

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS VOTING SESSION
Blackhawk High School Auditorium
May 19, 2016**

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Mr. Pander called the meeting to order at 7:52PM. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken. 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. Eric Brandenburg – Business Manager
Mr. Hobie Webster – District Solicitor
Noah Sims – Student Representative

There was an executive session for personnel matters on prior to the Board meeting.

A prayer was provided by Larry Bettencourt, Champion Life Church.

Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the agenda:

Mr. Fleischman made a motion to add items 2.2 and 2.3 to the agenda. This motion was seconded by Mr. Berchtold.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

- 2.2 Presentation by BCCTC student, Tasha Crawford, regarding the USA Skills State competition.
- 2.3 Patterson Primary School is pleased to announce that it has received a \$1,700 grant from the Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh, Elementary School Science Olympiad Program. Patterson Primary has used the funds to purchase hands-on STEM materials for our First and Second grad Science Olympiad and classroom lessons. The Olympiad will be on May 27th. This program helps to excite, inspire, challenge, and foster the fun side of science for our elementary students. Patterson Primary was also awarded a \$600 equipment grant to purchase K'NEX kits. Way to go PPS!

Mr. Schaefer made a motion to add item 3.5 to the agenda. This motion was seconded by Mr. Fleischman.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

- 3.5 It is recommended to adopt resolution no. 05192016 authorizing the incurrence of indebtedness for the purpose of financing capital projects and paying related issuance costs. