

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' VOTING MEETING
Northwestern Primary School
January 20, 2011**

MEETING MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Mr. Richard Oswald, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:45PM. Roll call was answered by eight members. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Calabria Mr. Clendennen Mr. Fitzgerald
Mr. Fleischman Mr. Inman Mr. May
Mr. Oswald Mrs. Perri

Absent was: Mrs. Pander

Also attending were:

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

The invocation was made by Pastor Jeff McNicol from the Chippewa Evangelical Free Church.

An announcement was made by the president, Mr. Oswald, that a Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting will be held prior to the February 10, 2011 Board meeting at 6:30PM.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Northwestern Primary School student presentation scheduled was cancelled due to the severe weather. However, a video of the childrens' Christmas programs was shown for the Board's review prior to the start of the meeting.

Recognition of Middle School students selected as Students of the Month for November and December was postponed due to the weather.

Dr. Miller thanked the School Board members for their service since January is School Directors' Recognition Month. She pointed out that Board members donate large amounts of time and effort on behalf of the District's students and staff and presented members with some small tokens of appreciation on behalf of the District.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Oswald invited public comments, but none were presented.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The High School principal, Mr. Scott Nelson, presented information to the Board concerning the Advanced Placement (AP) classes and AP National exams.

Mrs. Perri moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to accept the 2011- 2012 High School Program of Studies as presented. Mrs. Perri asked if the Program will require any new teaching positions. Dr. Miller informed the board that there will be no new positions, but that some tough

choices concerning the number of interested students necessary to justify certain classes being offered would have to be made, but that that is the case every year.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to approve agenda items 3.1 through 3.4. These included: 1.) accepting the Financial Reports for November and December 2010; 2.) approval of the bills per fund as submitted; 3.) approval to change insurance provider for life insurance, accidental death and dismemberment, and long term disability from Prudential to American United Life (AUL) at the same premium with a 3 year lock in as previously approved by the Blackhawk Education Association; and, 4.) approval to employ Debra Kreite Esq. for e-rate consulting services for the 2011 fiscal year at a cost of \$4,000.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Fleischman moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to approve the list of substitutes for 2010- 2011 in the agenda as follows: Mary Ann Krakar; Sarah Rizzutto; Samuel Gill; Sue Houk; Andrew Winner; Angela Majzlik; and Erica Simmons..

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Fleischman moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to approve agenda items 4.2 through 4.9 as follows: 2.) approving student teachers for the spring semester (Karyl Fevang with Danielle Bailey, 3rd grade; Chelsea Cover with Mike DeChellis, 5th grade; and Christopher Ludwig with Dale Moll, HS Tech Ed); 3.) approving employment of Cassandra Clonch as nurse paraprofessional at the Intermediate School at rate of \$13.30 per hour; 4.) approving a maternity leave to Sarah Kelly beginning on or about February 21, 2011 and ending on or about April 29, 2011; 5.) approving employment of Jan Robinson as a day-to-day substitute beginning on or about February 21, 2011; 6.) approving a maternity leave to Amy Cienkowski beginning on or about April 2, 2011 and ending on or about may 31, 2011; 7.) approving permitting Nancy Knallay, paraprofessional at Northwestern, to take one week personal leave without pay; 8.) approving appointing Kevin White as Women's lacrosse Coach pending receipt of clearances at a salary of \$2,351.36 for the season; and, 9.) approving permitting Patty Comley, paraprofessional at Northwestern, to take one week personal leave without pay.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Fleischman moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion appointing Leslie Hoenig-Bellia as assistant Women's Lacrosse coach pending receipt of clearances at a salary of \$1,463.07 for the season.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/ REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to authorize submission of Plan Con D and E documents to PDE for the Middle School project.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to approve agenda items 6.2 through 6.7 as follows: 2.) approval of a change order to Vasco Sports to allow fence post spacing at ten feet on center in lieu of eight feet on center for a credit of \$3,500 and accept a credit of \$550 for modifying a sidewalk which resulted in a lower concrete requirement (total a \$4,050 deduct); 3.) approving a change order to Ceriani Construction to provide panic hardware on two pool doors at a maximum cost of \$2,285.80; 4.) approving a change order to Ceriani Construction to replace door P02 at a maximum cost of \$2,156.00; 5.) approving authorizing Yates Electric, Inc. to provide a fenced enclosure for the Patterson Primary School generator at a cost of not to exceed \$3,000.00; 6.) approving a change order to Triangle Roofing for \$900 to replace deteriorated decking at Northwestern and \$325 to do bulk material sampling of insulation materials- total cost \$1,315.00; and 7.) approving a change order to Ceriani Construction to install a roll up door in the Intermediate School cafeteria at a maximum cost of \$6,270.00.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to authorize VEBH to prepare bid documents for asphalt and paving work at the High School and at the Intermediate School. Mr. May asked if the PennDoT permit was received for the work and Mr. Clendennen responded that it has been. Mrs. Perri asked if permits were required for proposed gates on the property and Mr. Clendennen replied that they are not required and that the gates are the District's prerogative.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to allow Chad Linebaugh, 11th grader at Shenango High School, to compete as an individual in WPIAL swim events with the Blackhawk High School swim team. Terry and Barb Linebaugh, Chad's parents, will serve as coaches.

Verbal Vote: 8 - Motion Carried

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

School Directors:

Mrs. Perri asked the business manager to monitor the development of gas wells in the District and any enactment of new legislation to determine if new revenues were possible from the gas development. Dr. Miller commented that the District would also explore the possibility of leasing District land for development in order to gain more revenues.

Mr. Fleischman thanked Mrs. JaneAnn Fucci, Northwestern principal, for hosting the meeting at the Northwestern Primary School. Mrs. Fucci invited the Board to return when the weather did not prevent the children from attending to meet and perform for the Board.

Administrators:

Dr. Miller informed the board that the art work on display in the cafeteria where the meeting was held was Mrs. Becky Effert's first and second grade students' work. The video shown before the meeting started was the from the Northwestern Christmas programs. She thanked Mrs. Barb Brown for her work editing the video under the direction of Mr. Chad Toporski.

Visitors:

Mrs. Barb Brown commented on the presentation about AP exams and recommended that they not be mandatory because that might discourage some students from taking AP courses. JaneAnn Fucci agreed with Mrs. Brown.

Next Meeting:

February 10, 2011, in the High School library, preceded by the Buildings and Grounds Information Meeting at 6:30PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30PM.

Submitted by Jerry Wessel
Board Secretary