

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS WORK SESSION
Blackhawk High School Gymnasium
May 12, 2016**

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

The meeting was called to order at 7:43PM. Roll Call was taken after the Pledge of Allegiance. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Berchtold	Mr. Fleischman	Mrs. Goehring	Mrs. Helsing
Mrs. Jones	Mrs. Kaszer	Mr. Pander	Mr. Schaefer
Mr. Yonkee			

Also in attendance were:

Mr. Brandenburg – Business Manager
Mr. Hobie Webster – District Solicitor
Mr. Noah Sims – Student Representative

A moment of silence was held for Mr. Oswald, former teacher and past member of the Blackhawk School Board member and president. Both Mr. Pander and Mr. Berchtold paid tribute in his memory.

There were executive sessions held on May 5th and 12th prior to the Board meeting for personnel matters.

Mr. Pander made a motion to approve the minutes from April 12, and 28, 2016. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Jones. Mr. Fleischman verified the school year for the audit presented on April 28, 2016 – The year was 2014-2015.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Amendments to the Agenda / Approval of the Agenda:

- Mrs. Helsing made the motion to change agenda items 4.1 (curtailment of programs), 4.2 (custodial furloughs) and 4.3 (furloughs of supplemental personnel) to discussion items.
- Mrs. Helsing made the motion to add 4.9 to the agenda; it is recommended to approve the Superintendent's request for sick leave from May 12, 2016 to August 18, 2016.
- Mrs. Kaszer made the motion to move the Buildings and Grounds section of the meeting to follow the first public comment period.
- Mr. Pander motioned to removed item 1.7 and replaced with 12.1 – It is recommended that the video of the April 28, 2016 Board meeting not be posted on the District website.

Mr. Fleischman seconded these motions.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mr. Pander advised that half-day kindergarten will be pulled off the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jarrold McCowin (BEA) and Ryan Moore (BAAG) made a joint statement in favor of “Teachers & Turf”. Suggestions included closing Northwestern Primary and support of a smaller bond to cover the building of a stadium and roof repairs.

Rob Puskas, New BEA President, verified that 5.4, half-day kindergarten, was permanently off the agenda. In addition, he highlight the successes of the programs included in item 4.1.

An extended period for public comment was held. Those who spoke included:

- Caren Turnbull, Patterson, spoke on finances, taxes and a moratorium on spending
- Bunny Oravitz, Chippewa, spoke on items 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3; in favor of the programs
- Megan Bailey, spoke regarding her Family Consumer Science class
- Melissa Ziegler, Chippewa, spoke on 4.9 sick leave for the superintendent and the impact on graduation, budget planning and the selection process of an interim superintendent
- John Battaglia spoke regarding the plan to move classes from Northwestern Primary to BIS and BIS to Highland
- Diane Rumbaugh addressed the April 28th meeting video not being posted, the Northwestern Primary project, and the proposed reductions to the budget
- Noah Sims addressed making the video available; would be able to access through Right-To-Know
- Greg Woods, Chippewa, spoke on a variety of items including the discussion items of proposed budget reductions, meeting video, athletic director and suggested the formation of committees.
- Bob Clendennen, Patterson Township, spoke regarding the budget
- Tory Aquino, Patterson Heights, addressed working with the community, grass cutters and Eckles Engineering

(Throughout the meeting additional community members spoke from their seats)

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Congratulations was extended to the following high school students for being selected Student of the Month for May.

- a. Nicholas Zuchelli – Little Beaver Lions Club
- b. Alexandra Houk – Rotary Club

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE

Information item: discussion of the Northwestern Primary renovation project.

Mr. Fleischman made the motion to terminate the Northwestern Primary renovation contract with Eckles Engineering. The District will be required to pay the costs presently incurred and other costs as required by the contract. This motion was seconded by Mr. Schaefer.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yes – To Terminate Project	No – Keep Contract
Mrs. Jones	Mr. Yonkee
Mr. Berchtold	Mrs. Goehring
Mr. Schaefer	Mrs. Helsing
Mrs. Kaszer	Mr. Fleischman
	Mr. Pander

