Nanette DeSanzo as 6th grade teacher at Highland Middle School for the 2013-14 school year at a salary of \$47,845, Step19, Masters.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to employ Brooks Roorback as 6th grade teacher at Highland Middle School for the 2013-14 school year at a salary of \$48,665, Step 18, Bachelors.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to employ Danielle Bailey as BIS Principal at a salary of \$75,000. A discussion followed. Mr. Inman called the question and Mr. Calabria seconded.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes; 2 No (Mr. Fleischman, Dr. Rose) – Motion Carried to Close Discussion

The original motion was then voted upon.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to employ Kristi Leiper as learning support teacher at Northwestern Primary School at a salary of \$47,845, Step 19, Masters.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to employ Jodi Krigar as learning support teacher at BIS and Patterson Primary School at a salary of \$47,845, Step 19, Masters.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to contract with Heather Kronk for 1 year to provide dance instruction to students at Blackhawk for the 13-14 school year. Mr. May moved to amend the motion to “3 Years” versus 1 year and Mr. Calabria seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes; 2 No (Mr. Fleischman, Dr. Rose) Motion to Amend Carried

The amended motion was then voted upon.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes; 2 No (Mr. Fleischman, Dr. Rose) - Motion Carried

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to contract with Gary Koch for Psychological services for the 2013-14 school year.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to approve the following contracts:

- a. Sue Lukacs as Food Service Director
- b. Jeff Shaffer as Network Administrator
- c. Nancy DiRuscia as Administrative Assistant
- d. Jeff Cienik as Athletic Trainer
- e. Elizabeth Walker as Assistant Athletic Trainer
- f. Jim Perlik as Building and Grounds Supervisor

Each of the employees are currently in these positions and the contracts are for 3 years, July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2016. A discussion followed. Mr. Clendennen called the question and Mr. Inman seconded.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes; 2 No (Mr. Fleischman, Dr. Rose) – Motion Carried to Close Discussion

The original motion was then voted upon.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes; 2 No (Mr. Fleischman, Dr. Rose) - Motion Carried

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to employ the following summer custodial/grounds substitutes and a discussion followed.

- a. Jeri Carver
- b. Shawn Cox
- c. Shirley Cummins
- d. Katherine Engle
- e. Brian Farkas
- f. Lynn Farkas
- g. Ricky Hemphill
- h. Denny Himber
- i. Doug Hunter
- j. Mike McMahon
- k. Matt Mooney
- l. Nicholas Morelli
- m. Tim Smolar

n. Eric Stein

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to accept the retirement of John Yaria, sixth grade teacher, effective June 30, 2013.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to employ the following Blackhawk staff for K-2 summer school:

- a. Jodi Borroni
- b. Lori Uslenghi
- c. Erica Shildt
- d. Cara Pertile
- e. Donnie Bunney
- f. Dawn Kinger
- g. Karen Fritzley
- h. Susan Hulihan

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Ginger Lunow, paraprofessional, effective August 16, 2013.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to approve the Administrative Compensation Plan (Act 93). A discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes; 2 No (Mr. Fleischman, Dr. Rose) - Motion Carried

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to employ Heather Stewart as the Northwestern Building Secretary beginning July 1, 2013 at a salary of \$25,000.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to employ Rachael Omogrosso as 5th grade teacher at Blackhawk Intermediate School at a salary of \$47,845, Step 19, Masters.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Theresa Adams, High School science teacher, effective June 17, 2013.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mr. May moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to allow the BVIU to occupy one classroom at BIS for the Early Intervention Program for the 2012-2013 school year

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. May moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to appoint Sally Diehl as Blackhawk School District representative to serve on the Beaver County Special School Authority Board. The Authority Board will be reactivated to approve a request by Sunoco Pipeline LT to construct an underground pipeline on the property occupied by New Horizon School. After this meeting, this Board and Mrs. Diehl's appointment became inactive. A discussion followed.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. May moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to adopt new math textbooks for grade 3, beginning with the 2013-2014 school year due to the implementation of Common Core Standards.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. May moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to adopt the 2013-14 curriculum as presented on the District website. A discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes; 3 No (Mr. Fleischman, Mr. May, Dr. Rose) - Motion Carried

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to accept the Cyber Services Agreement with Seneca Valley School District.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/ REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

Mr. Clendennen requested an executive session for a legal issue which might require a vote by the Board this evening.

