

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS WORK SESSION  
Highland Middle School LGI Room  
January 12, 2015**

**AGENDA**

**1. BOARD ORGANIZATION**

1.1 Call to Order

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Roll Call

1.4 The purpose of videotaping a meeting is for public information. The opinions expressed by any member of the public do not necessarily reflect the view or opinion of the Blackhawk School District Board of School Directors and are solely that of the speaker. The Blackhawk School District Board of School Directors hereby expressly disclaims any and all responsibility or liability for any false, defamatory or slanderous statements expressed by the speaker. Any unauthorized re-broadcasting of any video, audio or still image of the video recording of the meeting is strictly forbidden without the written permission of the Blackhawk School District Board of School Directors.

\*1.5 Approval of minutes from November 13, 2014 and December 2, 2014. (Exhibit)

1.6 There was an executive session for personnel matters prior to the Work Session.

**2. PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Dean Fleischman, Chairperson**

2.1 Commendations to the staff and students of Blackhawk High School for the Christmas choral program presented to the Arco Retirees Club in December.

2.2 Congratulations to Haley Brightwell, Adam Kantz and Jack Whalen. Each earned a seat in the 2014 District Five Honors Band which performed at Westminster College in December. PMEA District Five encompasses all of Beaver, Butler, Lawrence and Mercer Counties and the Honors Band is selected based strictly on blind audition.

**THE PUBLIC HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD AT THIS TIME ON AGENDA ITEMS.**

Presentation regarding technology software for the 2015-16 academic school year by Jim Cox, January 15, 2015

Presentation by Beth Schiemer regarding Northwestern, January 15, 2015.

**3. FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**Ken Yonkee, Missy Kaszer, Co-Chairperson**

- 3.1 The committee is recommending approval to accept the Financial Report for November and December. (Exhibit)
- 3.2 The Committee is recommending approval for the payment of bills. (Exhibit)
  - a. Fund 10 – General Fund: November \$548,958.86, December \$
  - b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund: \$0
  - c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: November \$57,796.29, December \$
  - d. Fund 66 – UPMC Health Fund: \$0
  - e. Fund 67 – UPMC Dental: November \$8,218.20, December \$7,318.50
  - f. Fund 68 – UPMC Vision: November \$1,798.00, December \$2,126.00Payroll: November \$719,801.05, December \$
- 3.3 Informational Item: Monthly Insurance Report for November and December. (Exhibit)
- 3.4 The committee is recommending approval to appoint John Frombach as Blackhawk School District authorized representative to make request upon and receive any and all tax information and records from Berkheimer, relative to the collection of taxes for official purposes only. (Exhibit)
- 3.5 The committee is recommending to ratify contracting with Ira Weiss as special council to the audit.

**4. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**  
**Perry Pander, Kathy Helsing, Co-Chairpersons**

- 4.1 The committee is recommending approval to hire Michelle Markusic as full time custodian for Blackhawk High School at a rate of \$14.80 per hour plus benefits (approximately \$37,331.92 per year) effective January 5, 2015.
- 4.2 The committee is recommending approval to hire Timothy Hopton as a substitute custodian at a rate of \$9.00 per hour pending clearances.

- 4.3 The committee is recommending approval for Amy Anderson to assume the role of Acting Principal for Highland Middle School at a rate of \$75 per work day in addition to the regular teaching salary.
- 4.4 The committee is recommending approval to appoint Tom Householder as deputy tax collector to Linda Rawding in accordance with Act 164 of 2014 pertaining to the Local Tax Collector Law. (Exhibit)
- 4.5 The committee is recommending approval to appoint Susan Phillips as deputy tax collector to Robin Huston in accordance with Act 164 of 2014 pertaining to the Local Tax Collector Law. (Exhibit)
- 4.6 The committee is recommending approval for the following substitutes:
  - a. Ian Taylor
  - b. Angela Ringling
  - c. Marissa Neely
  - d. Mary Kay Jones (pending clearances)
  - e. Jennifer Morgan
- 4.7 The committee is recommending approval for Heather McCalla to use sick days as well as FMLA beginning on or about January 19, 2015 until on or about April 7, 2015.
- 4.8 The committee is recommending to ratify contracting with Dr. Dan Miller, University of Pittsburgh, for professional development in math for Blackhawk Intermediate School teachers at a rate of \$6,260.
- 4.9 The committee is recommending approval for Rachael Omogrosso to use sick days as well as FMLA beginning on or about February 23, 2015 until on or about May 4, 2015.

**5. EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
**Tory Aquino, Ken Yonkee, Co-Chairpersons**

- 5.1 The committee is recommending approval for the following field trips: (Exhibit)
  - a. How Stuff Works/Applied Engineering and Technology (29), Brandon Smith, Power Plant, Shippensport, PA, January 16, 2015. (\$145 expenses budgeted)
  - b. Transition (20), Mariah Brown, Tour of PTI, Pittsburgh, January 28, 2015. (expenses collected from other)
  - c. High School Band (60), Dave Zaccari, Band performance at BOA Grand Nationals, Indianapolis, PA November 11-14, 2015. (expenses collected by student)
  - d. Ninth Grade Academy (200), Missy Bender, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy Science Center, Pittsburgh, April 1, 2015. (expenses collected from students)
  - e. AP Biology (18), Anita Mensch, Open Heart Surgery Observation, Allegheny General, April 8, 2015. (\$360 expenses budgeted)

