

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' VOTING MEETING  
Blackhawk's High School Library  
October 18, 2012**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

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

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

Absent were:

Mr. Fleischman	Mr. Heckathorn	Mr. Inman
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Also attending were:

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

Mr. Oswald announced that Buildings and Grounds Committee meetings would be held at 6:30 P.M. in the High School library on November 8, 2012.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Dr. Rose offered the following congratulations and words of appreciation on behalf of the Board:

Congratulations to Becky Effert, Primary Art Teacher, for being awarded a "Bowling To Teachers" Classroom Supplies Grant in the amount of \$250. Mrs. Effert plans to enrich the Primary Art program with updated developmentally appropriate Art visuals.

Congratulations to Jenn Sharek, Patterson Kindergarten Teacher, for being awarded a DonorsChoose.org grant for "Painting Memories to Last a Lifetime". Mrs. Sharek will receive a double-space drying rack and 25 adjustable vinyl paint aprons.

Appreciation is extended to The Little Beaver Lion's Club for donating \$1000 to Northwestern Primary School. This donation is part of the long-standing relationship Northwestern has with this service organization. Each school year, the Little Beaver Loins Club also donates hundreds of volunteer tutoring sessions as part of this established relationship. This money will be used throughout the school year in our health room for clothes, assisting needy students and their families for necessities as well as other projects that will directly benefit the students of Northwestern Primary School.

Congratulations to the Blackhawk Computer Science students who competed in the

Westminster High School Programming Contest on Monday, October 8th. Blackhawk finished in 1st place. The winning team consisted of Cody Bain, Clint Davies, and Matt Young.

Appreciation is extended to the Greek Catholic Union of the USA for providing food for the Thanksgiving holiday to five of the District's families.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

Ms. Diane Huston, High School Physical Education instructor, invited Board members to attend the student health fair scheduled for next Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at the High School. Many vendors have agreed to participate and students will be allowed to attend during the day.

Mrs. Jodi Weister asked for information concerning the hot water boiler explosion which occurred on Friday, October 12 at the Intermediate School. Dr. Miller gave her an oral summary of the events that occurred. Mrs. Weister asked when repairs will be completed and Mr. Wessel replied that quotes for repair and replacement have been received and as soon as they are evaluated, work will begin with a goal of having the service restored as soon as possible.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to accept the Financial Report for the month of September 2012 as submitted.

**Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to approve bills for October 2012 from the various Funds as submitted.

**Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

The Board was directed by Mr. Fitzgerald to the exhibits within their packets for the October Monthly Insurance Reports. Mr. Wessel reported the Health Fund balance to the Board.

## **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Mr. Oswald recommended, Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to approve the employment of Staci Lu as a nurse paraprofessional at the Blackhawk Intermediate School at a rate of \$12.50 per hour (approximate annual cost of \$25,875. plus benefits) effective immediately pending receipt of clearances. This position is necessary due to Special Needs students' medical conditions and will be funded through ACCESS.

**Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

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

- A. High School Band (59), David Zaccari, Brighton Township Halloween Parade, Downtown Brighton, October 24, 2012 (budgeted).
- B. 7<sup>th</sup> grade students (30), Leah Lindemann, YSU English Festival, Youngstown State University, April 18, 2013 (self-funded).
- C. French IV and V (9), Jenny Panella, Paris 66 & Benedum Center, January 25, 2013 (self-funded).

**Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

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

Mr. Clendennen reported on the current status of the proposed modification of the fencing around the ADA seating area at the Northwestern Stadium to add an eight inch space between the top rail and the start of the mesh fence. After discussions with the architects and the MDIA inspector, it is anticipated that a request to modify the fence would be disapproved by the local inspector, requiring a request to the Appeal Board for a variance. Mr. Clendennen said he will have more information for the next Board meeting.

## **ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Calabria offered the following congratulations:

Congratulations to Cole Chiappiale (Football) who was named Silver Athlete of the Week by the Beaver County Times for the week of September 10, 2012.

Congratulations to Chandler Kincade (Football), Steven Sharik (Soccer) and Jesse Phlegar (Golf) who were named Bronze Athletes of the Week by the Beaver County Times for the week of September 10, 2012.

Congratulations to Alex Caratelli (Football) who was named Silver Athlete of the Week by the Beaver County Times for the week of September 17, 2012.

Congratulations to Steven Sharik (Soccer) and Jesse Phlegar (Golf) who were named Bronze Athletes of the Week by the Beaver County Times for the week of September 24, 2012.

Congratulations to Cole Chiappiale (Football) who was named Gold Athlete of the Week by the Beaver County Times for the week of October 1, 2012.

Congratulations to Chandler Kincade (Football) who was named Bronze Athlete of the Week by the Beaver County Times for the week of October 1, 2012.

Congratulations to the Men's Golf Team who were the Section Champions for the 4th

straight year.

Congratulations to the Men's Golf Team who won the MAC golf championship.

Congratulations to the Ladies Tennis Team who finished the season with a 10- 2 record, qualifying them for the WPIAL Team Championships.

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to approve the winter sports schedules as submitted.

**Verbal Vote: 6 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**

No report.

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

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to approve the following conferences:

- A. Kim Boggs, Ashley Boyers, Andy Hedrick, Anthony Mooney, and Michelle Miller to the Keystone Special Education Conference, Butler, PA, October 26, 2012 (budgeted).
- B. Jayne McDonald, BCAEC Meeting, BCCTC, October 24, November 20, 2012, January 15, February 12, March 6, April 30, and May 22, 2013 (no cost).

**Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

#### **INTERMEDIATE UNIT**

No report.

## **VOCATIONAL- TECHNICAL SCHOOL**

No report.

## **PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Clendennen advised that Board members that Mr. Heckathorn and Dr. Miller attended the regional meeting of PSBA this week. He also let the Board members know that Senate Bill SB 1115 was not carried to the House floor for a vote before the end of the annual session yesterday and that PSBA exerted a considerable amount of effort to insure the bill was not passed. Dr. Rose asked the status of proposed legislation to modify the property tax appeal procedures for school districts and Mr. Clendennen told him the legislation was passed.

## **BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

No report.

## **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

School Directors: Dr. Rose questioned the Middle School concrete situation because he missed the discussions at the prior meeting and Mr. Oswald and Mr. Clendennen answered his questions.

Dr. Rose asked if the District was involved in any negotiations with collective bargaining units and Mr. Calabria replied that negotiations with the Paraprofessionals and Confidential Secretaries were ongoing.

Visitors: Mr. Perry Pander responded to Mr. Clendennen's previous statements regarding the concrete at HMS, saying chairs in concrete are supposed to be 28 inches to four feet apart and the wire is not supposed to be pulled up any longer. Mr. Clendennen's reply was ruled out of order by Mr. Oswald. Mr. Pander asked if the two year warranty on concrete applies to all the sidewalks installed and Dr. Miller replied that it does.

Next Meeting: Mr. Oswald announced that the next scheduled meeting is November 8, 2012 at 7:30 in the Blackhawk High School Library, preceded by a Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting at 6:30 P.M. in the same location.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Submitted by Jerry Wessel  
Board Secretary