4 Yes; 5 No; Motion Failed

A motion was made by Mr. Fleischman to accept Professional Services Industries, Inc. (PSI) proposals for Asbestos & Hazardous Materials Survey, Abatement Design Services and Asbestos Abatement Air Monitoring Services for Northwestern Primary at a cost of \$4,110 without monitoring. Supervision of the abatement work, monitoring of the air quality during and clearance of the air quality after abatement is complete is performed on a per diem basis at \$385/day. The number of days needed to perform the abatement will be able to be estimated once the amounts and locations of asbestos are determined after the survey and documentation phase. At that time there will be a more accurate estimation of the length of time needed for abatement and the cost of supervision and air monitoring. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Goehring.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yes – To Accept	No – Not To Accept
Mr. Yonkee	Mrs. Jones
Mr. Fleischman	Mr. Schaefer
Mrs. Helsing	Mr. Berchtold
Mrs. Kaszer	
Mrs. Goehring	
Mr. Pander	

6 Yes; 3 No; Motion Carried

A motion to contract with PSI to do testing for the comfort parameters (Carbon dioxide, temperature, carbon monoxide and relative humidity); airborne micro biologicals (bioaerosols & culturable molds; total volatile organic compounds (TVOCs); formaldehyde; and airborne particulates in an estimated 5 locations throughout the Northwestern facility at a total estimated project cost of \$4,215 was made by Mr. Fleischman and seconded by Mr. Yonkee.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yes – To Accept	No – Not To Accept
Mrs. Goehring	Mr. Berchtold
Mrs. Helsing	Mr. Schaefer
Mrs. Jones	
Mrs. Kaszer	
Mr. Fleischman	
Mr. Pander	
Mr. Yonkee	

7 Yes; 2 No; Motion Carried

Mr. Fleischman made a motion to award proposal for boundary and topographic survey services (Land survey and site plan) for Northwestern Primary to Wallace Pancher Group and AES Surveying and Land Planning Inc. for the amount of \$10,500. Mrs. Goehring seconded this motion.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 2 No; Motion Carried (Ney Votes casted by Mr. Berchtold and Mr. Schaefer)

It is recommended to approve the Location Agreement between FNT Enterprises LLC and Blackhawk School District with the program entitled "Friday Night Tykes: Steel Country".

It is recommended for DMS Facility management System annual service contract for HVAC services for Patterson and the Intermediate School at a rate of \$2,747 from FIT Optimized Solutions. The current one year service contract expires May 31, 2016. FIT Optimized Solutions is responsible for the computer programming of the boiler, pumps, and univents, at Patterson and BIS. This company is authorized to service the equipment that the district has.

It is recommended to accept the proposal from Abbey Carpet (COSTAR) to carpet 6 classrooms at Patterson Primary School at a cost of \$23,264.00

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The recommendation will be made to accept the Financial Report for April.

It will be recommended to approve the payment of bills. (Exhibit to be provided before the voting session)

- a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$0
 - b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund: \$0
 - c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$0
 - d. Fund 66 – UPMC Health Fund: \$0
 - e. Fund 67 – UPMC Dental: \$0
 - f. Fund 68 – UPMC Vision: \$0
- Payroll: April \$0

An information item, Monthly Insurance Report for April.

- a. UPMC Health Fund: \$243,977.14
- b. UPMC Dental: \$12,693.50
- c. UPMC Vision: \$1,717.00

Informational Item: Discussion of facilities management proposals by ABM and Aramark.

Mrs. Kaszer inquired as to why Aramark is being considered at this time. Mr. Pander informed that information from Aramark has been received; review together.

Mrs. Kaszer made a motion to adopt the 2016-17 Proposed Final Budget in accordance with Section 687 of the School Laws of Pennsylvania and requests authorization for the budget to be make available for public inspection for 20 days beginning no later than May 26, 2016. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Jones.

For Information Only

The 2016-17 Proposed Final Budget is estimated at Blackhawk with the levying of 63.99 mills (Beaver County) and 20.53 mills (Lawrence County). The approval of the 2016-17 Final General Budget is scheduled for June 16, 2016.