- f. Choir/Academy Students (3), Maura Underwood, PMEA All-State Chorus, Harrisburg, March 25-28, 2015. (\$1,100 expenses budgeted)
- g. FFA (9), Lyndsey Wilcox, ACES Conference, Harrisburg, February 21-22, 2015. (expenses collected from students)
- h. PPS Second Grade (88), Megan Anderson, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Pittsburgh, May 14, 2015. (expenses collected from PTO)
- i. Fifth Grade (177), Wes Chismar, Danielle Bailey, Outdoor Education, Camp Kon-O-Kwee/Spencer, April 27-May 1, 2015. (expenses budgeted and collected from other)
- j. PRIDE (4), Tracy Yowler, Community Based Instruction, Walmart, Dollar Tree, McDonalds, January 30, 2015. (no expense)
- k. BHS Orchestra (7), Nathan Goodrich, District 2,3,5 Orchestra, Sharon, February 4-6, 2015. (\$250 expenses budgeted)

**6. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE**

**Perry Pander, Chairperson**

No Report

**7. ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**

**Tory Aquino, Chairperson**

- 7.1 The committee is recommending approval to appoint Olesia Stasko as the assistant softball coach for the 2014-15 school year at a salary of \$2,010.24
- 7.2 The committee is recommending approval to appoint Charles Gussett as the middle school softball coach for the 2014-15 school year at a salary of \$1,652.86
- 7.3 The committee is recommending approval to appoint James Riggio as a volunteer softball coach for the 2014-15 school year.
- 7.4 The committee is recommending approval to accept the resignation of Kim Baker, middle school track coach.
- 7.5 The committee is recommending approval to accept the resignation of Natalie Nicolette, middle school track coach.
- 7.6 Congratulations to Chassidy Omogrosso on being named Athlete of the Week by the Beaver County Times and Tribune Review for the week of December 22, 2014.
- 7.7 Congratulations to Chassidy Omogrosso on scoring 2,000 career points and Bridgette Shaffer on scoring 1,000 career points.
- 7.8 Congratulations to Zach Medarac and Steve Sharik who were named to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Soccer All Section Team.

- 7.9 Congratulations to Ally Uslenghi, Brianna Bennett and Nichole Beatty who are recipients of the 2015 Groff Scholarship. These girls will each receive \$2,500 a year during their four years of college.
- 7.10 Congratulations to Bridgette Shaffer on being named Athlete of the Week by the Tribune Review for the week of January 5, 2015.
- 7.11 The committee is recommending approval to appoint T.J. Lambert as volunteer boys' baseball coach for the 2014-15 school year.
- 7.12 The committee is recommending approval to appoint Frank Campagna as volunteer boys' baseball coach for the 2014-15 school year.

**8. ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON  
Lance Rose, Chairperson**

- 8.1 Informational Item: Report by Dr. Kerber

**9. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
Paul May, Missy Kaszer, Co-Chairpersons**

No Report

**10. FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE  
Paul May, Chairpersons**

- 10.1 Review options for district food service operations for the 2015-16 school year.

**11. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE  
Lance Rose, Chairperson**

No Report

**12. POLICY COMMITTEE  
Matt Young, Chairperson**

No Report

**13. BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT  
Matt Young, Chairperson**

- 13.1 The committee is recommending approval for the following conferences:
  - a. Tara Jones, Child Accounting Professional Association Spring Conference, Hershey, February 25, 2015. (\$965 expenses budgeted)
  - b. Kathy Kiser, JaneAnn Fucci, Tara Jones, PDE Data Summit 2015, Hershey, March 25, 2015. (\$1026.10 expenses budgeted)

- c. Rebecca Freyvogel, Pam Lapek, PA Title I Improving Schools Performance, Pittsburgh, January 26, 2015. (\$50 expenses budgeted).
- d. Dale Moll, Transform ED Classes, Allegheny Intermediate Unit, January 21, March 5, and March 25, 2015. (no expense)
- e. Amy Cienkowski, JaneAnn Fucci, Math & Science Collaborative Consortium, Carnegie Science Center, Pittsburgh, February 5, 2015. (\$50 expenses budgeted)
- f. Ashley Boyers, PDE – Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth, Harrisburg, January 15, 2015. (\$386 expenses budgeted)
- g. Jim Perlik, Donna Holt, Chris Yingling, Western PA Facilities Directors Association, North Huntingdon, February 6, 2015. (\$160 expenses budgeted)
- h. JaneAnn Fucci, Lisa Brown, BC Transition: Best Practices to Transition to Formal School, BVIU, February 6, 2015. (\$60 expenses budgeted)
- i. Jim Cox, Pete & C State Educational Technology Conference, Hershey, February 8-11, 2015. (\$1,002 not budgeted/strongly recommended)
- j. Leah Lindemann, Project Zero: Developing a Culture of Thinking, Quaker Valley Middle School, January 17, 2015. (\$50 expenses budgeted)
- k. Nathan Goodrich, District 2,3,5 Orchestra, Sharon, February 4-6, 2015. (\$330expenses budgeted)
- l. Ryan Hardesty, PAMLE State Conference, State College, February 22-24, 2015. (no expense)

**14. VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL**  
**Dean Fleischman, Chairperson**

No Report

**15. PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**  
**Dean Fleischman, Chairperson**

No Report

**16. BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**Lance Rose, Chairperson**

No Report

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

- A. Visitors
- B. Administration
- C. Solicitor
- D. School Directors
- E. Next Meeting—January 15, 2015, Highland Middle School LGI room, 7:30PM.
- F. Adjournment
- G. Executive Session, if needed.