

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' WORK SESSION
Blackhawk High School Library
June 7, 2012**

MEETING MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Mr. Richard Oswald, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was answered by six members. Those in attendance were:

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

Absent: Mr. Heckathorn Mr. Inman Mr. May

Also attending were:

Dr. Miller- Superintendent	Mr. Salopek- Solicitor	Mr. Wessel- Board Secretary
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Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the May 10 and May 17, 2012 Board meetings.

Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Oswald announced that the July 19, 2012 meeting will be a combined Work and Voting session and will be held in the Blackhawk High School library beginning at 7:30 P.M.

Mr. Oswald announced that an executive session was held on June 5, 2012 to discuss personnel matters.

Mr. Oswald announced that an executive session will be held on June 14, 2012 at 6:45 P.M. to discuss personnel matters.

Mr. Oswald announced that a Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting will be held June 14, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. and it is open to the public.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Miller introduced teacher Lauren Stein, who presented National Latin Exam awards to students.

Mr. Oswald announced a short break to allow parents and students that attended for the Latin awards to leave. Mr. Heckathorn arrived during the break at 7:38 P.M.

Dr. Miller reviewed the remainder of the Public Relations and Communications Committee's portion of the agenda for the June 14, 2012 Voting Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Oswald asked if there were any public comments on agenda items or other matters and requested that comments be limited to two minutes per topic.

Matt Young asked if changes in staffing would result in cuts to computer classes. Dr. Miller replied that the High School Principal is still working on scheduling. Matt expressed his opinion that teachers do not have enough time to teach computers now and the District, "Cannot cut the program."

Mr. Perry Pander questioned the process used to appoint Mr. Fitzgerald to complete his wife's term upon her resignation. A discussion followed.

Mrs. Wiester also questioned the appointment process. More discussion followed.

Mr. Ron Stidman submitted a list of questions on a variety of subjects that he wanted answered. Some of the questions were answered, but a written reply will be prepared by the next meeting per Dr. Miller.

Mrs. Wendy Rakus commented that she heard that the High School German teacher resigned and she asked if there were any plans to cut German from the curriculum. Mr. Oswald replied that German would continue to be taught. Dr. Miller said she had just received the resignation and planned to brief the Board in the Personnel meeting and then advertise for a replacement.

Mrs. Goering said she heard that the old German teacher had commented that he would come out of retirement if the District needed him.

Mrs. Weister asked about the food service plans for the upcoming year and Mr. Wessel addressed her questions.

Mr. Stidman asked that votes only be taken at the voting meeting and Mr. Oswald responded that that is difficult to do and keep projects moving. Mr. Stidman then asked that controversial votes only be taken at the voting meeting.

Mr. Heckathorn thanked Mrs. Goering for her work as a bus driver and commented that all members of the District need to try to work together to move forward.

Dr. Rose stated that he does not favor expanding the current Half Day Kindergarten program to a Full Day Kindergarten program at the expense of eliminating existing programs, i.e. Vo-Ag., and asked about the history of costs associated with the Middle School project. Mr. Heckathorn commented that the Board rehashed the past too much and that it needed to stop.

Mr. Fleischman asked if Drivers Ed would be offered this summer and Mr. Oswald said it would be. Mr. Fleischman then asked if the summer program would match previous years and Mr. Oswald replied that it was based on the instructor's availability and students that needed the training to be able to test at the end of summer. Finally Mr. Fleischman asked how many students would be taking summer Drivers Ed and Mr. Oswald replied that about ten would receive the on road portion during the summer

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Wessel reviewed the items proposed in this area for the voting meeting scheduled for June 14, 2012.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to adopt the 2012-2013 Blackhawk School District General Fund, Food Service Fund, Health Fund and Dental Fund proposed budgets as previously approved by the Board for review. General Fund (Fund 10) expected expenditures total \$31,312,454 and expected revenues total \$31,279,108. Food Service Fund (Fund 51) expected expenditures total \$1,092,719 and expected revenues total \$1,084,130. Health Fund (Fund 66) expected expenditures total \$3,869,724 and expected revenues total \$3,882,979. Dental Fund (Fund 67) expected expenditures total \$135,946 and expected revenues total \$136,456.

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

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Heckathorn seconded a motion to accept A-G 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 2012-2013 fiscal year at a rate of 54.94 mills based upon the assessed valuation of the properties in the District's municipalities located in Beaver County; and, at a rate of 17.20 mills based upon the assessed valuation of the properties in Enon Valley Borough in Lawrence County. This equates to \$5.494 per \$100 of assessed value for properties in Beaver County and \$1.720 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 2012- 2013 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 2012- 2013 shall be payable at a 2% discount during the months of July and August, at face the months of September and October at

an additional 10% of the face value penalty after November 1, 2012. 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, 2012, October 31, 2012, and December 31, 2012 respectively as provided by law. The payment of the first installment prior to or on August 31, 2012 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 2012- 2013 fiscal year collectors of the Section 679 Per Capita Tax will be paid per contracted amount with Central Tax Bureau of PA, Inc. (CENTAX)

E. DELINQUENT SECTION 679 TAXES: Resolved that CENTAX is hereby appointed the collection agency during fiscal year 2012- 2013 for delinquent Per Capita Taxes levied. Charges will be as contracted.

