

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' VOTING MEETING
Blackhawk's High School Library
February 20, 2014**

MEETING MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Dr. Rose, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM. and the Pledge of Allegiance was made. Roll call was answered by nine members. Those in attendance were:

Ms. Aquino	Mr. Fleischman	Mr. Heckathorn	Mrs. Helsing
Mr. May	Mr. Oswald	Mr. Pander	Dr. Rose
Mr. Yonkee			

Absent was: None

Also attending were:

Dr. Thomas- Acting Superintendent
Mr. Wessel- Board Secretary

Mr. Oswald moved and Mr. Pander seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2014 meeting.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Fleischman moved and Mrs. Helsing seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2014 Special meeting.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Pastor Scott Graham from the CUP Evangelical Presbyterian Church offered the opening prayer.

Dr. Rose reviewed the videotaping policy in place for the meeting.

Mr. Fleischman announced that an employee recently had a medical emergency and that those wishing to donate to the family to help cover expenses being incurred could do so at the back of the room.

Dr. Rose announced that the agenda was being changed to allow Joel Martin from the auditor's office to brief next and then Dr. Thomas would present a briefing on his analysis of the Teachers' Agreement. He also stated that the Board would not respond to questions concerning Resolution 2014-1 since it was a litigation issue.

Mr. Joel Martin from the auditing firm of Cotrill Arbutina presented a summary of the results of the audit of Fiscal Year 2012- 2013 which he said was in draft form, with the final forthcoming.

Dr. Rose announced that there will be a work session meeting on March 13, 2014 in addition to the scheduled Voting Meeting on March 20, 2014.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Fleischman offered congratulations on behalf of the Board to the following High School students for being selected as “Student of the Month” for February:

- a. Andres Fry – Little Beaver Lions.
- b. Bemmyr Lupinacci – Chippewa Lions.
- c. Alayna Turconi – Rotary Club.

Mr. Fleischman offered congratulations on behalf of the Board to the TSA students who participated and placed in the Technology Student Association conference at the Pittsburgh Technical Institute on January 13, 2014 at which all students qualified for the Pennsylvania TSA State conference in April at Seven Springs.

Mr. Fleischman offered congratulations on behalf of the Board to Dale Moll and Tim Linkenheimer for winning the Carnegie Science Award for High School Educators. They will be honored during a formal celebration at Carnegie Music Hall in May.

Mr. Fleischman offered congratulations on behalf of the Board to Debbie Daquila, High School teacher, for being nominated for Beaver County Teacher of the Year by the Jumet Charitable Foundation. The winner will be announced in May and will receive a \$500 grant for their school.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 3.1, approval of the January Financial Report was omitted.

Mr. Yonkee moved and Mr. Pander seconded a motion for payment of January bills from the various Funds as presented.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Bob Clendennen (resident) pointed out that the agenda item for Public Comments was passed over. Dr. Rose directed that comments be taken at that point.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following individuals commented on Board Resolution 2014-1:

Mr. Jarrod McCowin (president of the Blackhawk Teachers’ Association)

Ms. Anita Mensch

Mr. Kelly Compeau (PSEA representative)

Mr. Eric Hoover

Ms. Cindy Vannoy
Mr. Mark Bencart (Beaver County Labor Council)
Alex Devic
Mr. Bob Clendennen.
Mr. Don Inman
Mr. Ronald Romeo
Mr. Joe Basile
Ms. Melissa Ziegler
Ms. Judy Rankin
Matt Young
Ms. Leslie Benedetto
Mr. Clint Berchtold
Mr. Alex Kaszer commented on the Board's solicitor.

Mr. Bob Clendennen commented on the contract with the Acting Superintendent; the selection of the solicitor; and he asked about the status of the Intermediate School generator.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (CONTINUED)

Mr. Yonkee asked the Board members if they had any questions on monthly insurance reports included in their packets.

Mr. Yonkee moved and Ms. Aquino seconded a motion to appoint Mr. Yonkee as the alternate delegate to the County Tax Collection Committee.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried (Mr. Heckathorn out of the room).

