

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING
via ZOOM
August 25, 2020**

AGENDA

1. BOARD ORGANIZATION

- 1.1 Call to Order
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.3 Roll Call
- 1.4 There was an executive session held prior to tonight's meeting for personnel matters.

THE PUBLIC HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD AT THIS TIME ON AGENDA ITEMS.

5. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Ken Yonkee, Kathy Helsing, Co-Chairpersons

Superintendent's Report:

Over the last weeks, the Administration has been reviewing the data from the PA Department of Health, the statistics from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and the guidelines on the PA Department of Education (PDE) resource page, "Determining Instructional Models During the COVID-19 Pandemic".

Based upon the most recent analysis of available data and consultation with the District Solicitor, I have concluded that in-person instruction in the District poses a threat and danger to the health and welfare of the students, staff, and community. In addition, an in-person instruction model would create staffing challenges and could expose the District to potential liability, given the data presented and the issues surrounding liability coverage.

By the authority granted to me under Section 520.1 of the PA School Code and the resolution approved by the Board on July 16, 2020, I am authorizing instruction to begin on September 8, 2020, with a full remote (virtual) model as presented to the Board for a minimum period of four weeks, which could be extended should there

continue to be a substantial threat to the health and welfare of the students, staff, and community. Section 520.1 and the resolution approved by the Board will allow the instruction time spent remotely to count towards the minimum instruction requirements of the School Code being 180 days, 900 hours /990 hours.

The District will continue to implement its Health and Safety Plan with a transition to the hybrid model when an analysis of the data supports a safe return to this model. It is and continues to be our hope that in the future we can provide, as much as possible, live in-person instruction through a face-to-face model.

7. ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Ken Yonkee, Paul Heckathorn, Co-Chairpersons

Approval is recommended for item 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.

9. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Neil Morrison, John Battaglia, Co-Chairperson

Approval is recommended for 9.1

- *9.1 Approval is recommended for the updated McCarter’s bus and van driver list.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- A. Visitors
- B. Student Representative
- C. Administration
- D. Solicitor
- E. School Directors
- F. Next Meeting, September 10, 2020, via (ZOOM), 7:00PM.
- G. Adjournment
- H. Executive Session if needed.