

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' VOTING & REORGANIZATION MEETING  
Blackhawk High School Library  
December 5, 2011**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

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

Mr. Calabria	Mr. Clendennen	Mr. Fleischman	Mr. Heckathorn
Mr. Inman	Mr. May	Mr. Oswald	Mrs. Pander
Dr. Rose			

Also attending were:

Dr. Miller- Superintendent    Mr. Salopek- Solicitor

Absent: Mr. Wessel- Board Secretary

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to approve the November 10 and 17, 2011 Board Minutes.

**Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to appoint Dr. Michelle Miller as Acting Secretary for the Board meeting.

**Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. May moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to recess and to move to the reorganization meeting.

**Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to appoint Mr. Calabria as Temporary President.

**Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Heckathorn seconded a motion to appoint Mr. Oswald as President. Mr. Inman moved that the nominations were closed.

**Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Heckathorn seconded a motion to appoint Mr. Inman as Vice President.

**Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to appoint John Salopek as School Solicitor.

**Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. May moved and Mr. Fleischman seconded a motion to appoint Greg Smith as Physician's Assistant.

**Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Calabria moved and Mrs. Pander seconded a motion to appoint Dr. Daniel Frattaroli as school dentist.

**Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion for the dates, times, and locations as indicated in the agenda for the 2012 Work/Voting Sessions of the Board of School Directors.

**Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. May seconded a motion for the dates, times, and locations as indicated in the agenda for the 2012 Voting Sessions of the Board of School Directors.

**Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. May moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to designate the Beaver County Times as the newspaper of general circulations for official notices.

**Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to authorize the solicitor to file with the Secretary of the Commonwealth a request for permission to use facsimile signatures.

**Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Inman moved and Mrs. Pander seconded a motion to delegate the President of the School Board the authority to appoint School Directors to committees.

**Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mrs. Pander moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to adjourn the reorganization and resume the regular Board meeting.

**Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Fleischman invited the public and Board to the upcoming Chorus, String, and Band Holiday concerts.

Mr. Fleischman thanked the District's students and staff for their support for the Beaver County Special Olympic program.

Mr. Fleischman congratulated Blackhawk High School for being nominated for the 2010 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award.

At this time, the Physical Education Department provided an overview of the District's K-12 PE program.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Brady Okon, science teacher at BIS, commented on the health curriculum in grades 3-5 at BIS.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Inman moved and Mrs. Pander seconded a motion to approve bills for November from the various Funds as submitted.

**Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to adopt Act 1 Resolution No. 12052011-1 which certifies that the Board will not increase the 2012-2013 millage at a rate to exceed the index (2.43%) as calculated by PDE (1.21 mills).

**Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Fleischman moved and Mrs. Pander seconded to table a motion regarding the use of an accountant consultant to address findings in the 2010-2011 audit.

**Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Anthony Ditka and Mr. Robert Aumer reviewed Resolution No. 12052011-2 approving an increase of the District's non-electoral debt by an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000, by the issuance of General Obligation Bonds. They presented the Resolution, answered Board members questions, and explained the structure of repayment. Much debate and discussion occurred regarding the parameters of the bonds and the dollar amounts identified on the Resolution. Dr. Rose moved and Mr. Fleischman seconded to table the motion to approve Resolution No. 12052011-2.

**Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes; 4 No (Dissenting votes were Mr. Heckathorn, Mr. Clendennen, Mr. Calabria, Mr. Oswald)- Motion to Table Carried**

Discussion between the Board of School Directors, Mr. Ditka, Mr. Aumer and Mr. Salopek took place as to how the Board would like Mr. Ditka and Mr. Aumer to proceed. Options were provided to the Board. Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to have a special meeting in order for the District to move forward with the sale of Bonds. Mr. Heckathorn rescinded his motion after discussion took place and another option was proposed.

Mr. Inman made a two part motion. Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Fleishman seconded to approve Resolution No. 12052011-2 approving an increase of the District's non-electoral debt by an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000, by the issuance of General Obligation Bonds.

Mr. Inman then amended the motion. Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Fleischman seconded to amend Section 11.01 of Resolution No. 12052011-2 (line 12 on page 33) to approve an increase

of the District's non-electoral debt by an amount not to exceed \$9,450,000, by the issuance of General Obligation Bonds.

After spirited discussion, a roll call vote was taken on Mr. Inman's amendment.

**Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes; 4 No (Dissenting votes were Mr. Heckathorn, Mr. Clendennen, Dr. Rose, Mr. Oswald)- Amendment to the Motion Carried**

The amended motion approving Resolution No. 12052011-2 was then voted on. This amended motion approves an increase of the District's non-electoral debt by an amount not to exceed \$9,450,000, by the issuance of General Obligation Bonds.

**Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes; 2 No (Dissenting votes were Mr. Heckathorn, Dr. Rose)- Motion Carried**

## **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Pander and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to approve student teachers as listed on the agenda.

**Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mrs. Pander and Mr. May seconded a motion to approve FMLA to Lindsay Kudritz for the remainder of the school year.

**Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mrs. Pander and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Mary Jane Binder, custodian, effective December 16, 2011.

**Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mrs. Pander and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to approve three substitutes as listed on the agenda.

**Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mrs. Pander and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to approve Shawn Cox as custodial substitute at a rate of \$9.00 per hour.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 1 Abstention (Mr. Fleischman)- Motion Carried**

Mrs. Pander and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Megan Anderson as Bus Supervisor at Patterson effective January 3, 2012.

**Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Mr. May moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to approve field trips as submitted.

**Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

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

Mr. Clendennen announced that unless stated in the agenda or advertised, there will not be Building and Grounds meetings before Board meetings for the upcoming year.

Mr. Tom Durkin from VEBH reviewed the Exhibit C Summary. This updated document reflected the motions that were included in the night's agenda. Mr. Durkin then reviewed the change orders as listed on the agenda.

Mr. Clendennen moved and Dr. Rose seconded a motion to approve a change order to Yarborough Development, Inc. for soft subgrade stabilization at the Gymnasium addition in the amount of \$7,941.08 for the Highland Renovation Project.

**Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to approve a change order to Shipley Brothers Construction, Inc. for the addition of underground storm piping in Area A (\$2,296.71) and a similar storm piping issue in Area E (\$5,118.10) which is required to make a connection of new work to existing at a point of adequate pipe size and elevation for the Highland Renovation Project.

**Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to approve a change order to McElroy in a credit of \$5,000 to eliminate the underground gas line from BIS to the new storage building for the BIS pavement project.

**Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Clendennen moved and Dr. Rose seconded a motion to approve a change order to Shields Paving in a net credit \$15,130 for incomplete work as submitted for the Patterson and Northwestern Primary School paving projects.

**Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

## **ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Calabria congratulated Lia Vinciguerra for being selected to the soccer All-Section team.

Mr. Calabria congratulated Max Flick, Alec Rowe and Santiago Roig who were selected to play in the WPIAL Soccer All-Star game.

Mr. Calabria congratulated the Women's Volleyball Team on recent honors as listed: Olivia Wulf who received Class AA All WPIAL First Team and Section 1-AA First Team, Kristin Ostach who received Class AA All WPIAL Second Team and Section 1-AA First Team,

Hannah Bevington - Section 1-AA First Team, Catilyn Glover - Section 1 AA, First Team, Crystal Glover - Section 1 AA, Second Team, Haley Schramm - Section 1 AA, Second Team

Mr. Calabria congratulated the Men's Football Team on recent honors as listed: Mike Shansky, Parkway Conference Top 24 Offense - Fullback, Parkway Conference Top 24 Defense Inside Linebacker; Josh Desmond, Parkway Conference Top 24 Defense Team-Defensive Back; Honorable Mention Offense – Wide Receiver; TribLIVE Radio Athlete of the week for October 7, 2011; Brendan Kearney, Parkway Conference Top 24 Defense Team-Defensive Back, Honorable Mention Offense-Wide Receiver; Brad Coleman, Parkway Conference Honorable Mention Offense-Tackle; Nolan Moffett, Parkway Conference Honorable Mention Offense-Guard; Chandler Kincade, Parkway Conference Honorable Mention Offense- Quarterback; Brandon Mansell, Parkway Conference Honorable Mention Offense-Running Back; Mike Gardner, Parkway Conference Honorable Mention Offense-Kicking Specialist; Andy Podbielski, Parkway Conference Honorable Mention Defense-Ends; Jake Jaszcar, Parkway Conference Honorable Mention Defense-Down Lineman; Bryar Netherland, Parkway Conference Honorable Mention Defense-Outside Linebacker; Cole Chiappiale, Parkway Conference Honorable Mention Defense, Outside Linebacker; Alex Caratelli, Parkway Conference Honorable Mention Defense-Defensive Back

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to appoint Lauren Bartoe as the Middle School Volleyball Head Coach at a salary of \$1,713.88.

**Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE**

Mr. Oswald announced that during Voting meetings from January-May, 2012, Principals and his/her staff and/or students will provide a brief presentation to highlight the school's successes and student achievements.

#### **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. Inman seconded a motion to approve conferences as submitted.

**Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

## **INTERMEDIATE UNIT**

No report.

## **VOCATIONAL- TECHNICAL SCHOOL**

No report.

## **PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Clendennen encouraged Board members to contact their representatives regarding vouchers.

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

No report.

## **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

School Directors: Mr. May stated that the Freshman and Varsity hockey players are playing outside in Pittsburgh. He would provide the Board information as to the date and time of the games. Mr. Oswald asked for Board members to contact him with their preference for committees. He will consider requests for new committees or to keep the current committees. Mr. Clendennen reminded the Board that because tonight's Board action reduced the Bonds by \$550,000 tonight, if there are major construction issues, the District will have to pay these costs out of the operating budget. Dr. Rose thanked the Board for their indulgence as he becomes acclimated as a Board member.

Administration: Dr. Miller welcomed Dr. Rose to the Board of School Directors.

Visitors: Mrs. Barb Brown asked if there was another meeting scheduled in December. She was informed that the next meeting would be on January 12, 2012.

Next Meeting: January 12, 2012 at 7:30PM in the High School Library

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 PM.

Submitted by Dr. Michelle Miller  
Acting Board Secretary