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

# BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' WORK SESSION Blackhawk High School Library October 11, 2012

### **MEETING MINUTES**

### PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Mr. Richard Oswald, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was answered by seven of nine members, a quorum. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Calabria Mr. Clendennen Mr. Fitzgerald Mr. Fleischman Mr. Heckathorn Mr. Inman

Mr. Oswald

Absent: Dr. Rose Mr. May

Also attending were:

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

Mr. Oswald asked for a moment of silence in memory of Joe Veon, long time School Board member who passed away on Tuesday, October 9, 2012.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Heckathorn seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the September 13 and 20, 2012 meetings. Dr. Miller stated that Dr. Rose commented to her that the minutes did not reflect his comments fairly regarding Ms. Biega's statements during the September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Fitzgerald said Dr. Rose could propose adding his exact words at the next meeting. Mr. Fleischman proposed delaying approval of the minutes until the next meeting. Mr. Inman stated that Board policy says minutes must be approved at the next month's first meeting. Mr. Fleischman stated that not automatically including his comments about the mission statement made during the September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting as he requested, but rather asking if they should be included through today's agenda was a slap at him and bullying by Dr. Miller and Mr. Wessel. Mr. Wessel replied that his comments were made during Dr. Miller's presentation and had not been recorded in either Mr. Wessel's or Dr. Miller's notes; and therefore, the Board needed to decide what should be recorded as Mr. Fleischman's comments. Mr. Fleischman said that was improper and Mr. Oswald countered that it made sense to him. Mr. Clendennen clarified the response given to Mrs. Weister on September 13<sup>th</sup> concerning who CEC (Construction Engineering Consultants) is. He stated that the response given was that CEC was our independent quality control firm, but wanted to clarify that they are actually inspectors and do more than just quality control. Mr. Clendennen also said that Mr. Fleischman's comments during Dr. Miller's presentation were poor timing and not germane to the subject being briefed. Mr. Fleischman's next comments were ruled out of order by Mr. Oswald. A vote was requested by Mr. Oswald concerning if the minutes should be tabled or approved.

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

A vote was then taken to approve the minutes as amended.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No - Motion Carried

Mr. Oswald announced that there was a Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting prior to this meeting that was open to the public.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Miller reviewed the items proposed for the October 18, 2012 agenda in this area.

Mr. Oswald directed that the informational item under the Food Service Committee portion of the agenda and the Buildings and Grounds/ Real Estate portion of the agenda be done next out of courtesy to the presenters.

### FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

Dr. Miller introduced Mr. Richard Pike from The Nutrition Group and Ms. Sue Lukacs, the Blackhawk Food Service Director, who discussed the impact of the Healthy- Hunger Free Kids Act (H-HFKA). Ms. Lukacs gave the current Free and Reduced lunch percentages as Patterson Primary School 24.9%; Northwestern Primary School 33.7%; Intermediate School 31.5%; Middle School 26.4% and High School 23.0%. Overall is 27% and the numbers are up from the previous year. Mr. Calabria asked how much food was being wasted due to the H-HFKA and Ms. Lukacs replied that she had no percentages for discarded food. Mr. Calabria asked if students could put unwanted food on a designated table for other students to take and Ms. Lukacs said that while it is being considered, there is an issue of safety if food in unsealed containers is placed out for others because it could be tampered by someone. Mr. Pike said that the Nutrition Group is seeing more waste in schools with higher free and reduced numbers because students must take certain items they do not like or want to have their meals qualify for free or reduced lunches.

#### **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/ REAL ESTATE**

Mr. Clendennen asked to add three agenda items dealing with resolution of the concrete sidewalk quality issue at the Middle School and requested that votes be taken on all the agenda items in this area at this meeting to keep the project moving. Mr. Oswald asked the Board if they approved and the consensus of the majority of the members was they did. Mr. Fleischman objected to what he considered a rush to approve the change orders and concrete issue motions. Mr. Oswald pointed out that an extensive report was made on the concrete issue at the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting and that the architect was present to discuss the change orders. Mr. Oswald reviewed the three items dealing with the concrete and asked the Board if they had any problems with the resolutions. Mr. Fleischman stated that he wanted all the sidewalks replaced because the "adequate" evaluation of the consulting engineers was not "acceptable" and the District was being short changed. Mr. Fleischman then objected to Dr. Miller passing information to Mr. Oswald during the meeting. Mr. Oswald said he did not need to explain what

