

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' WORK SESSION
Blackhawk's High School Library
May 15, 2014**

MEETING MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Dr. Rose, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. and the Pledge of Allegiance was made. Roll call was answered by seven members. Those in attendance were:

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

Absent were:

Mr. Oswald	Mr. May
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Also attending were:

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

Dr. Rose directed the attendees to the videotaping policy in place for the meeting.

Reverend Dan Muir from the Alliance Church in Chippewa gave the invocation.

Mr. Pander moved and Ms. Aquino seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2014 meeting as written.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. Pander seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the April 24, 2014 meeting as written.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Dr. Rose announced that the Education Committee plans to schedule at least three meetings next week to discuss the educational implications of the Preliminary Budget with the public.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Fleischman introduced Ms. Lauren Stein, High School Latin teacher, who presented National Latin Exam awards to winning students.

Mr. Fleischman offered congratulations on behalf of the Board to Blackhawk Intermediate Students, Anika Katkich, Max Marnick, Gabriella DeRose, and Katie O’Roark for qualifying for the State K’nex Challenge in Harrisburg. The students prepared for the competition under the direction of Kim Steffanina and Amanda Sweesy.

Mr. Fleischman offered congratulations on behalf of the Board to Heather McKean, Beaver County Career & Technology Center student, for achieving perfect attendance. Heather is in the Veterinary Assistant program. Evie Jankowski, Culinary Arts, Veronica Brightwell, Graphic Arts & Printing, and Breanne Steiner, Health Occupations, will be recognized at the Annual Student Awards Banquet this month.

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. Brianna Skiles – Little Beaver Lions
- b. Erik McClain – Rotary Club

Mr. Fleischman offered congratulations on behalf of the Board to Victoria Bovalino for being the recipient of a \$500 Mock Trial scholarship from the Beaver County Bar Association. Victoria received the scholarship at the Law Day program at the Beaver County Courthouse on May 1.

Mr. Fleischman offered congratulations on behalf of the Board to Blackhawk High School juniors Molly Eder, Noelle Marousis, and Michelle Myers for competing in the 53rd Annual Beaver County Outstanding Young Women scholarship program (sponsored by the Beaver Area Jaycees) on April 26 at Beaver Area High School. Molly Eder was named third runner-up and won a \$1,000 scholarship. Noelle Marousis won the Samuel Pelaia Presence and Presentation Award and earned a \$500 scholarship.

Mr. Fleischman offered congratulations on behalf of the Board to Blackhawk’s Henry Mancini Musical Theatre Awards nominees for the production of *Titanic*:

- a. Outstanding Student Orchestra
- b. Outstanding Vocal Ensemble

Mr. Fleischman offered congratulations on behalf of the Board to the High School and Middle School Academic Games players who recently competed in the National Games in Knoxville, TN. The results for the World Events Tournament are as follows:

- a. Senior Division Individual: Ethan Frederick, 10th Place
- b. Senior Division Team: Ethan Frederick 2nd Place; Kaitlyn Rakestraw, 2nd Place.
- c. Junior Division: Philip Arrigo, 5th Place; Noelle Hughes 9th Place; Cory Steinle, 6th Place
- d. Junior Division Team: Phillip Arrigo, 2nd Place; Noelle Hughes, 2nd Place; Cory Steinle, 1st Place
- e. Middle Division Team: Aaron Frederick, 4th Place; Sean Steinle, 4th Place
- f. Mr. President Tournament: Noelle Hughes, 2nd Place; Cory Steinle, 2nd Place

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Rose announced that an executive session was held prior to the meeting for personnel and that an executive session would also be held after the meeting for personnel and litigation. He also announced that an Executive session for personnel will be held at 6:30 PM prior to next week's Board meeting.

Ms. Rachel Kline discussed all day versus half day Kindergarten.

Mr. Bob Clendennen asked for a report by the architects on the status of the Middle School.

Ms. Cindy Benoit asked for the number of students enrolled in Agri- Science and the cost of the legal fees to date for the invalidated teachers' agreement and she was told that information would be available at the next meeting.

Mr. James Troutman discussed all day versus half day Kindergarten.

Ms. Kelly Conlin discussed all day versus half day Kindergarten.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Yonkee informed the Board that the Financial Reports for March and April will be presented at the May 22, 2014 meeting.

Mr. Yonkee moved and Mr. Pander seconded a motion to approve payment of General Fund bills totaling \$470,956.73.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Yonkee informed the Board that bills for the other District Funds will be presented for approval at the May 22, 2014 meeting.

Mr. Yonkee informed the Board that the Monthly Insurance Reports will be provided at the May 22, 2014 meeting.

Mr. Yonkee moved and Mr. Fleischman seconded a motion to accept the Preliminary Budget for the 2014- 2015 year as presented. A discussion followed.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Pander discussed the Personnel Committee items on the agenda for the May 22, 2014 meeting.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Helsing discussed the Education Committee items on the agenda for the May 22, 2014 meeting.

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

- a. 2014-2015 Junior and Senior Class President (2), Deb Thellman, Franklin Regional High School, May 21, 2014 (\$20 expenses budgeted).
- b. Middle and High School TSA(27), Dale Moll, Ashley Biega, Tim Linkenheimer, National TSA Conference, Washington D.C. June 26-July 1, 2014 (\$337.70 per student, expenses partially budgeted and the remainder collected from students or derived other sources).
- c. Concert Choir (44), Ashley Biega, Nicole Holiday, New York City, November 14-15, 2014 (expenses collected from student).
- d. Chorus/Musical Seniors, Senior Night, Maura Underwood, Nicole Holiday, Pittsburgh, May 30, 2014 (\$250 expenses budgeted and collected from student).
- e. Orchestra (13) Nate Goodrich, Performance at Elmcroft Assisted Living, May 20, 2014 (expenses budgeted).
- f. Orchestra (25), Nate Goodrich, Instrument Demonstration, Northwestern and Patterson Primary Schools, May 27, 2014 (expenses collected).