The millage during the 2015-16 school year was Beaver County 59.12 and Lawrence County 18.69. It is recommended to raise taxes 4.87 mills, which is 1.9 mills to the allowable index and 2.97 mills for approved PDE Referendum Exceptions.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yes – To Accept	No – Not To Accept
Mr. Berchtold	
Mr. Yonkee	
Mr. Fleischman	
Mr. Schaefer	
Mrs. Goehring	
Mr. Pander	
Mrs. Helsing	
Mrs. Kaszer	
Mrs. Jones	

9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Kaszer to adopt the **ACT 1 HOMESTEAD & FARMSTEAD EXCLUSION – RESOLUTION NO. 05122016** implementing the Act 1 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion:

RESOLUTION NO. 05122016

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF THE BLACKHAWK SCHOOL DISTRICT IMPLEMENTING THE ACT 1 HOMESTEAD AND FARMSTEAD EXCLUSION.

WHEREAS, The Department of Education informed the Blackhawk School District ("School District") that its property tax reduction allocation under Act 1 for 2016-17 is \$861,652.67; and

WHEREAS, Act 1 requires the School District to use its allocation to calculate a Homestead and Farmstead exclusion and to adopt a resolution implementing the exclusion by June 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the School District has calculated a Homestead and Farmstead exclusion for the purpose of reducing School District property taxes;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School District shall implement the Homestead and Farmstead exclusion for the 2016-17 school year in the amount of \$171.20.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yes – To Accept	No – Not To Accept
Mr. Yonkee	
Mr. Berchtold	
Mr. Schaefer	
Mr. Fleischman	
Mrs. Helsing	
Mrs. Kaszer	
Mrs. Goehring	
Mrs. Jones	
Mr. Pander	

9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

It is recommended to approve curtailment of programs and the corresponding furloughs in the following areas: Foreign Language, Business Education, Family Consumer Science, Primary Education and Elementary Education. The Superintendent and Solicitor are further authorized to file the appropriate notices with the Department of Education.

It is recommended to approve custodial furloughs as recommended by the Superintendent.

It is recommended to approve the following furloughs of supplemental personnel as recommended by the Superintendent:

- a. Athletic Coaches
- b. Department chairs in physical education, special education, business education
- c. Building level computer technicians
- d. Assistant yearbook advisor

Mrs. Helsing made the motion to approve the following seasonal grass-cutting work at a rate of \$9.00 per hour:

- a. Lukas Goehring (Pending Clearances)
- b. Cameron Croston (Pending Clearances)

This motion was seconded by Mr. Schaefer. Mrs. Goehring noted that Lukas Goehring is not a relative; she does not know this gentleman.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

It is recommended to approve the following summer custodial work at a rate of \$9.00 per hour:

- a. Dana Cummings (cafeteria)

Approval is recommended to employ the following summer IT staff at a rate of \$9.00 per hour:

- a. Frank Ceriani
- b. Eli Hopkins

It is recommended to grant a Blackhawk employee FMLA from August 17, 2016 until on or about October 24, 2016.

It is recommended to approve Bethany Cousino as substitute speech therapist for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year pending clearances.

The motion to approve the Superintendent's request for sick leave from May 12, 2016 to August 18, 2016 was made by Mrs. Helsing and seconded by Mr. Berchtold.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

It is recommended to approve the following field trips: (Exhibit)

- a. BHS Concert Choir (42), Maura Underwood, New York City Trip, New York, November 18-20, 2016 (expenses collected from students).
- b. Sixth Grade (175), Barbara Mallozzi, Read Aloud Children's Books, NPS and PPS, May 31, 2016 (\$540 expenses budgeted).
- c. TSA (8), Tim Linkenheimer, National TSA Conference, Nashville, TN, June 27-July 2, 2016 (Expenses budgeted, collected from students and other source).

It is recommended to participate in the Beaver Valley intermediate Unit's "Beaver County Summer Academy for 2016" at a cost not to exceed \$500.00.

It is recommended to renew the District's Pennsylvania School Board Association annual membership at a cost of \$12,486.81.

This year, we are again proud to be offering our Summer Academy. The Summer Academy is an opportunity for students in grades K-3 to have five weeks of intensive reading instruction. The program, which is staffed by Blackhawk teachers, is completely free to families and transportation is provided. The program will run for five weeks from June 20-July 21st. Classes meet Monday through Thursday from 9 AM – 11:45 AM at Patterson Primary School. This summer the program for grades K-2, will be funded by Title 1 funds. Students are invited to the program based upon the end of the year reading scores. A very exciting addition this year is our pre-k program. In this program, we will identify students who attended our kindergarten screening days who may benefit from a preview to the kindergarten year. These students will be attending three mornings a week.