Dr. Miller passed on to him as Superintendent to Board President, and added that it is proper for her to advise him during meetings. Mr. Fleischman was declared out of order three times. Mr. Oswald requested a vote on whether the proposed three agenda items should be added and the other agenda items in this area be voted on. Mr. Inman so moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Clendennen introduced Mr. Tom Durkin from VEBH to review the proposed change orders on the agenda. Mr. Durkin explained each change order and the reason(s) it was necessary. Mr. Fleischman asked if the change order to Shipley plumbing to add a sink and eye wash station in the Tech. Ed. Manufacturing classroom was an omission and Mr. Durkin said that it was not shown on the drawings and such situations always need to be addressed through the change order process. Mr. Fleischman stated that the District was then taking the hit. Mr. Durkin replied that if the sink and eye wash station had been on the drawings, the District would have paid for it as part of the bid. Mr. Oswald stated that the Board had heard the same allegation from Mr. Fleischman before and heard the same explanation by Mr. Durkin so there was no point in Mr. Fleischman belaboring the point and that sink and eye wash station were overlooked and the District would need to pay for their addition. Mr. Fleischman said it was a trust issue. He then stated that the change order to Shipley Plumbing for the irrigation systems on the two athletic fields was high and asked if the old system was inadequate. Mr. Durkin replied that the old system would not work because the system depth was inadequate due to the new road and it made sense to control the systems from the inside the building and meter them separately. Mr. Inman pointed out the separate metering will save sewer fees in the future. Mr. Fleischman asked why District employees could not do the changes proposed for Allegheny City Electric to power the irrigation system or to wire the additional equipment proposed for the Manufacturing curriculum. Mr. Durkin replied that he would not recommend mixing District work with contracted work and Mr. Calabria asked if such District work could void warranties by the contractors. Mr. Durkin replied that it could do so. Mr. Fleischman stated that labor is the largest part of change orders and Mr. Durkin said that that is not always the case. Mr. Fleischman asked if questions concerning the concrete issue could be raised at that time and Mr. Clendennen said they could be raised when the motions are made.

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Heckathorn seconded a motion to authorize a Change Order to Shipley Plumbing to provide a heavy duty type service sink and an eye wash station, and associated water service piping and waste and vent piping in the Tech. Ed. Manufacturing Classroom at Highland Middle School, for the additional cost of \$9,147.82, per Shipley Plumbing Change Order Request No. 21, dated September 25, 2012. This change order is necessary because the sink and eye wash station are required as part of the instructional program but were not included in the bidding documents.

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

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Heckathorn seconded a motion to authorize a Change Order to Shipley Plumbing to provide an underground water service from the new water service entrance within Highland Middle School out to the east and south athletic field's existing

irrigation systems, for the additional cost of \$27,556.66, per Shipley Plumbing Change Order Request No. 22, dated October 1, 2012. The work includes two new meters, two new pumps, backflow preventers, and new copper piping. This change order is necessary because it was anticipated that the existing irrigation system components would be reconnected to the new service. However, it was determined in the course of construction that the existing meter and valve pit were too shallow for the new driveway construction, and would need to be replaced. It was also determined during construction that the irrigation system operating pressure was higher than the new water service. Therefore, pumps are required to raise the water pressure so that the irrigation system will operate properly.

Mr. Fleischman questioned the use of pumps rather than a gravity system and Mr. Durkin replied that the design was discussed with the District's maintenance personnel and was judged to be the best solution. The design and pumps meet all quality standards and should not cause maintenance issues in the future.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Heckathorn seconded a motion to authorize a Change Order to Allegheny City Electric to provide conduit, wire, panel breakers, and disconnects, required for the athletic field's irrigation system being provided by Change Order to Shipley Plumbing at Highland Middle School, for the additional cost of \$2,967.15, per Allegheny City Electric's correspondence dated July 25, 2012. This electrical change is required to provide the appropriate electrical service to the new irrigation system's plumbing components, which were not included in the contract documents.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Heckathorn seconded a motion to authorize a Change Order to Northeast Interior Systems to provide the revised Manufacturing Equipment at Highland Middle School, for the additional cost of \$5,536.00, per Northeast Interior System's correspondence dated September 26, 2012. This change is required to provide the woodworking equipment required for delivery of the Manufacturing curriculum, which was revised subsequent to the project being bid, and therefore, not included in the contract documents.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No - Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Heckathorn seconded a motion to authorize a Change Order to Allegheny City Electric to provide conduit, wire, panel breakers, and disconnects, required for the electrical service to new equipment at Highland Middle School being provided by Change Order to Northeast Interior Systems, for the additional cost of \$6,388.16, per Allegheny City Electric's correspondence dated October 8, 2012. This electrical change is required to provide the appropriate electrical service to the new equipment, which was not included in the contract documents

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No - Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to authorize a Change Order to Northeast Interior Systems to provide additional wood sills at the interior openings between the Cafeteria and Corridor at Highland Middle School, for the additional cost of \$2,372.00. This change is required to provide the wood trim required to fully cover the existing masonry wall that would otherwise be exposed. The required trim was not included in the contract documents.

# Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to authorize a deduct Change Order to Reno Brothers Plumbing allow use of PVC plumbing piping materials, in lieu of the specified cast iron material at Patterson Primary School, for the deduct amount of -\$2,057.80. This change was requested by the contractor, in order to be consistent with the PVC piping that was provided on the Patterson Kitchen project completed in 2011.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No - Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to accept the report from Construction Engineering Consultants, Inc. (CEC) regarding the concrete at the Middle School as presented. Mr. Clendennen clarified that this motion and the following two motions will result in the concrete being replaced per specifications with appropriate chairs and wire mesh and will not be accepted until August 2013, which extends the warranty to August 2014. Mr. Fleischman said it shames him that the Board is not looking out for the best interests of the District but is looking out for the contractors. He said it is shameful that the Board is voting and denying those absent a chance to vote on the issue and asked why it is being rushed. Mr. Fleischman was declared out of order.

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

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to direct Yarborough Construction to replace the four concrete slabs, with their concurrence and at their expense that were removed due to the concrete investigation at the Middle School.

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

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to postpone Substantial Completion of the Middle School concrete with Yarborough, Inc. until the end of the renovation project, on or about August 2013.

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Oswald asked if there were any public comments on agenda items or other matters. Mr. Ron Stidmon asked how the amount of the change order for the Middle School irrigation systems was determined. Mr. Durkin explained that the contractor gives a breakdown of cost to the architect and the architect reviews the costs with the engineers to insure they are reasonable for the labor and hardware/ materials needed. If necessary, pricing is negotiated until the architects are satisfied that the price is reasonable. Mr. Stidmon asked if such changes could be bid and Mr. Durkin said they are not bid but priced because bidding would create delays in the project and issues with coordination between contractors. Mr. Stidmon asked why copper pipe was being used underground and Mr. Durkin replied that plastic pipe was used under ground and copper pipe inside the building. Mr. Clendennen added that trying to use the old design would require deeper pits for the meters and OSHA regulations for work in confined spaces would have to be followed, adding to the system's difficulty of use.

Mrs. Goering asked why PVC pipe was used inside the building at Patterson and not copper and Mr. Durkin replied that the system pressures, pipe locations and length of the pipe runs allowed PVC in the ceilings at Patterson, but was not appropriate for exposed piping at the Middle School.

Student Matt Young asked if the sills proposed for the windows between the hall and cafeteria at the Middle School were just cosmetic and Mr. Durkin replied that something needed to be placed there because the wall thickness was different than expected and the proposal fit with the other finishes in the building.

Mr. John Kaszer asked what the scores on the PSSA tests recently released showed. Dr. Miller replied that the District did well compared with other Beaver County districts, but Blackhawk will be addressing weakness and working to improve scores in addition to instituting the new Keystone Exams.

