

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' WORK SESSION
Blackhawk High School Library
May 10, 2012**

MEETING MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Mr. Richard Oswald, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:43 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was answered by seven members. Those in attendance were:

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

Absent: Mr. Calabria, Mrs. Pander

Also attending were:

Dr. Miller- Superintendent	Mr. Salopek- Solicitor	Mr. Wessel- Board Secretary
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Mr. Inman moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the April 12 and April 19, 2012 Board meetings. Dr. Rose asked if the changes to the March minutes as proposed in April were posted to the March minutes. Mr. Salopeck replied that changes are made through the minutes of the meeting at which the prior meeting(s) minutes are presented for approval, not by changing the original minutes.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Dr. Rose moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion directing that approved changes made to the March minutes be shown in those minutes and be posted on the District web site.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Oswald announced that an executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Mrs. Geri Pander, Region I Board member, from the Board effective May 9, 2012. Mr. Fleischman asked if Mrs. Pander would still be serving the 30 days allowed until a new member was appointed and Mr. Salopek replied that her resignation said effective immediately.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Oswald asked Board members if they wished to have the Board vacancy advertised to insure prospective candidates knew the position was open and the Board agreed by

affirmation. Dr. Rose then moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to advertise the position opening.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Miller reviewed the items proposed in this area for the voting meeting scheduled for May April 17, 2012.

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.

Approximately twenty two people gave their opinions, with several speaking multiple times and five failing to identify themselves, concerning elimination of the Vocational Agriculture course; spending on construction projects; the drivers education program; construction projects; Kindergarten; video taping meetings; allowing non- resident employees to pay reduced tuition if their children attend Blackhawk; filling the technology director position; cyber schools; and the Pre- K program.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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

a. TSA (10), Mr. Moll and Mr. Linkenheimer, National TSA Conference, Nashville, TN, June 21-25, 2012 (budgeted and collected expense).

b. Northwestern Kindergartners, Kindergarten teachers, The Roger and Gloria Jones Science Center, May 31, 2012 (PTO funded)

c. Student Anti-bullying Team (10), Shannon Shiderly, Beaver, June 2, 2012 (no expense).

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. May moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to eliminate the current Drivers Education program beginning with the 2012- 2013 school year and offer a Blackhawk run program outside of the student day at no cost to parents for the 30 classroom portion of the course and at a \$150 fee per student for the 6 hour on road portion of the course. The solicitor, Mr. Salopek, pointed out that since this is a programmatic change, a majority of the Board (5 members) must vote in the affirmative for the motion to carry.

Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes; 3 No (Mr. Fleishman, Mr. Heckathorn, Dr. Rose) - Motion Failed

Mr. May moved and Dr. Rose seconded a motion to reconsider the elimination of the Vo-Ag program previously approved and to reinstate the Vo-Ag program beginning with the 2012-13 school year. Mr. Salopek affirmed that this also required a majority (5) of the Board members to approve since it is a programmatic change.

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

Mr. Oswald declared a short adjournment and called the meeting back to order after the break was completed.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/ REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

Mr. Clendennen introduced Mr. Tom Durkin from VEBH who reviewed the proposed motions for District- wide ADA projects and a change order for the Middle School project.

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to rebid the ADA pavement project at the Northwestern Primary School.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to award the Alterations to Northwestern Stadium Bleacher Seating, Construction Contract Number 158223.1 to GT Grandstands, in the Base Bid amount of \$159,900, with add alternate number 1 not accepted.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to award the Alterations to Restrooms at Blackhawk High School, Intermediate School and Northwestern Primary School, General Contract 158226.1, to C.W. Smith Contracting, Inc. in the Base Bid amount of \$38,840 with deduct alternates 1 and 2 not accepted.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to award the Alterations to Restrooms at Blackhawk High School, Intermediate School and Northwestern Primary School, combined Plumbing, HVAC, and Electrical Construction, contract number 158226-2, to Central Heating and Plumbing, Inc. in the Base Bid amount of \$36,551 with deduct alternates 1 and 2 not accepted.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to award the Alterations to Patterson Primary School Main Office and Entrance, General Construction contract number 158225-1 to C. W. Smith Contracting Inc. in the Base Bid amount of \$129,400. Dr. Rose requested a roll call vote.