F. APPOINTMENT OF EIT, LST, AND MECHANICAL DEVICES COLLECTORS: Resolved that during the 2012- 2013 fiscal year collectors for EIT, LST and Mechanical Devices Tax will be CENTAX. Rates for collection will be as per existing agreement between the District and CENTAX. CENTAX 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.
Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes; 2 No (Mr. Fleischman, Dr. Rose) - Motion Carried

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to participate in the Act 129 Energy Conservation Program as presented. (Exhibit B).
Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No - Motion Carried

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Dr. Miller reviewed the Personnel items proposed for the voting meeting scheduled for May 17, 2012.

Dr. Rose moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to employ the individuals listed below for summer grounds/ custodial work at a rate of \$9.00 per hour:

- a. Colleen Barley
- b. Jeri Carver
- c. Matthew Dorenkott
- d. Brian Farkas

- e. Lynn Farkas
- f. Nathan Flowers
- g. Matt Greiner
- h. Shane Haller
- i. Lorin Krivoski
- j. Matt Mooney
- k. Chris Mooney
- l. Jessica McGhee
- m. Nicholas Morelli
- n. Andrew Regis
- o. Jacob Scott
- p. Tim Smolar
- q. Eric Stein
- r. Zachary Thayer
- s. Mark Wylie

Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried (Mr. Clendennen was out of the room for the vote.)

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Dr. Miller reviewed the items on the agenda for the June 14, 2012 meeting in this area.

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to approve the following curriculum documents for the 2012- 2013 school year:

- a. ELA Curriculum - grades K-12
- b. Math Curriculum - grades K-12
- c. Botany and Ecology Curriculum
- d. Technology Curriculum - grades K-12
- e. Art, Music and Physical Education – Kindergarten

Mr. Fleischman asked if Botany and Ecology were being added as a poor substitute for Vocational Agriculture. Dr. Miller replied that they were new courses for the upcoming year.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes; 1 No (Mr. Fleischman) - Motion Carried

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/ REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

Dr. Miller reviewed the Buildings and Grounds Committee items proposed for the next meeting

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Dr. Miller reviewed the Athletics Grounds items proposed for the next meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE

No report.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No report.

FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

Mr. Fleischman moved and Mr. Heckathorn seconded a motion to employ The Nutrition Group as the food service management service for the 2012- 2013 school year as presented in the back up documents. Mr. Fleischman stated that he would abstain from the vote and Mr. Clendennen asked why he was abstaining since he is head of the committee. Mr. Fleischman stated that it was because of a familial relationship with a new Nutrition employee.

Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No - 1 – Abstention (Mr. Fleischman) Motion Carried

Mr. Fleischman moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to increase lunch prices by \$.25 and the price of selected ala carte items for the 2012- 2013 school year as presented.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No - Motion Carried

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

No report.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion approve Policy 252, “Dating Violence” following this third reading.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No - Motion Carried

After a discussion, Mr. Fleischman moved and Dr. Rose seconded a motion to table a recommended change to Policy 250, “Non-resident Tuition.”

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No - Motion Carried

BOARD/ STAFF ENRICHMENT

Dr. Miller reviewed the list of conferences and attendees on the agenda for the June 14, 2012 meeting.

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. Clendennen briefed the Board concerning the ribbon cutting ceremony held the previous Saturday for the new nature park. He read two letters to the editor printed by the Beaver County Times, one of which praised the donation and future use of the property and one that said the property should have been used to produce revenue. Mr. Clendennen's pointed out that there are two sides to every issue. Dr. Rose asked if the District lost tax money because of the donation and Mr. Clendennen replied that the property was already in protected status and the gain to the community for the future outweighed any lost revenue.

Mr. Fleischman asked Mrs. Brown in the audience about the anti-bullying DVD and grant received and thanked her for her efforts to win that grant.

Mr. Oswald announced that he was informed the baseball team won their game in the PIAA playoffs that evening by a score of 6 to 1.

Mr. Fitzgerald thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve again as a Board member and pledged to do his best for the students and residents of the District.

Administrators: Dr. Miller announced that there will be an executive session prior to the next meeting (June 14th) for personnel, followed by a Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting. She also directed members to a fact sheet in their packets concerning the possibility of former Vo-Ag students taking classes in the Mohawk School District.

Visitors: Mrs. Goering asked what the prerequisite for the Botany class will be. Dr. Miller replied that the prerequisite is Biology. Mrs. Brown asked how much was being transferred from the Health Fund to the General Fund as a part of the adopted budget and Mr. Wessel replied \$250,000. Mrs. Brown then asked about the requirements to count for a regular lunch and stated that those requirements result in wasted food. Mr. Wessel replied that the requirements must be met to qualify for subsidy and actions can be taken to let students share what they do not want to eat with other students, but the food cannot be reserved.

Mr. Oswald Announced the Next Meeting: June 14, 2012 in the High School Library at 7:30PM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 PM, June 7, 2012.

Submitted by Jerry Wessel
Board Secretary