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

It is recommended to approve the Athletic Department Activity Report for April.

Congratulations to Lexie Houk! Lexie will be attending Carlow College in the fall. In addition to academics, Lexie will be playing on the women's soccer team.

Fall physicals will be held on Wednesday, June 1st at Highland middle School and Blackhawk High School.

The Scholar Athlete Breakfast will be held on Friday, May 27th at 7:45AM.

The Boys Baseball Team won their section and will be advancing to the WPIAL and PIAA State Championships.

Congratulations to the following students who placed at the Pennsylvania Technology Student Association (TSA) conference at the Seven Springs Mountain Resort on April 13-16

Individual Events:

- a. Shelby Bosworth 9th Place Photographic Technology
- b. Ryan Hutchinson 4th Place Transportation Modeling
- c. Katlyn Walker 4th Place CAD Engineering 3D
- d. Mitchell Pulleo 3rd Place Prepared Presentation

Team Events:

- a. Jake Stoyanoff & Nate Dessler 8th Place SciVis
- b. Nick Foust, Cy Fox, David Bibby, Roger Diehl, Mitchell Pulleo & Matt Rockage 5th Place Animatronics
- c. Alex Jena, Bryan Culler, Eric Scanlon, Hannah Mensch & Jennifer Schinke 6th Place Architectural Renovation
- d. Mitchell Pulleo & Roger Diehl 6th Place Debating Technology Issues
- e. Juliana Capo, Shelby Bosworth & Jacob Trzcinski 3rd Place Manufacturing Prototype
- f. Nick Foust & Eli Hopkins 2nd Place Pennsylvania Computer Systems Troubleshooting
- g. Matt Rockage, CJ Burawa & Mitchell Pulleo 2nd Place System Control Technology

Congratulation to the following students that qualified for the National TSA Conference in Nashville, Tennessee on June 28-July 2: Mitchell Pulleo, CJ Burawa, Matt Rockage, Juliana Capo, Shelby Bosworth & Jacob Trzcinski.

Congratulation to Nicole Cuddy, who was named Beaver County Times Female Athlete of the Week. Nicole plays on the lacrosse team and is a 4 year letter winner.

The 1991-1992 Men's Basketball team will be inducted into the WPIAL Hall of Fame on June 10, 2016 at the Greentree Doubletree. Anyone interested in attending or placing an ad please contact the athletic office.

ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON

No Report

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No Report

FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Jones complimented the Food Service Staff on a very good meal received at a recent dinner.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

No Report

POLICY COMMITTEE

Mr. Pander made a motion that the video of the April 28, 2016 Board meeting not be posted on the District website. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Kaszer.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT

Mrs. Goehring made a motion to approve the following conference:

- a. Jeff Cienik, National Athletic Training Symposium, Baltimore, MD, June 22-25, 2016 (\$1,337.31 expenses budgeted).

Mr. Berchtold seconded this motion.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

BEAVER COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY

No Report

PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

No Report

BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

No Report

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Visitors

Jack Fullen, Patterson Township, spoke regarding the field on 37th street, non-curricular/co-curricular activities, ABM & Aramark, and the athletic trainers. He also thanked Mr. Puskas for acknowledging the 189 scholar athletics of the district.

Jodi Weister, South Beaver Township, spoke on the Northwestern Primary School Project.

Jenny Goehring, South Beaver Township, spoke on the Northwestern Primary School Project.

Carolyn Clyde and Kelly Ambler spoke regarding the proposed furloughs.

Mr. Fleischman left the meeting at this time.

Bob Clendennen, Patterson Township, spoke regarding the superintendent's sick leave, the Highland Middle School project and the Auditor General's visit in July.

Greg Woods, Chippewa Township, comments on the dialog among the board members, forming committees, the start of the next school year and involving the community.

Administration

No comments

Student Representative

Noah Sims addressed that student representative position as he will be graduating.

Solicitor

No comments

School Directors

Mrs. Kaszer acknowledged that the greenhouse is open; the flowers and plants are beautiful.

Mrs. Jones spoke regarding the district working together as a team to make the move from Northwestern to BIS. This initiative could make memories.

The next meeting will be the Voting Session on May 19, 2016, Blackhawk High School Auditorium, at 7:30PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Kaszer
Blackhawk School District Board Secretary