

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS WORK SESSION
Blackhawk High School Library
May 11, 2017**

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Mr. Pander called the meeting to order at 7:03PM. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Fleischman	Mrs. Goehring	Mrs. Helsing	Mrs. Jones
Mrs. Kaszer	Mr. Pander	Mr. Schaefer	Dr. Smith
Mr. Yonkee			

Also in attendance were:

Mr. Eric Brandenburg – Business Manager
Mr. Hobie Webster – District Solicitor
Dr. Rob Postupac – Acting Superintendent

There was an executive session held prior to this evening's meeting for personnel matters.

A motion was made by Mrs. Helsing and seconded by Mrs. Jones to approve the April 2017 meeting minutes.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No

There were no amendments to the agenda; a motion to approve the agenda with an adjustment to item 6.9 to amend the cost through Keystone Purchasing Network not to exceed \$751,385; this will include \$21,885 for a performance bond. This motion was made by Mr. Fleischman and seconded by Mrs. Helsing.

Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No

PUBLIC REATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

2.1 Congratulations to the following high school students for being selected Student of the Month for May:

- a. Juli Thomas – Rotary Club
- b. Tara Pettner – Little Beaver Lions Club

2.2 Congratulations to High School Teacher, Joy Winters, for receiving her Doctorate. We applaud her accomplishment and are proud to have Dr. Winters at Blackhawk.

Mr. Fleischman provided a reminder of the Ag-Science Flower / Plant Sale was provided.

Presentation by Weatherproofing

- A presentation was provided on the roof repairs for Summer 2017
- Tremco with a 30 year warranty

Presentation on the Blackhawk activities and Athletics Complex by JTSA Sports.

Public Comment

The following individuals spoke on the Activities & Athletics Complex:

- Judy Golddinger, South Beaver
- Neil Morrison, South Beaver
- Greg Woods, Chippewa Township
- Rod Stidmon, Darlington
- Beth Schiemer, West Mayfield
- Bob Clendennen, Patterson Township (also spoke on item 6.1)
- Tom Plevel, South Beaver
- John Battaglia, South Beaver

Mr. Fleischman stepped out of the meeting, during public comment, at 7:49PM and returned at 7:51PM.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

3.1 Informational Item: Monthly Insurance Report for April.

- a. UPMC Health Fund: \$283,803.63
- b. UPMC Dental: \$10,451.58
- c. UPMC Vision: \$2,618.00

3.2 The Superintendent recommends approval of the Financial Report for April.

3.3 The Superintendent recommends approval the payment of bills.

- a. Fund 10 – General Fund:
- b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund:
 - BAAG:
- c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund:
- d. Fund 66 – Health Fund:
Payroll: April \$

3.4 It is recommended approval of the athletic activity account for April.

3.5 It is recommended to approve budget transfers per attached sheet.

3.6 It is recommended to adopt the **ACT I HOMESTEAD & FARMSTEAD EXCLUSION – RESOLUTION NO. 05182017** implementing the Act 1 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion:

RESOLUTION NO. 05182017

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 2017-18 is \$861,808.64; 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, 2017; 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 2017-2018 school year in the amount of \$172.54.

3.7 It is recommended to accept fees as quoted by UPMC to provide continued administrative services for the District’s health plan for the 2017-18 fiscal year at \$56.44 per member per month. Approximately \$203,184 (based on 300 contracts) per year.

3.8 It is recommended to renew stop loss coverage as quoted by UPMC Health Benefits, Inc. for renewal for the 2017-fiscal year. Approximately \$235,875 per year.

3.9 It is recommended to accept the UPMC Cobra Advantage renewal fee quotation for the 2017-18 fiscal year.

3.10 It is recommended to accept the UPMC Vision Advantage quote to provide administrative services for District’s vision plan for the 2017-18 fiscal year at \$1.00 per member per month. Approximately \$3,600 per year.

3.11 It is recommended to accept the UPMC Dental advantage quote to provide administrative services for the District’s dental plan for the 2017-18 fiscal year at \$3.25 per member per month. Approximately \$11,700 per year.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

4.1 The Superintendent recommends approval to employ the following summer staff at a rate of \$9.00 per hour:

- a. Frank Ceriani (IT Department)
- b. Eli Hopkins (IT Department)
- c. Lukas Goehring (Grass Cutter)
- d. Joseph Fucci (Grass Cutter pending clearances)

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

5.1 The Superintendent recommends the approval of the following field trips:

- a. Foreign Language (220), Ryan Ricciardi, Foreign Language Pirates Game, PNC Park, May 26, 2017
- b. PRIDE (20) Dianne Sarver, Trip to the Farm, Broadrun Farms, May 19, 2017 (budgeted \$150 bus cost).
- c. Chorus (24), Jayne McDonald, Expressions Performance, Elmcroft, May 17, 2017 (no expense).
- d. High School Chamber Players (6), Nate Goodrich, Cambridge Village Performance, May 25, 2017 (no expense).

5.2 The Superintendent recommends approval to renew the District's Pennsylvania School Board Association annual membership at a cost of \$12,536.64.

5.3 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 with transportation being provided. The program will run for five weeks from June 19th-July 20th. Classes meet Monday through Thursday from 9AM-11:45AM at Blackhawk Intermediate School. Students are invited to the program based upon the end of the year reading scores. Our incoming Kindergarten students who have registered to attend Kindergarten in the Fall will be invited to participate. Our Kindergarten screening process identifies students who would benefit from a preview to the kindergarten year. These students will be attending three mornings a week. It is recommended to approve the following teachers and paraprofessionals for Summer Academy:

- a. Mary Beth George
- b. Erica Shildt
- c. Dawn Kinger
- d. Kelly Lofink
- e. Lori Kleigling
- f. Colleen Kenny
- g. Kristi Bresz
- h. Jordan Shipley
- i. Hannah Wytiaz
- j. Christina DiClaudio
- k. Susan Hullien
- l. Rose Highberger
- m. Jan Perza
- n. Ian Taylor
- o. Jeri Carver

5.4 The Blackhawk 2016-2017 Title I Program at Northwestern Primary School at BIS, will be offering an Extended Day Program for all Title I students. Twelve sessions of the Title I intervention were cancelled this school year for various reasons. Students will attend six one-hour intervention sessions, 3:30PM-4:45PM, May 17-19 and May 22-24 to recoup those lost sessions. A snack and transportation home will be provided.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE

6.1 The Superintendent recommends approval to accept the RFP submitted by Dagostino Electronic Services to expand the district security camera system. Total cost of the project is \$105,876. Installation of the cameras will begin in the summer of 2017.

6.2 It is recommended to approve Hoffman Fence to install 252 feet of fence around the Patterson Primary Elementary School playground at a cost of \$5,900.

6.3 It is recommended to approve Abbey Carpet to install new flooring in the high school health office at a cost of \$6,438 and guidance office at a cost of \$3,871.

6.4 It is recommended to approve A.G. Mauro to replace doors in the high school locker rooms at a cost of \$6,438 and high school restroom doors at a cost of \$3,868.

6.5 Presentation on the Blackhawk activities and Athletics Complex by JTSA Sports. (This item actually occurred earlier in the meeting, prior to public comments)

It is recommended to approve items 6.6 through 6.10 as presented. Motion made by Mrs. Goehring seconded by Mr. Fleischman.

Discussion was held including a motion by Mr. Fleischman and seconded by Mrs. Kaszer to include the colors in items 6.7 and 6.8.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 1 No – Mr. Yonkee

A Roll Call Vote was taken to approve items 6.6 through 6.10

Yes – Approve	No – Not to Approve
Mr. Fleischman	Mr. Schaefer
Mrs. Goehring	Dr. Smith
Mrs. Helsing	Mr. Yonkee
Mrs. Jones	
Mrs. Kaszer	
Mr. Pander	

6 Yes; 3 No; Motion Carried

6.6 It is recommended to approve the Blackhawk Activities and Athletics Complex design and layout, as presented. Bleacher seating capacity will be approximately 2,036.

6.7 It is recommended to approve light green as the color for the end zones of the football field.

6.8 It is recommended to approve green as the color for the grand stands.

6.9 It is recommended to approve Stadium Solutions, Inc.’s proposal and corresponding contract for grand stand material and installation at the Blackhawk Activities and Athletics Complex at a cost not to exceed \$751, 385, through Keystone Purchasing Network (KPN), as presented.

6.10 It is recommended to approve Field Turf USA, Inc.'s proposal and corresponding contract for synthetic turf field materials and installation at the Blackhawk Activities and Athletics Complex at a cost not to exceed \$1,340,307.47, through Keystone Purchasing Network (KPN), as presented. This amount includes approximately \$100,000 of work being donated by Nicely Contracting so the actual payment is expected to be approximately 41,240,307.

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

7.1. Congratulations to Blackhawk Football Players Trentyn Campbell, Carl Jazcar and Mike Savilisky for being selected to play in the Penn-Ohio Game.

7.2 Congratulations Joe Lamenza, he was selected to be the Head Coach for the Pennsylvania Team in the Penn-Ohio Game.

7.3 Congratulations to Caleb Wright for signing with Juniata College to continue his academic and football career.

7.4 Congratulations to Marcy Saldivar for signing with Washington and Jefferson to continue her academic and soccer career.

7.5 Informational Item: Winter Sports Summary

7.6 It is recommended to appoint Jerrod Rebich as the Head Boys Varsity Soccer Coach for the 2017-2018 school year (Supplemental Contract \$4,977.00).

7.7 It is recommended to approve the resignation of Joe Verbosky as the Assistant Women's Tennis Coach.

ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON

No Report

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

9.1 The Superintendent recommends approval of McCarters school bus drivers.

FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Jones complimented the Food Service Department on the Academic Banquet.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Webster provided an update on the Service Union Contract that was previously negotiated and approved.

POLICY COMMITTEE

The Superintendent recommends approval to adopt Policy 718; Service Animals in School

BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT

No Report

BEAVER COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Mrs. Kaszer and Dr. Postupac provided an update on the BCC&TC Budget for 2017-18 school year.

PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

No Report

BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

No Report

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Administration

Dr. Postupac expressed thanks of the professionals while ill.

Solicitor

Mr. Webster thanked Ira Weiss, Eric Brandenburg and Colleen Barley for their work on contract negotiations.

School Directors

Mrs. Jones spoke on an issue discovered with the per capita tax (District is missing tax revenue because not everyone is receiving statements). Mrs. Jones addressed the 6th-8th choral concert.

Mrs. Kaszer commented on the band banquet and the camaraderie among the band members.

Mrs. Helsing and Greg Woods, member of the community, spoke on Camp Kon-a-Kwee and the great experience for the students as well as staff.

Mr. Yonkee asked some budgetary questions.

Mr. Pander addressed campaign letters circulating the district.

The next scheduled meeting will be May 18, 2017 at Blackhawk High School Library, at 7:00PM.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Kaszer
Blackhawk School District Board Secretary