Mr. Yonkee moved and Mr. Fleischman seconded a motion to continue participation in the Western Pennsylvania Natural Gas Consortium.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried (Mr. Heckathorn out of the room).

Dr. Thomas presented his analysis of the purported contract between the District and Blackhawk Teachers' Association and entertained questions from the public and Board members.

Note: Mr. May departed during the questions portion of the briefing.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. Yonkee seconded a motion to grant Nancy Knallay, NPS paraprofessional, time off without compensation from March 10 to March 14, 2014.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. Oswald seconded a motion to grant Teresa Bollinger, BIS paraprofessional, time off without compensation from February 27 to March 5, 2014.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mrs. Helsing moved and Ms. Aquino seconded a motion to approve the following substitutes for the 2013-2014 school year:

a. Amanda Ardinger, Elementary

- b. Renee Hupp, Para/ secretary
- c. Jennifer Hoffman, Elementary

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. Pander seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Dave Marker as Alternative Education math teacher effective immediately.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. Oswald seconded a motion to employ John Drzik as math teacher for Blackhawk's Alternative Education Program for 12 hours per week at \$25 per hour effective immediately.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. Fleischman seconded a motion to grant Amy Cienkowski, First Grade teacher, child bearing leave beginning on or about April 2, 2014 until on or about May 14, 2014.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. Yonkee seconded a motion to approve the following field trips:

- a. Math (5-10), Heather McCowin, Penn State Beaver Math Competition, Penn State Beaver, March 25, 2014 (no expense).
- b. AP English 12 (20-40), Jarrod McCowin, Pitt CHS Debate Forum, North Allegheny, May 1, 2014 (approx. \$200 expenses budgeted).
- c. Fifth Grade Students (14), Kristen Neeley, Chorus Fest, Grove City College, March 7, 2014 (\$402 expenses budgeted).
- d. NPS First Grade Students (100), Jessica Dougherty, all first grade teachers, Children's Museum, Pittsburgh, May 29, 2014 (funded by PTO).
- e. PPS Second Grade (66), Megan Anderson, Chelsea Haight, Carol Durham, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Pittsburgh, May 8, 2014 (funded by PTO).
- f. BHS Orchestra Students (5), Nate Goodrich, Western Region PA Orchestra, Trinity High School, February 26-28, 2014 (\$950 expenses budgeted).
- g. Lab Chemistry (65), Kim Baker, Sci-Tech Days at CSC, Carnegie Science Center, March 6, 2014 (no expense).
- h. Art, TechEd, Music, Social Studies (50 per trip), Ashley Biega, Laura Kahler, Dale Moll, Jeff Tripodi, Carnegie International Art Exhibit, Pittsburgh, February 27, and March 3, 2014 (funded by grant from Carnegie Museum).
- i. Pride Class (11), Dianne Sarver, Angie Rolston, Pat Warnaka, Carey Courinos, Terry Taylor, Theresa Bollinger, Muppet Movie, Cinemark Theatre, March 25, 2014 (funded by Access).
- j. Fourth and Fifth Grade Teams (16), Kim Steffanina, Amanda Sweesy, K'Nex Design Challenge, Penn State Beaver, April 10, 2014 (\$133 expenses budgeted).

k. Gifted Support (5), Jeff Tripodi, Penn State Beaver Math Competition, Penn State, March 11, 2014 (\$115 expenses budgeted).

l. Gifted Support (6), Jeff Tripodi, Penn State Beaver Forensic Debate Tournament, Penn State, March 25, 2014 (\$165 expenses budgeted).

m. Gifted Support (3), Jeff Tripodi, Penn State Beaver Forensic Debate Tournament, Duquesne University, March 30, 2014 (\$45 expenses budgeted).

n. Gifted Support (16), Jeff Tripodi, Academic Games National Tournament, Knoxville TN, April 25-28, 2014 (approx. \$750 expenses budgeted).

o. Art Classes, Laura Kahler, Ashley Biega, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC, April 4, 2014 (\$1,900.25 expenses collected from student).

p. Fourth Grade (26), Mindy Furda, Danielle Bailey, Heather Stein, Camp Kon-O-Kwee, February 28, 2014 (no expense).

q. BHS Orchestra, Nate Goodrich, BHS Chamber Players Fish Fry Performance for Chippewa Fire Department, March 14, 21, and April 4, 2014 (\$20 expenses budgeted).