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/ REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

No report.

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Mr. Heckathorn read a parent email thanking trainer Elizabeth Walker for her actions treating a child injured during a District completion.

Mr. Heckathorn congratulated on behalf of Board Jonah Cooper, playing boys' tennis through a cooperative sponsorship with Beaver County Christian School, who was selected as the athlete of the week by the Beaver County Times for the week of April 7.

Mr. Heckathorn congratulated on behalf of the Board Lia Vinciguerra who has been named the "Most Positive Girls Lacrosse Athlete" by Positive Athlete Pittsburgh and received an award at the C. Harper Positive High School Athlete Awards on Saturday, May 3 at the Heinz History Center in downtown Pittsburgh.

Mr. Heckathorn congratulated on behalf of the Board Brendan McKay, a senior left-hander, who has not allowed a run in 58 consecutive innings, dating to 2013. According to the National Federation of State High School Association's record book, McKay's streak is the fourth-longest in the nation in high school baseball history. The all-time record is 80 innings set by Joey Porter of Natchez, Miss., in 1973.

Mr. Heckathorn congratulated on behalf of the Board the boys' tennis team who were the WPIAL AA, Section II champs and also secured a spot in the WPIAL tennis team championship tournament.

Mr. Heckathorn congratulated on behalf of the Board the girls' lacrosse team who secured a spot in the upcoming WPIAL playoffs.

Mr. Heckathorn congratulated on behalf of the Board the girls' softball team, who are the AAA, section 1 champions and also secured a spot in the upcoming WPIAL playoffs.

Mr. Heckathorn congratulated on behalf of the Board the boys' baseball team, who are the AAA, section 1 co-champs and also secured a spot in the upcoming WPIAL playoffs.

Mr. Heckathorn congratulated on behalf of the Board Tiye Boyd, Kevin Jenkins, Noah Thayer, Noah Ross, Damian Palaich, Alex Desmond, Daniel Savilisky and Michael Savilisky who all qualified for the WPIAL individual finals.

Mr. Heckathorn informed the Board that the Summary of Winter sports seasons was in their packets.

Mr. Heckathorn covered those items proposed for the May 22, 2014 agenda.

ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE

No report.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No report.

FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

No report.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

No report.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Mr. Yonkee and Ms. Aquino seconded a motion to accept Policy 625, Credit Cards.
Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

BOARD/ STAFF ENRICHMENT

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

A. Educators:

1. Russell Couch, AP Physics Summer Institute, South Fayette High School, June 23-26, 2014 (\$176 expenses budgeted).
2. Rob Puskas, AP Environmental Science Summer Institute, Morgantown, June 17-20, 2014 (\$1,000 expenses budgeted).
3. Jeff Cienik, Elizabeth Walker, National Athletic Training Symposium, Indianapolis, June 25-28, 2014 (\$1908 expenses budgeted).

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

B. Administrators:

1. JaneAnn Fucci, PDE Data Summit: Building a Culture of Quality Data, Lancaster, May 18-21, 2014 (\$600 expenses budgeted).

INTERMEDIATE UNIT

Mr. Fleischman referred the Board members to the exhibit in their handout BVIU Board Notes dated April 23, 2014.

Mr. Fleischman reviewed the agenda item proposed for the May 22, 2014 meeting.

VOCATIONAL- TECHNICAL SCHOOL

No report.

PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Fleischman referred the Board to the PSBA Headlines included in their packets.

BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

No report.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Visitors: Ms. Kelly Conlin discussed half day versus all-day Kindergarten

Ms. Laura Gibson discussed early childhood studies.

Ms. Vanessa Calseck discussed the meetings being planned for next week.

Ms. Laura Gibson discussed various studies available.

Ms. Autumn Giocondi discussed the meetings being scheduled for next week and discussion followed.

Ms. Melissa Ziegler discussed Kindergarten.

Mr. Rob Puskas discussed Kindergarten.

Mr. Nick Oshen discussed Kindergarten.

Ms. Jamie Hildebrand discussed Kindergarten.

Mr. Bob Clendennen asked if reimbursement was affected by full time versus half time Kindergarten and the previous Board's decision to go to full time.

Ms. Missy Kaszer talked about the recent audit.

Ms. Bonnie Geohring discussed Kindergarten.

Mr. Jon Kaszer discussed the proposed addition of six teachers and the filing of the Curriculum Director position.

Mr. Heckathorn discussed putting students first when looking for budget reductions.

Ms. Kelly Conlin discussed Kindergarten.

Mr. Nick Oshen talked about class size and other impactors on the budget.

Ms. Melissa Green asked about looking at the Preliminary Budget.

Mr. Jon Kaszer talked about the meetings being held next week.

Ms. Kelly Conlin talked about the Board's decision to do meetings after Kindergarten registration was held.

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Administrators: None.

School Directors: Mr. Yonkee moved and Mr. Fleischman seconded a motion to allow Mr. Yonkee and Mr. Fleischman to contract with an outside accounting firm to examine the revoked teachers' agreement's cost over the next four years. A discussion followed.

Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 1 No (Mr. Heckathorn) - Motion Carried

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2014 in the Blackhawk High School library at 7:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 PM.

Submitted by Jerry Wessel
Board Secretary