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

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to award the Alterations to Patterson Primary School Main Office and Entrance, Plumbing Construction contract number 158225-2, to Reno Brothers, Inc., in the Base Bid amount of \$20,578. Dr. Rose requested a roll call vote.

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

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to award the Alterations to Patterson Primary School Main Office and Entrance, HVAC Construction contract number 158225-3 to Guy's Mechanical Systems, Inc. in the Base Bid amount of \$\$56,450. Dr. Rose requested a roll call vote.

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

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to award the Alterations to Patterson Primary School Main Office and Entrance, Electrical Construction contract 158225-4 to Blackhawk Neff, Inc. in the Base Bid amount of 446,800. Add alternate in the amount of \$14,660 is also accepted. Dr. Rose requested a roll call vote.

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

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to accept a change order to Shipley Plumbing in the amount of \$4,076.76 to upgrade three shower heads in the locker room shower to meet the required scald protection criteria for the Middle School Project. Mr. Fleischman asked how this requirement was missed and Mr. Durkin replied that the architects and engineers missed it in planning, but that it is needed.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Wessel reviewed items in this area which will appear on the May 17, 2012 agenda.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

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

ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE

No report.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Dr. Miller reviewed the Transportation item proposed for the next meeting.

FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

No report.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

No report.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Dr. Miller reviewed a proposed first reading for a revision to Policy 202 to allow non-resident employees' children to attend school in the Blackhawk School District for a reduced tuition rate of \$1,000 per student. Mr. Fleischman asked why the Board had not been asked to vote on if a policy should be developed or not. Dr. Miller replied that the Board gave permission in April to pursue the suggested action and that a policy was found to be worded in a way that such an action was necessary. She reminded the Board that they can reject the proposed policy at any of the three required readings.

Dr. Miller briefed the Board on Proposed Policy 252 relating to Dating Violence which will be presented for a first reading at the next meeting and is now required by the State Department of Education.

BOARD/ STAFF ENRICHMENT

Dr. Miller reviewed the list of conferences and attendees on the agenda for the May 17, 2012 meeting.

INTERMEDIATE UNIT

No Report

VOCATIONAL- TECHNICAL SCHOOL

No Report

PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Dr. Miller reminded the Board members that dates and times have been established for meetings with the local State Representatives and Senator to discuss proposed State legislation regarding a moratorium on construction reimbursement and its potential impact on the District.

BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

No report.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

School Directors: Mr. Fleischman raised an issue that several parents alleged that they were not told at Kindergarten registration that half day Kindergarten was an option. Dr. Miller replied that the principal stated that all parents were supposed to be told and sent a detailed report concerning

how registration and notification was handled. Dr. Miller also stated that confirmation letters will be sent for all those that registered and the option for half day will be reiterated.

Mr. Clendennen stated that, in moving forward, he hoped that once issues were decided the Board would move forward and not go back and spend time reconsidering those decisions. Mr. Oswald replied that his feeling was that some decisions do need reconsideration on occasion.

Dr. Rose asked that if a financial advantage existed, reduced tuition be offered to everyone. Dr. Miller replied that there may be some financial benefit, but that the proposal needed more examination.

Administrators: None.

Visitors: Jodi Weister asked if the dishwasher needing replacement at Northwestern Primary School was budgeted and if it would occur since no bids were received the first time it was advertised for bid. Mr. Wessel replied that it would be paid for from the General Fund and that two providers had come to the pre-bid on site meeting earlier in the week and therefore it appears bids will be received. She then asked why \$80K was budgeted for extra salaries under athletics and Mr. Wessel replied that that money is budgeted for extended seasons for coaches for teams qualified for championship playoffs.

Mrs. Goering asked about the status of the fund balance and Mr. Wessel replied that it appears that the current year will end with a balance between 5% and 8% of the budget in keeping with the Board policy and as recommended by the Department of Education.

Next Meeting: May 17, 2012 in the Northwestern Primary School Cafeteria at 7:30PM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 AM, May 11, 2012.

Submitted by Jerry Wessel
Board Secretary