

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' VOTING MEETING
Blackhawk's High School Library
May 22, 2014**

MEETING MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Dr. Rose, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:44 PM. and the Pledge of Allegiance was made. Roll call was answered by six members. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Fleischman	Mrs. Helsing	Mr. May	Mr. Pander
Dr. Rose	Mr. Yonkee		

Absent was:

Ms. Aquino	Mr. Heckathorn	Mr. Oswald
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Also attending were:

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

Pastor Mathew Ulrich from the C.U.P. Evangelical Presbyterian Church offered the opening prayer.

(Note: Mr. Heckathorn arrived at this point in the meeting.)

Dr. Rose announced that the Board would not change all day Kindergarten to half day Kindergarten for the 2014- 2015 school year.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Fleischman offered congratulations on behalf of the Board to Deborah Daquila, High School Social Studies teacher, for being selected as Beaver County's Teacher of the Year, by the Jumet Foundation. The award ceremony was held May 15, 2014 at the BVIU.

Mr. Fleischman offered congratulations on behalf of the Board to Deborah Daquila, the High School faculty, staff, and Senior Class of 2014 for the accolades and achievements awarded at the Senior Assembly held Friday, May 16, 2014.

Mr. Fleischman informed the Board that the Coaches vs. Cancer Stand Up Against Cancer Marathon was held at the High School from 7PM Friday, May 16 through 12 PM Saturday, May 17 raising over \$1,700. Jared Slimm, Highland Middle School teacher organized

the marathon and had over 100 student, parent, faculty volunteers and audience members throughout the course of the event.

Mr. Fleischman offered congratulations on behalf of the Board to Noah Sims, sophomore, for organizing a support banner for Franklin Regional High School. Several students signed the banner created by the cheerleaders. Noah; Mrs. Theilman, High School teacher; and Michelle Myers, student council representative, delivered the banner to Franklin Regional High School on Wednesday.

Dr. Rose modified the agenda at this point to allow Mr. Jim Cox to present the informational briefing on the District's technology as shown in the Education Committee portion of the agenda. Mr. Cox answered questions upon completion of the briefing.

Dr. Rose announced that an executive session for Personnel was held prior to this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Rose asked if there were any members of the public who wished to comment on agenda items or other matters.

Mr. Jarrod McCowin commented on the budget.

Mr. Bob Clendennen commented on the budget and the legality of a previous action that did not specify an amount for contracted services.

Mr. Alex Devic commented on the District's foreign language programs.

Mr. Noah Simms and other students commented on the District's foreign language programs.

Ms. Melissa Steele commented on the Senior Class assembly, the District's foreign language program and legal fees paid by the District. Discussion followed.

Ms. Donna Cerianna commented on the District's foreign language programs and all day versus half day Kindergarten.

Ms. Cindy Benoit questioned Agri-Science Program enrollments and reimbursements. Discussion followed.

Mr. Michael Brown discussed the technology plans for future upgrades.

Ms. Rachael Kline commented on the cost of the litigation involved in voiding the early bird contract made with the teachers' bargaining unit. A discussion followed.

Ms. Lisa Woods commented on full day versus half day Kindergarten and questioned the purpose of the Kindergarten meeting scheduled for next week. Discussion followed.

Ms. Rachael Davis discussed curriculum changes needed to build on all day Kindergarten.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Yonkee moved and Mrs. Helsing seconded a motion to accept the Financial Reports for the months of March and April.

Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No; (Mr. May out of the room) - Motion Carried

Mr. Yonkee moved and Mr. Pander seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills as presented.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

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

Mr. Yonkee moved and Mr. Pander seconded a motion to support the Borough of Enon Valley in the sum of \$500.00 to help the borough replace two spring operated animals at the playground and also to replace pea gravel.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. Pander seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Nancy Bowman, Curriculum Director, effective June 30, 2014. Dr. Rose expressed the Board's appreciation for Mrs. Bowman's service to the District.

Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No; (Mr. Heckathorn out of the room) - Motion Carried

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to employ the following for summer custodial work at \$9/hr:

- a. Christine Cipolla
- b. Tyler Thellman (pending receipt of clearances)

Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No; (Mr. Heckathorn out of the room) - Motion Carried

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. Pander seconded a motion to honor Heather Pastor's request for child bearing leave beginning July 4, 2014 followed by FMLA beginning August 20, 2014 and return to work November 5, 2014. (All dates are approximate)

Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No; (Mr. Heckathorn out of the room) - Motion Carried

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. Yonkee seconded a motion to hold a Special Voting Meeting on Thursday, May 29, 2014 at 7:30 PM in the High School library for the purpose of hiring a District Superintendent and any other general matters raised. The solicitor was directed to publish notice of the meeting and prepare a proposed contract for the designee and the secretary was directed to notify all Board members by mail of the Special Meeting no less than five days in advance.

Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No; (Mr. Heckathorn out of the room) - Motion Carried

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. Pander seconded a motion to employ the following individuals as Summer 2014 technology help at a rate of \$9.00 per hour:

- a. Blake Dulick
- b. Alex Devic
- c. Eric Aulbach
- d. Dan Levine

Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No; (Mr. Heckathorn out of the room) - Motion Carried

(Note: Mr. Heckathorn returned at this point.)

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. Heckathorn seconded motion to approve the following internships for the 2014-2015 school year:

- a. Chelsea Benedict, Geneva College with Gina Gordon, Blackhawk Intermediate School.
- b. Deanna Christopher, Westminster College with Kelley Engle, Highland Middle School and Gina Gordon, Blackhawk Intermediate School.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. Fleischman seconded motion to implement an Explore Bow Hunting after school program during the 2014-2015 school year at Highland Middle School. A discussion followed.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. Fleischman seconded motion to allow a District operated summer school. Financial information:

- Tuition Cost: \$100 per course
- Instructor: \$60/student
- Coordinator: \$15/student

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/ REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

No report.

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. May seconded motion to approve the addition of bowling as a club sport beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. The club will be sponsored by Bryan Vitali, BHS physical education teacher and Floyd Panella, BSD substitute. There will be no expense to the district.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mrs. Helsing seconded motion to accept the student activity account report as submitted.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE

No report.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No report.

FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

No report.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

No report.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Mr. Yonkee informed the Board that he is still working on policies to include one on nepotism.

BOARD/ STAFF ENRICHMENT

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

A. Administrator:

1. Jim Perlik, Building Operator Certification, Pittsburgh, 8 session beginning June 25, 2014 ending September 29, 2014 (no expense).

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

INTERMEDIATE UNIT

Mr. Heckathorn referred the Board to the BVIU School Board Notes in their packets.

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mrs. Helsing seconded motion to enter into agreement with Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit to provide remedial reading instructional services in accordance with the Title I Reading Program at the nonpublic school, Divine Mercy, at a cost of \$1,650 per student.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

VOCATIONAL- TECHNICAL SCHOOL

No report.

PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Fleischman directed the Board members to the PSBA News Headlines dated April 29, 2014.

BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

No report.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Visitors: Mr. Bob Clendennen asked for a podium for the public to use when addressing the Board and discussed previous actions by the Board and individual Board members.

Ms. Melissa Ziegler commented on the scheduled meeting to discuss half day versus all day Kindergarten, District goals, and the need to win back students.

Ms. Melissa Steele spoke about Board members' attitudes and behavior.

Ms. Autumn Giocondi congratulated Mrs. Daquila on her selection as Beaver County Teacher of the Year and commented on all day Kindergarten versus half day Kindergarten.

Mr. Bob Clendennen recognized Mrs. Nancy Bowman for her work during her tenure with the District.

Mrs. Debra Daquila also recognized Mrs. Bowman for her work for the District.

Administrators: Dr. Thomas clarified that the Primary principals never recommended half day Kindergarten over all day Kindergarten. He also thanked Mrs. Daquila and Mrs. Bowman for their service to the District.

School Directors: Dr. Rose announced that an executive session would be held after the meeting for consideration of a grievance.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for May 29, 2014 in the Blackhawk High School library at 7:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 PM.

Submitted by Jerry Wessel
Board Secretary