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Mr. Calabria offered the following congratulations to:

the doubles team of Clinton Davies and Johan Cooper (BCCS) who qualified for the PIAA State Tennis Championships.

Brendan McKay who was selected as the 2012-13 Gatorade Pennsylvania Baseball Player of the Year and the WPIAL Baseball Coaches Association as the WPIAL AAA Pitcher of the Year.

Leah Hornfeck, Tanner McGeary, Molly Morris and Christina Veon who were selected to the Western PA Scholastic Lacrosse Association (WPSLA) All section Team – Division 2 in Women's Lacrosse and Leah Hornfeck and Molly Morris who were selected as WPSLA All WPIAL – Division 2 for Women's Lacrosse.

the 4 x100m relay team of Abby Benden, Morgan Bartoles, Mariah Evans and Lexie Houk who qualified for the WPIAL track meet.

Morgan Bartoles who qualified for WPIAL track meet in the 100m dash.

Noah Thayer who qualified for the WPIAL track meet in the Pole Vault.

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to approve the Fall Sports Schedule.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to approve the Blackhawk Football Mothers' request to display fireworks at the home football games at Northwestern Stadium. A discussion followed. Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to amend the original motion to include wording requiring a pyrotechnic company to ignite the fireworks.

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

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Dr. Rose seconded a motion to amend the amended motion to add "for the 2013 Fall Season".

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

The motion as amended read, "to approve the Blackhawk Football Mothers' request to display fireworks at the home football games at Northwestern stadium for the Fall 2013 football season provided they are administered by a pyrotechnic company."

Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes; 1 No (Mr. May) – Motion Carried

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to accept an Administrative Guideline on Sunday Building Permit Requests. A discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes; 3 No (Mr. Inman, Mr. May, Dr. Rose) - Motion Carried

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Erich Stamer as the Varsity Women's Soccer coach.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to endorse the WPIAL's position regarding House Bill 1464 as written by Mr. Timothy O'Malley, Executive Director. This bill would repeal the unfunded mandate regarding collection.

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 informed the Board that he has not yet developed a policy to cover videotaping of meetings.

Dr. Rose presented the Second Reading of the Revision of Policy 237, Electronic Devices to Responsible Use of Personal Technology Resources.

Dr. Rose read the First Reading of Re-adoption per Safe School requirement of Policy 249, Bullying, which has no revisions. A discussion followed.

Mr. Fleischman read the First Reading of the Revision of Policy 113.2, Behavior Support.

BOARD/ STAFF ENRICHMENT

No report.

INTERMEDIATE UNIT

No report.

VOCATIONAL- TECHNICAL SCHOOL

No report.

PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Clendennen reminded the Board members that this is the last week to submit PSBA platform items for next year. He also informed the Board members that State budget discussions are continuing.

BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

No report.

Mr. Oswald recessed the meeting at this time (11:12 PM) for an executive session on legal matters as requested by Mr. Clendennen and told the public the Board would return for a possible vote.

Mr. Oswald reconvened the meeting at about 11:25 PM.

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to approve a revised Settlement Agreement with Wood Floor Designs regarding the 2010 High School Refinishing Project.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; 1 Absent (Mr. May) - Motion Carried

Mr. Inman departed the meeting at this point.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Visitors: Matt Young asked about the Act 93 Agreement.

Mr. Jon Kaszer asked about the BIS roof project's timeline.

Mrs. Bonnie Goehring asked about the use of fireworks at the football games.

Administration: Dr. Miller provided cyber school enrollment figures to the Board members for information.

School Directors: Mr. Clendennen discussed the election results, as did Mr. Fleischman.

(Note: Mr. Fitzgerald left the meeting at about 11:40 PM).

Mr. Fleischman discussed the BIS principal selection, teacher reassignments and the BIS roof replacement project.

Next Meeting: Mr. Oswald announced that the next scheduled meeting is July 18, 2013 in the Blackhawk High School Library at 7:30 PM and will be a combined working and voting meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 PM.

Submitted by Jerry Wessel
Board Secretary