

BLACKAHWK SCHOOL DISTRICT
500 BLACKHAWK ROAD
BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS APRIL WORK VOTING SESSION
Via ZOOM
April 15, 2021

Mr. Morrison called the Session to order at 7:08PM via the Zoom platform. Following the pledge of allegiance, roll call was taken. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Jones	Mrs. Cline	Mr. Yonkee	Mr. Battaglia
Mr. Morrison	Mrs. Ziegler	Mrs. Helsing	Dr. Makoczy
Mr. Heckathorn			

Also in attendance:

Dr. Postupac – Superintendent Amanda Jewell – Solicitor Nate DiBenedetto – Business Services

**Mr. Jones made a motion, Mrs. Cline seconded to approve March Minutes.
Verbal vote; 9 yes, 0 no Motion Carried**

**Mr. Battaglia made a motion, Mr. Yonkee seconded to amend item 6.4 to include base bid, alt bid 1 and alt bid 2.
Verbal vote; 9 yes, 0 no Motion Carried**

Mr. Yonkee left the meeting at 9:00PM

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Cline made a motion, Mrs. Ziegler seconded to approve items 3.2 through 3.4

3.2 Approval is recommended for the Financial Report for March.

3.3 Approval is recommended for the payment of bills for April:

a. Fund 10 – \$622,150.62

b. Fund 32 – \$19,669.16

c. Fund 51 – \$48,293.82

March Payroll: \$2,046,762.22

3.4 Approval is recommended for JMA Associates to audit 2020, 2021, and 2022 Real Estate Tax Duplicate Receipts and Disbursements – Cash Basis at a cost according to the attached fee schedule.

Roll Call vote; yes, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Jones, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline, Mr. Heckathorn

8 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Jones made a motion, Mr. Battaglia seconded to add item 4.6 to the agenda

4.6 Approval is recommended to appoint Rick Ford as High School Principal beginning July 1, 2021.

Public comments were opened, with no participants.

Mrs. Helsing made a motion, Mr. Jones seconded to approve items 4.1 through 4.6

4.1 Approval is recommended to accept the retirement of Scott Nelson, High School Principal, effective June 30, 2021.

4.2 Approval is recommended for the MOU between the BESPAs and Blackhawk School District regarding overtime.

4.3 Approval is recommended for an unpaid suspension for Pro Soft employee 1065 retroactive to March 22 through March 23, 2021.

4.4 Approval is recommended for Pro Soft employee #1656 to use FMLA on or about May 28, 2021 and return on October 28, 2021.

4.5 Approval is recommended for the MOU between the BESPAs and Blackhawk School District.

4.6 Approval is recommended to appoint Rick Ford as High School Principal beginning July 1, 2021.

Roll Call vote; yes, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline, Mr. Heckathorn, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Jones

8 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

BUILDING AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE

Mr. Battaglia made a motion, Mrs. Cline seconded to approve items 6.2 through 6.4

6.2 Approval is recommended to replace the High School Art Room floor with LVT Tile at a cost of \$5,672.

6.3 Approval is recommended to accept the Plumbing Change Order RFCO#1 at a cost of \$826.00. This work was required to modify the sprinkler lines serving the elevator shaft. The previously approved sprinkler design was not deemed acceptable to the elevator contractor and based on their experience getting elevator approvals the work needed modified. Even though the sprinkler design was approved by the code official, we felt that it was not worth the risk to not pass the elevator inspection if we did not follow the elevator contractor’s recommendation for the sprinkler line.

6.4 Approval is recommended to award the following contractor base bids, and alt 1 and alt 2 bids for the High School Kitchen Equipment Replacement Project. The bid opening was held April 12, at 2:00PM at Blackhawk High School:

OPTION 3 - BASE BID + ALTERNATE 1 + ALTERNATE 2

CONTRACTOR	BASE BID	ALTERNATE 1 combi-oven, braising pan, ventilator and fire suppression system	ALTERNATE 2 serving area equipment
Caliber Contracting Services Pittsburgh, PA	\$62,851		
HVAC ALLOWANCE	NA	\$10,000	
Reno Bros., Inc Rochester, PA	\$6,386	\$13,392	
Jeffers Leek Electric New Brighton, PA	\$13,682	\$14,514	\$2,464
Bova Corp	\$91,523	\$79,087	\$54,792

TOTAL BASE BID + ALTERNATE 1 + ALTERNATE 2

\$348,691

*The HVAC work related to the exhaust hood will be incorporated into the project by way of a change order to Bova Corp’s contract. The final cost of this work will be determined at a later date directly with Bova but a placeholder of \$10,000 is being included now for the Board’s project budget consideration. Roll Call vote; yes, Mr. Morrison, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline, Mr. Heckathorn, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Jones, Dr. Makoczy

8 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Battaglia made a motion, Mr. Jones seconded to approve item 9.1

9.1 Approval is recommended for the updated McCarter's bus and van driver list as presented.

Roll Call vote; yes, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline, Mr. Heckathorn, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Jones, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison

8 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

BEAVER COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Jones made a motion, Mrs. Helsing seconded to approve items 14.1 and 14.2

14.1 Approval is recommended to accept the resolution approving the withdrawal of the Midland Borough School District from membership in the Beaver County Career and Technology Center.

14.2 Approval is recommended to accept the Beaver County Career & Technology Center's General Fund Budget of \$6,234,249. This represents a decrease of 1.3% from the prior year.

Roll Call vote; (14.1) no, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline Mr. Heckathorn, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Jones, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison, Mrs. Ziegler

(14.2) yes, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline, M. Heckathorn, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Jones Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison, Mrs. Ziegler

0 yes, 8 no Motion Failed (14.1)

8 yes, 0 no Motion Carried (14.2)

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Barb Brown congratulated Scott Nelson and Rick Ford on their future roles and asked when the audit report would be posted.

Dr. Postupac explained the scenario regarding the open principal position.

Mrs. Fleischman thanked the Board for approving the High School kitchen improvements.

Mr. Heckathorn thanked Scott for his dedication to the youth of Blackhawk.

Mrs. Ziegler stated she would be reviewing policies.

Mr. Heckathorn made a motion, Mrs. Ziegler seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:45PM

Verbal Vote, 8 yes, 0 no; Motion Carried