Mr. Stidmon asked if the architects are paid a percentage for change orders and Mr. Durkin replied that for some change orders charges are applied, but for others, they are not. Mr. Stidmon then asked if the Board had taken any action to adopt an ethics statement, no nepotism policy or random drug and alcohol testing for Board members. Mr. Fitzgerald asked what the perceived problems were; and, who was the target of Mr. Stidmon's suspicions of wrong doing. Mr. Oswald ruled the discussion out of order.

Mrs. Laura Gibson stated that she was appalled by the lack of civility with Board members and audience. She recommended that Board members attend PSBA training sessions and attend other trainings to learn how to work together. She also said members need to stop making accusations and embarrassing the District and told Mr. Fleischman, "Yes, I'm looking at you." Mrs. Gibson complimented Mr. Durkin on his patience with the audience and Board members and told everyone present that they need to learn how to communicate. She advised people to use Google to learn more about construction before they take time at meetings and she encouraged more rigorous control at meetings.

Mrs. Jodi Weister asked if the handicapped parking was completed at the stadium and Mr. Oswald said it was. She asked if lines were going to be painted in that area and Mr. Oswald said no. She asked the cost of the paving and if the grandstands work was within the budgeted amount and Mr. Wessel said he would check the paving number. Mrs. Weister asked if security cameras were in place at Patterson Primary School and Dr. Miller replied that video recording system has not been operational for over two years but that the District was working to remedy this. Additionally, the contractor and District are working on video surveillance system for monitoring security at the door.

Mrs. Goering asked the cost of AESOP and Mr. Wessel gave her the cost. She asked if the Board had designated the expected savings from refinancing the 2007 bond series for a specific purpose and Mr. Oswald replied that the Board had not done so.

Mrs. Weister asked how much was designated for contingency and how much has been spent to date and Mr. Wessel told her.

Mr. Oswald suspended the meeting for a break.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Wessel reviewed the items proposed in the finance area for the voting meeting scheduled for October 18, 2012. He also briefed the Board concerning the proposed contract with AESOP for substitute calling and recommended the Board approve that motion in order to allow training to be arranged in November.

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to contract with AESOP, an automated substitute calling system at a cost of \$5,400 annually, and a \$4,000 set up cost.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Dr. Miller reviewed the Personnel items and requested that all those that could be approved this evening be approved.

Mr. Oswald recommended, Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to approve Amanda Wertz as an Elementary substitute for the 2012- 2013 year.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Oswald recommended, Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to employ Denise Godwin as BIS paraprofessional, at a rate of \$7.25 per hour (approximate yearly cost of \$10,500 plus benefits) effective immediately. (Necessary due to resignation of paraprofessional in August)

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Oswald recommended, Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to employ Sharon LeBlanc, as BHS part-time cafeteria worker, at a rate of \$7.25 (approximate yearly cost of \$3,300 with no benefits) per hour effective immediately.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No - Motion Carried

Mr. Oswald recommended, Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to grant Mindy Furda, 4th grade teacher, child bearing leave beginning on or about December 17, 2012 until on or about May 13, 2013. Mrs. Furda will use sick days and FMLA during her absence.

**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried** 

Mr. Oswald recommended, Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to grant Cassie Clonch, BIS Nurse, child bearing leave beginning on or about October 17, 2012 until on or about November 28, 2012. Mrs. Clonch will use sick days and FMLA during her absence.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Oswald recommended, Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to grant Lauren Stein child bearing/child rearing leave beginning on or about January 3, 2013 and continue until the start of the 2013-14 school year. Mrs. Stein will use sick days, FMLA, and unpaid days during her absence.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No - Motion Carried

Mr. Oswald recommended, Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to accept Shirley Ratkovich, BHS food service, request to retire, effective November 17, 2012. Mrs. Ratkovich has worked for Blackhawk for the past 32 years.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No - Motion Carried

