

BLACKHAWK SCHOOL DISTRICT  
500 BLACKHAWK ROAD  
BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING  
Via Zoom  
August 25, 2020

Mr. Morrison called the Session to order at 7:00PM via the Zoom platform. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken. Those in attendance were:

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

Also in attendance:

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

#### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**Mr. Yonkee made a motion, Mrs. Ziegler seconded to approve 5.1 as presented:**

Approval is recommended to begin the 20-21 school year in the following model. Students in grades PK-4 will begin in a Hybrid Model starting on September 8. Grades 5-8 will begin virtually for a minimum of two weeks from September 8 through September 18. Grades 9-12 will begin virtually for a minimum of 4 weeks from September 8 through October 2. If the pending county data remains at the moderate level, and there have been no reported cases requiring the closure of any school buildings or activities, the high school would potentially begin a Hybrid Model on Monday, October 5.

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

**9 yes, 0 no; Motion Carried**

#### **ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**

**Mr. Yonkee made a motion, Mr. Battaglia seconded for items 7.1 and 7.2**

7.1 Approval is recommended for the supplemental contracts with the reservation to withhold payment in the event an activity is cancelled prior to the completion of work.

7.2 Approval is recommended for Blackhawk School District to continue to participate in 2020 Fall sports programs according to all health, WPIAL/PIAA guidelines.

Roll Call Vote Yes; Mr. Heckathorn, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Jones, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Yonkee, Mrs. Ziegler (7.2), Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline

Abstain: Mrs. Ziegler (7.1)

**8 yes, 1 abstain; Motion Carried (7.1)**

**9 yes, 0 no; Motion Carried (7.2)**

#### **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

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

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

Roll Call Vote Yes; Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Jones, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Yonkee, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline, Mr. Heckathorn

**9 yes, 0 no; Motion Carried**

### **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

There was a discussion between community members and the board regarding 5.1

Dr. Makoczy encouraged the public and staff to wear masks and wash hands to continue fight the spread of Covid-19.

Mrs. Ziegler thanked the board for working together to find a solution to begin school.

Mr. Yonkee asked Mr. Ford to write a letter to PIAA, WPIAL, on behalf of the parents of sports participants requesting the ability to attend sporting events. He also commended the BEA for their participation in the plan to re-enter school.

Dr. Postupac and Mr. Ford informed the attendees that there was a plan in place to live-stream certain sporting events.

**Mr. Ziegler made a motion, Mrs. Helsing seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:49**

**Verbal Vote, 9 yes, 0 no Motion Carried**