

BLACKAHWK SCHOOL DISTRICT
500 BLACKHAWK ROAD
BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS APRIL WORK SESSION
Blackhawk High School Library
April 13, 2023

Dr. Makoczy called the Session to order at 7:45PM. Following the pledge of allegiance, roll call was taken. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Battaglia	Mrs. Deluca	Mrs. Mansell	Mr. Jones (phone)
Mrs. Cline	Dr. Makoczy	Mrs. Kalcevic	Mrs. Helsing

Also in attendance:

Dr. Postupac – Superintendent
Jordan Shuber- Solicitor
Aidan Thellman – Student Representative

Not in attendance: Mr. Huzyak

BOARD ORGANIZATION

Dr. Makoczy made a motion to approve the March Minutes

Verbal vote 8 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

Wade Robinson commented on a social media post regarding Tim Davis and his contributions to the district.

Jeff McCurley commented on opportunities for kids and asked the group focus on the value of the kids

Dr. Makoczy made a motion to add an item to the agenda:

4.11 Motion to add 4.12 *Authorize the solicitor's office to file an appeal in the Superintendent litigation.*

Roll Call Vote yes, Mrs. Deluca, Mrs. Helsing, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline

No, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Kalcevic, Mrs. Cline

5 yes, 3 no, Motion Carried to add

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tracy Shaffer asked the board to stop perusing a personal vendetta

Lindsay Glass commented on shared services and how it benefits our district

Aiden Thellman commented on monies spent on litigation is money taken from the students.

Leslie Benedetto commented on attending a countywide meeting regarding "State of the School District" where the future would be shared services and stated Blackhawk was paving the way. She also commented on fiscal responsibility

Dr. Makoczy made a motion to approve item 4.12

4.12 Authorize the solicitor's office to file an appeal in the Superintendent litigation.

Roll Call Vote yes, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell

No, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Kalcevic, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline, Mrs. Deluca

2 yes, 6 no Motion Failed

Dr. Makoczy made a motion Mrs. Mansell seconded to stop all legal action against Dr. Postupac

Roll Call Vote yes, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Kalcevic, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline, Mrs. Deluca, Mrs. Helsing

8 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Helsing made a motion, Mrs. Deluca seconded to approve items 4.1, 4.2, and 4.4-4.9

4.1 Motion to approve Breann Diction as substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year at a rate of \$150 per day pending clearances.

4.2 Motion to approve Kay English as Paraprofessional at a rate of \$13.19 per hour and all benefits according the BESPAs beginning April 14, 2023 pending clearances.

4.4 Motion to approve the retirement of Donna Holt, Custodian, effective September 9, 2023.

4.5 Motion to approve the following summer employees at a rate of \$10.00 per hour:

a. Technology – Kendall Coddington

b. Technology – Luke Manns

4.6 Motion to approve Kristyn Kimmel as cafeteria substitute at a rate of \$9.38 per hour pending clearances.

4.7 Motion to approve Kevin Loutsenhizer as substitute custodian at a rate of \$10 per hour pending clearances.

4.8 Motion to discontinue the Board action taken on March 2, 2023, related to Sheila Lubert.

4.9 Motion to deny policy change grievance filed by Blackhawk ESPA at Level 3.

Roll Call Vote yes, Mrs. Kalcevic, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline, Mrs. Deluca, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Jones

8 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Kalcevic made a motion, Mrs. Cline seconded to approve item 5.6

5.6 Motion to approve Feel the Power Assembly at Highland Middle School on April 21, 2023. Jon Pritkin is one of the most sought-after anti-bullying assembly presenter's in America. Jon is one of the world's strongest men. He has been featured in the "Guinness Book of World Records" for conducting several feats of strength. His assembly presentation is very interactive with students. Jon's program on bullying has been featured in schools across America reaching nearly ten million students. This assembly format entertains and inspires students to be more respectful and that everyone has purpose no matter what differences they may have.

Roll Call Vote yes, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline, Mrs. Deluca, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Kalcevic

8 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE

Mr. Battaglia made a motion, Mrs. Mansell seconded to approve item 6.1

6.1 Motion to approve the change order for Reno brothers to provide the general construction work on the restroom and the entrance scope of work at a cost of \$103,698.

Roll Call Vote yes, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline, Mrs. Deluca, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Kalcevic, Dr. Makoczy

8 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mrs. Mansell commented on the musical, and the wonderful cast.

Dr. Makoczy adjourned the meeting at 9:16PM