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

- Dr. Miller reviewed the items on the agenda.
- Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to approve the following field trips:
- a. Jr. High Chorus (9), Jayne McDonald, Jr. High District Chorus, New Castle High School, February 1, 2013 (budgeted).
- b. J.V.& Varsity Cheerleaders (30), University of Pittsburgh Cheer Day, Heinz Field, October 27, 2012 (expenses collected from others).
- c. Transition Classes (22), Mariah Brown, National Disability Mentoring Day, BNY Mellon Bank, October 17, 2012 (no expense).
- d. Concert Choir (48), Maura Underwood, Music in the Parks, Hershey Park, May 17, 18, 2013 (expenses collected from students).
- e. AP Biology, AP Environment, Conceptual Physics, Anita Mensch, Theresa Adams, Stewart Kirk, Nathan Lowery, Carnegie Science Center Science Tech Days, Carnegie Science Center, November 9, 2012 (expenses collected from students and others).
- f. Accounting (21), Bill Bacu, Accounting Career Day, Duquesne University, November 15, 2012 (budgeted).
- g. 8th Grade (200), Missy Bender and 8th grade teachers, Carnegie Science Museum of Natural History, March 26, 2013 (budgeted and collected from students).
- h. English Club (29), Roberta Bannon, Anita Steppe, The Great Gatsby, New Hazlett Theatre, March 7, 2013 (expenses collected from students).
- i. English Club (29), Roberta Bannon, Anita Steppe, 1776, O'Reilly Theatre, February 6, 2013 (expenses collected from students).
- j. English Club (38), Roberta Bannon, Anita Steppe, A Musical Christmas Carol, Byham Theatre, December 14, 2012 (expenses collected from student).
- k. FFA (20), Howard Leslie, Career Development Events, New Castle, October 18, 2012 (budgeted).
- 1. 8th Grade (180), Sami Hanna, 8th grade teachers, "It's Almost Your Time" Workshop, Penn State Beaver, (TBD) December, 2012 (expenses collected from students).
- m. Academic Games (25), Jeff Tripodi, Propaganda and Equation Tournament, Geneva College, November 15, 2012 (budgeted).
- n. Honors History 9 (29), Jeff Tripodi, Phil Mackin, Linda Cartwright, 1892: Industry, Society and Conflict, Clayton, November 21, 2012 (budgeted).
- o. Academic Games (25), Jeff Tripodi, World Events Tournament, Ambridge, January 31, 2013 (budgeted).
- p. Academic Games (25), Jeff Tripodi, Linguishtik Tournament, Center, February 12, 2013 (budgeted).

- q. Academic Games (25), Jeff Tripodi, Presidents Tournament, Geneva College, February 28, 2013 (budgeted).
- r. BHS Expressions (20), Jayne McDonald, Expressions Performances, New Brighton, November 24, 2012, St. Francis Cabrini, December 3, 2012, Riverview United Methodist Luncheon, December 5, 2012, Ohio Presbyterian Church, December 12, 2012 (budgeted).
- s. Concert Choir (80), Maura Underwood, Old Economy Village, Ambridge, December 8, 2012 (budgeted).
- t. Pre-K (15), Lisa Vancko, Pumpkin Patch, October 17, 2012 (expenses collected from students).
- u. Journalism (40), Joy Winters, Journalism Field Trip to Washington D.C., November 15, 2012 (Journalism and Blackhawk Foundations).
- v. Gifted Support (3), Jeff Tripodi, iGEM Competition, Duquesne University, October 13, 2012 (budgeted).
- w. Student Historians, Rich Oswald, Mr. Slimm, Mrs. Phelps, Moundsville Prison, November 7, 2012 (expenses collected from students).

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

## **ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**

Dr. Miller reviewed the Athletics Grounds items proposed for the October 18, 2012 meeting.

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to allow solicitation of bids for athletic equipment/ supplies for the 2013/2014 school year.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to enter into a co-operative sponsorship with the Beaver County Christian School in Women's Lacrosse. Mr. Fitzgerald asked how many students were expected to participate from he Christian School and Mr. Calabria responded that currently one or two are expected.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

### ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE

No report.

## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No report.

### **NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE**

No report.

### **POLICY COMMITTEE**

No report.