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mrs. Helsing informed the Board that the 9th Grade Academy field trip to Carnegie Science Center approved at the November voting meeting has a date change from April 16, 2014 to April 17, 2014.

Mrs. Helsing informed the Board that the NPS Kindergarten field trip to OH WOW Science Center approved at the January Voting meeting has a date change from May 23, 2014 to May 8, 2014.

Mrs. Helsing informed the Board that the AP Biology field trip to Allegheny General approved at the November voting meeting has a chaperone addition of Lauren Chappell.

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. Pander seconded a motion to accept the revised academic calendar. May 2 snow day changed to Act 80 Day, early dismissal. May 16 Act 80 Day, early dismissal changed to regular day of school.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. Pander seconded a motion to implement Model Aviation Club at Highland Middle School. This is an extra-curricular aerospace engineering activity in which students will be engaged in designing, building, and flying radio controlled model aircraft.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mrs. Helsing moved and Ms. Aquino seconded a motion to approve McCarter's to transport 5 students from their home school to BHS for Special Olympics swim practice beginning February 24, 2014 at no cost to the District.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mrs. Helsing moved and Ms. Aquino seconded a motion to approve providing compensatory time to teachers who participate in the evening Kindergarten Sneak Peek/Gearing

Up For Kindergarten program, at Northwestern and Patterson Primary Schools. Compensatory time will be provided on the April 22, two hour developmental delay day. No instructional time will be lost.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/ REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

Dr. Thomas informed the Board members that the Emergency Procedure Guideline provided to them had been reviewed by the administration and teachers.

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Mr. Heckathorn congratulated on behalf of the Board Alexis Lopez who broke the pool record in the 50M freestyle with a time of 25:27.

Mr. Heckathorn congratulated on behalf of Board the boys' basketball team who advanced to the WPIAL Playoffs.

Mr. Heckathorn congratulated on behalf of the Board the girls' basketball team who were the Section Champions and who advanced to the WPIAL Playoffs.

Mr. Heckathorn congratulated on behalf of the Board Chassidy Omogrosso who scored her 1,555th career point on Thursday January 23rd vs Hopewell. Chassidy became the school's all-time career scoring leader surpassing Renee Rawding, former record holder.

Mr. Heckathorn congratulated on behalf of the Board Halle Denman who scored her "1,000th career point" on Monday, February 3 during the Blackhawk vs Central Valley girls' basketball game. He also congratulated Halle for being selected as the Pittsburgh Tribune Review Athlete of the Week for the week of February 10, 2014.

Mr. Heckathorn thanked on behalf of the Board Mr. Rich McMillen for his generous donation of equipment to the Athletic Department for use in the various athletic training facilities in the Blackhawk School District.

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Yonkee seconded a motion to appoint Meredith Oliver as the assistant softball coach at a salary of \$2,010.24.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; 1 Abstention (Mr. Oswald) - Motion Carried

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Oswald seconded a motion to appoint Lacey Schoeneweis as the assistant varsity track coach at a salary of \$3,015.36.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Fleischman seconded a motion to appoint Zachary Black as a volunteer assistant coach for the varsity track team.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mrs. Helsing seconded a motion to appoint Lauren Bartoe as a volunteer assistant coach for the middle school girls' volleyball team.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Oswald seconded a motion to approve the spring sports schedules as presented.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Oswald seconded a motion to approve the Athletic Activities accounts as submitted.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Oswald seconded a motion to appoint Daniel Muir as a volunteer assistant coach for the Middle School girls' volleyball team.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Yonkee seconded a motion to allow the administration to open and award contracts to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications for the 2014-2015 athletic equipment and supplies.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Heckathorn congratulated on behalf of the Board the girls swimming and diving teams for winning the MAC Championship on Saturday, February 15, 2014.

ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE

No report.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No report.

FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

No report.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

No report.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. Pander seconded a motion to direct Mr. Yonkee to examine the Board policies and recommend any updating appropriate.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

BOARD/ STAFF ENRICHMENT

Ms. Aquino moved and Mr. Fleischman seconded a motion to approve attendance at the following conferences:

A. Educators:

1. Gina Gordon, The ASCA Annual National Conference: Build Magical Futures, Orlando, FL, June 29- July 2, 2014 (\$1,134 expenses budgeted).
2. Kelli Ambler, Business/Computer Science Educator Workshop, RMU, March 25, 2014 (\$65 expenses budgeted).
3. Dianne Sarver, PA State Special Olympics, Penn State, June 5-7, 2014 (expenses paid by BCSO).
4. Susan Hullihen, Rebecca Arbogast, School Success Following a Head Injury: The Legal Balance, BVIU, February 28, 2014 (\$60 expenses budgeted).
5. Nate Goodrich, Western Region Orchestra, Trinity High School, February 26-28, 2014 (\$475 expenses budgeted).
6. Christy Desselle, Integrating Mobile Technology Tools into Evidence-Based Practices for Speech-Language Pathologists, BVIU, February 26, 2014 (no expense).
7. Amanda Sweesy, "A Closer Look at Gifted Education", Grove City, February 4, 2014 (\$90 expenses budgeted) ***This was pre-approved due to the date*
8. Gina Gordon, The Beaver County Counselors Association Meeting, Geneva College, February 21, 2014 (no expense).
9. Gina Gordon, Geneva College Advisory Board Meeting, Geneva College, March 7, 2014 (no expenses).

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Ms. Aquino moved and Mr. Pander seconded a motion to approve attendance at the following conferences:

B. Administration:

1. Sue Lukacs, Adult Weight Management Self Study Module, Online (\$89 expenses budgeted).
2. Sue Lukacs, Childhood and Adolescent Weight Management Self Study Module, Online (\$69 expenses budgeted).
3. Jim Perlik, Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities, Ambridge, April 2-3, 2014 (no expense).
4. Jim Perlik, Keystone Energy Education Program, Latrobe, February 24, 2014 (\$115 expenses budgeted).
5. Jack Fullen, PSADA Conference, Hershey, March 18-21, 2014 (\$1,115 expenses budgeted).

6. Nancy Bowman, Anthony Mooney, Carol Sprinker; Keeping Kids Safe-School Safety and Security Seminar, Pittsburgh, March 12, 2014 (\$45 expenses budgeted).

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Ms. Aquino moved and Mr. Heckathorn seconded a motion to approve attendance at the following conferences:

C. Coaches:

1. Tom Hansen, Charles Forsythe, Sam Nardone, Pittsburgh Nike Coach of the Year Clinic, Greentree, February 21-23, 2014 (\$1,360 expenses budgeted).
2. Joe Hamilton, Pat Feeley, 2014 PSFCA Football Clinic, Penn State University, February 20-22, 2014 (\$1,002 expenses budgeted).

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

INTERMEDIATE UNIT

No report.

VOCATIONAL- TECHNICAL SCHOOL

No report.

PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

No report.

BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

No report.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Visitors: Mr. Bob Clendennen (resident) asked about the audited net worth; spending on credit cards; the Work Session scheduled for March 13, 2014; Dr. Thomas' revenue analysis; and, he thanked Mr. Yonkee for doing the review of policies.

Mr. Jack Fullen (Athletic Director) asked that a written thank you be sent to Mr. Rich McMillen for his donation of equipment to the District. Mr. Yonkee so moved and Mr. Heckathorn seconded the motion.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mrs. Jodi Weister (resident) commented on projected revenues.

Matt Young (student) commented on Dr. Thomas' presentation.

Mr. Jon Kaszer (resident) commented on the proposed credit card policy and asked the status of the IRS fine.

Mrs. Jane Hetche (resident) asked about how previous contracts were negotiated with regard to the step tables.

School Directors: None.

Administrators: Dr. Thomas informed the Board that another revision of the School Calendar may be necessary because of weather cancellations. He also informed the Board that the administration is working on the reestablishment of the Vo-Ag program.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2014 in the Blackhawk High School library at 7:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Oswald moved and Dr. Rose seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 PM.

Submitted by Jerry Wessel
Board Secretary