

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' VOTING MEETING  
Blackhawk High School Library  
September 15, 2011**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

Mr. Richard Oswald, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:34PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was answered by seven members. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Clendennen      Mr. Fitzgerald      Mr. Heckathorn      Mr. Inman  
Mr. May              Mr. Oswald              Mrs. Pander

Absent was: Mr. Calabria      Mr. Fleischman

Also attending were:

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

The invocation was given by Pastor Judy Angleberger, Steffin Hill Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Oswald reminded the Board members of the invitation extended by Rene Guman to attend a Patterson Primary School Kitchen Facility new kitchen celebration on September 20, 2011.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

No report.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Oswald asked if there were any public comments on agenda items or other matters. Mrs. Barb Brown thanked the Board and administration for changing the open houses so they did not conflict with Board meetings. She also thanked the Board for insuring the web site showed that a Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting was not scheduled prior to the voting meeting as she requested the previous week.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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

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

Mr. Inman moved and Mrs. Pander seconded a motion to approve bills for August from the various Funds as submitted.

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

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

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to accept the E-rate Services Proposal from Debra Kriete Esq. regarding fiscal year 2012.

**Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

## **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Pander moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to increase the custodial substitute rate to \$9.00 per hour plus a \$0.25 per hour loyalty stipend for substitutes working more than 1,040 hours per fiscal year with a cap of four years, not to exceed \$10.00 per hour.

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

Mrs. Pander moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to create a full time flex custodian position with a pay rate of \$13.68 per hour.

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

Mrs. Pander moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to employ Courtney Lucci as a Building Substitute for the 2011- 2012 school year at Patterson Primary School.

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

NOTE: Mr. Fleischman arrived at this time.

Mrs. Pander moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to approve Daniel Kysela (Secondary) and Marissa Haney (Elementary) as substitutes for the 2011- 2012 school year.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mrs. Pander moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to grant Kim Boggs a medical leave of absence beginning on or about October 4, 2011 and ending on or about November 1, 2011.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Mr. May moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to submit the Strategic Plan Midpoint Review to PDE.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. May introduced Mrs. Nancy Bowman, who gave the Board an update on academic programming and professional development for 2011-2012.

Mr. May moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to approve a field trip for three students to attend the Caring Team Kick-off at Heinz Field on September 27, 2011.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

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

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to authorize the replacement of the grease trap in the Intermediate School kitchen at a cost not exceed \$6,000 subject to the receipt of three competitive proposals..

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to authorize VEBH to prepare bidding documents based on Board approved preliminary plans and budgets for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor restrooms at the High School; a restroom at the Intermediate School; a restroom at Northwestern Primary School; 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor restrooms and a front office/ health office reconfiguration at Patterson Primary School; and ADA facilities for the Stadium at Northwestern Primary School. Mr. Fleischman asked if the motion locked in scope of the stadium work and said the motion asks that the Board trust the Buildings and Grounds Committee. His concern was that the Committee will move too fast and may not meet the needs of people with special needs because an effective study may not be made. Mr. Clendennen pointed out that they have a Board member with special needs on the committee who has provided input and that the Board has and will continue to be updated as plans progress. He also stated that the Board has hired professional architects and that the entire Board must vote on the final proposal. Mr. Fleischman stated he doesn't trust the Committee and he cited what he called the "extra gym" at the Middle School (as reason for mistrust). He stated that the ramp at the stadium is a bad idea because of people standing at times during the games. Mr. Heckathorn responded that that issue had been addressed. Mr. Fitzgerald said that the area next to the bleachers suggested by Mr. Fleischman would be looked at, but may not be the answer to people standing or handicapped fans viewing the field. Mrs. Pander stated that the Buildings and Grounds Committee did everything possible to find the best solutions and that the proposed solution would be a great improvement, and that people would appreciate the effort. Mr. Fleischman said the goal should be a 100% experience and Mrs. Pander said she was looking for equality, not better conditions than regular fans can expect to experience. Mr. May asked that the Board be given three options. Dr. Miller replied that that was exactly what VEBH was tasked to do. VEBH will provide the Board a review of Mr. Fleischman's proposal, options for ADA seating on the visitors' side, and further review of the option presented last week. Mr. May commented that as long as the Board had time to review the options prior to a vote he was satisfied.

**Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

## **ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**

No report.

## **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**

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to approve conference attendance by Brenda Black, Karen Fritzley, Susan Hullihen, and Rebecca Arbogast to the Assessment Skills Stimulation and Education for the School Setting training in Monaca, PA on October 10, 2011; Lauren Bartoe and Bryan Vitali, to the Student Assistance Program Fall Training in Baden PA on October 4, 2011; and, Laura Kahler and Shannon Shiderly to the Semi-Annual SAP Co-ordination meeting in Baden, PA on September 28, 2011.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

## **INTERMEDIATE UNIT**

Mr. Fitzgerald informed the Board that the Intermediate Units in the State celebrated a 40 year anniversary on July 20<sup>th</sup> and he listed many of the accomplishments BVIU had and the services provided by it.

## **VOCATIONAL- TECHNICAL SCHOOL**

No report.

## **PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Clendennen recommended a PISA report titled "International Scores Not Level Playing Field" to the Board members as an informative piece.

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

No report.

## **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

School Directors: Mr. Clendennen thanked Mr. Gosnell for the invitation to the Olweus training that was extended the previous week and told the Board he attended and was very impressed with the program. He also updated the Board on the second progress meeting held with contractors for the Middle School project and said thus far progress and cooperation was good. Mr. Fitzgerald recognized and thanked the Geneva College students in the audience for their attendance.

Administrators: Dr. Miller told the Board that the opening of school went well and that all the staff members did a great job kicking off the year. She said the cyber program was doing well thanks to the work of Kim Boggs and that eight students were enrolled. She encouraged the Board to visit the Life Skills classroom to see how well the new PRIDE program was going and that there were also eight Life Skills students. Dr. Miller thanked the Board members for attending the Middle School groundbreaking and Nancy Bowman, Missy Delmonico and Lauren McDevitt for their work with the program. She complimented the Middle School staff on their resilience and told the Board she will set up tours for Board members when the project gets a little farther along. Dr. Miller again reminded the Board of the Patterson kitchen open house on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Finally, Dr. Miller asked for an executive session for possible litigation matters after the meeting.

Visitors: Mrs. JaneAnn Fucci thanked Mr. Clendennen for visiting the Olweus program.

Next Meeting: October 13, 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 8:45PM.

Submitted by Jerry Wessel  
Board Secretary