#### **BOARD/ STAFF ENRICHMENT**

- Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Heckathorn seconded a motion to approve conference attendance as follows:
- a. Dale Moll, Tim Linkenheimer, PTI Teacher Workshop Modeling and Rendering, Pittsburgh Technical Institute, April 12, 2013 (budgeted).
- b. Dale Moll, Tim Linkenheimer, PTI Teacher Workshop Autodesk Revit, PTI, January 10, 2013 (budgeted).
- c. Lauren Bartoe, Pennsylvania Institute of Instructional Coaching, Mohawk High School, November 20, 2012, January 15, February 14, April 16, May 14, 2013 (budgeted).
- d. Lauren Bartoe, Alexandria Bougher, Joy Winters, Ryan Hardesty, Penn Literacy Network, Mohawk High School, October 11, November 15, 2012, January 22, February 19, March 26, 2013 (budgeted).
- e. Dale Moll, Tim Linkenheimer, TEEAP Conference, Camp Hill, November 8&9, 2012 (budgeted).
- f. Korin McMillen, Christy Desselle, Dianne Sarver, Assistive Technology Expo, Green Tree, November 8, 2012 (budgeted).
- g. Lauren Weinheimer, LuAnne Maginness, Bullying Prevention Institute, October 23, 2012 (budgeted).
- h. JaneAnn Fucci, PA School Performance Profile Report Focus Group, Allegheny Intermediate Unit October 22, 2012 (budgeted).
- i. JaneAnn Fucci, Administrator Tech Club, BVIU, October 24, 2012, and January 23, 2013 (budgeted).
- j. LuAnne Maginness, Student Assistance Program Fall Training, Ambridge, October 23, 24, 2012 (budgeted).
- k. Andrea Lee-Marnicio, Hands on Spotting Class, McKeesport, October 26, 2012 (budgeted).

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

#### INTERMEDIATE UNIT

No Report.

#### **VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL**

No Report.

## PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

### BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

No report.

#### ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

### **School Directors:**

Mr. Calabria elaborated on the contributions Mr. Joe Veon made to the District.

Mr. Heckathorn asked if Christian School students wished to participate in other sports such as football, are they allowed to do so. Mr. Calabria said the Christian School can't have the sport for their students if they want to participate on a Blackhawk team. Dr. Miller added that cyber school students can participate in their home district but private schools must have a cooperative agreement with a public district and then all the private school players would play for the same district that has the co-operative sponsorship regardless of where the student resides.

Mr. Heckathorn offered congratulations on behalf of the Board to the Little Indians and Little Cougars football teams for making the playoffs this year.

Mr. Clendennen informed the Board that the State Legislature will be looking at legislation for cyber school funding in the next week and members should go to the PSBA site to get information and notify representatives that the funding formula needs fixing. He also stated that he would like to add modification of the fence in front of the handicapped area at the stadium to the October 18<sup>th</sup> agenda. Mr. Fitzgerald added that the code enforcement inspector must be okay with the change.

Mr. Fleischman congratulated the baseball team members who will receive their championship rings at the football game.

Mr. Fleischman asked about the source of the flier listing District accomplishments which he received and why it was not approved by the Board. Mr. Oswald stated that the District did not sponsor the flier. Mr. Fleischman asked how it came about and Mr. Inman said that he paid to have it published because he wanted positive information about the District out in the public. Mr. Fleischman asked if Mr. Inman was paying for a party to thank District employees and Mr. Inman said he was not planning a party.

Mr. Fleischman asked if the church using District facilities on Sunday was going to go to two services as rumored and if so, will the cost to the church increase. Dr. Miller replied that the Facilities Use Policy will determine the cost if that occurs. Mr. Fitzgerald asked how long the church plans to use District facilities and Dr. Miller replied that the District has not been told.

Administrators: None.

#### Visitors:

Student Matt Young questioned the skills of his high school computer instructor to teach the class he is taking.

Mrs. Kaszer informed the Board that the School Fusion notification system is still sending notices to her home and her son graduated two years ago. Dr. Miller said the District would look into why her family had not been removed from the system.

Mr. Pander asked if any Board members had attended a game at the Hopewell stadium where the ADA fencing is lower than the 42 inches the code requires. He recommended the Board find out how a variance was obtained. Mr. Clendennen said that Ms. Elizabeth Cronin from VEBH did extensive research into the laws and found that locally a variance can be granted and that the District will see if one will be granted for the Northwestern Stadium.

Mr. Oswald announced that the next meeting will be held in the High School library on October 18, 2012 beginning at 7:30 PM.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 P.M., October 11, 2012.

Submitted by Jerry Wessel Board Secretary