

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' VOTING MEETING  
Blackhawk High School Library  
October 20, 2011**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

Mr. Richard Oswald, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:31PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was answered by seven members. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Calabria	Mr. Clendennen	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Fleischman
Mr. Inman	Mr. Oswald	Mrs. Pander	

Absent were: Mr. Heckathorn Mr. May

Also attending were:

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

The invocation was given by Pastor Paul Poole, First Assembly of God Church.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Fleischman announced that the Blackhawk Youth Organization's Do Your PART night is scheduled for November 7, 2011 at the Intermediate School. Its purpose is to strengthen the school- community relationship in the areas of positive student behavior and bullying prevention.

Mr. Fleischman informed the Board that \$12,600.02 was presented to Coaches vs. Cancer as a result of District fundraising during the 2010- 2011 school year. He especially thanked Jack Fullen, Sally Diehl, Michaleen Ensworth, and Kim Boggs for their efforts in this area.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Oswald asked if there were any public comments on agenda items or other matters.

Mr. Eric Hoover, Patterson Township Commissioner and Chairperson of the Township's Parks and Recreation Committee, presented a proposal to upgrade the outdoor facilities at Patterson Primary School. He informed the Board that the Township and School District have a lease arrangement going back to 1986 for the outdoor facilities at the school. Mr. Hoover stated that the Township can make available about \$5K for improvements and presented a plan to spend between \$9,000 and \$12,200 to seal the tennis courts, paint new lines, add basketball goals, buy a new tennis net and add one or two batting cages. He asked that the Board consider funding about half of the project. Mr. Oswald directed Dr. Miller and Mr. Wessel to review the Township's proposal and asked Mr. Hoover to return for the next Board work session to discuss the project farther. Mr. Calabria thanked Mr. Hoover for bring the plan to the Board. Mr. Hoover

suggested that the Board consider renewing the lease since it was a 20 year lease design to allow the Township to obtain grant money for outside recreation areas and it expired five years ago. Mr. Salopek asked that the Township send a copy of the lease to the District along with the grant paperwork that went along with the lease for review.

Mrs. Barb Brown noted that the stop sign on the High School entrance road that has been up since summer was removed in the past day or two. She asked if that was deliberate and Dr. Miller replied that the stop sign was meant to slow traffic during the construction period and now that the work was completed had been scheduled for removal.

Mr. Brandy Okon, Science teacher at the Intermediate School, invited the Board members to a Healthy Snack Festival at the school to be held on November 21 and 22 from 1PM to 2:30PM. Official invitations will follow.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to accept the Financial Report for September as submitted.

**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to approve bills for September from the various Funds as submitted, with the exception of the Capital Projects Fund, Fund 32, where invoice number 158213-4-4 to Turney Electric in the sum of \$19,899.24 was tabled.

**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

The Board was directed to the exhibits within their packets for the September Monthly Insurance Report.

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to accept a three year Agreement for The Collection of Local Services, Per Capita and Mechanical Device Taxes with Central Tax Bureau of PA , Inc.

**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

## **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Pander moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to employ Michael Orlowski as an Intermediate School second shift custodian at a rate of \$13.68 per hour effective immediately.

**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mrs. Pander moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to employ Tricia Brightwell as a flex custodian at a rate of \$13.68 per hour effective immediately.

**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mrs. Pander moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to approve James Lema as a substitute custodian pending receipt of favorable clearances.

**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Mr. Fleischman introduced Mrs. Nancy Bowman who gave the board an academic update.

## **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/ REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Clendennen introduced Mr. Tom Durkin from VEBH who briefed the Board concerning two options for making the home side of the stadium at Northwestern handicapped accessible. Mr. Fleischman demonstrated his objections to the recommended option and requested that the decision by the Board concerning which option to put out for bid be delayed until a later meeting so that he could examine the options and their potential for future complaints/ litigation. Mr. Oswald asked for members' opinions concerning delaying any action until the working meeting in November and the consensus was that it was alright to wait until the first meeting in November.

## **ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to enter into a co-operative sponsorship with the Beaver County Christian School in Men's Tennis for the next two year cycle (2012/13 and 2013/14).

**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to enter into a co-operative sponsorship with the New Brighton School district in Men's Wrestling for the next two year cycle (2012/13 and 2013/14).

**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to approve Rahn Pursifull as the 7<sup>th</sup> grade boy's basketball coach pending receipt of clearances.

**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to permit Andrea Pence to be an independent W.P.I.A.L. gymnast for the 2011-12 season pending completion of all required documentation.

**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**

No report.

## **BOARD/ STAFF ENRICHMENT**

No report.

## **INTERMEDIATE UNIT**

No report.

## **VOCATIONAL- TECHNICAL SCHOOL**

No report.

## **PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

No report.

## **BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

No report.

## **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

School Directors: Mr. Fitzgerald mentioned his recent experiences at football games where he observed several people with disabilities. He emphasized the critical need for handicapped bathrooms at the Northwestern Stadium and the High School rather than continuing to use port-a-johns.

Administration: Dr. Miller pointed out the quarterly update on the Middle School project which was placed in Board members' packets. That update will be sent to Middle School parents to keep them informed and will also be posted on the District web site for public information.

Visitors: Mrs. Barb Brown asked Mr. Wessel for the balances in the Health and Dental funds. Health was \$1,529,125 and Dental approximately \$200,000.

Next Meeting: November 10, 2011 Work Session in the High School library at 7:30PM, with **no** Buildings and Grounds meeting prior to the work session meeting unless posted on the District web site.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25PM.

Submitted by Jerry Wessel  
Board Secretary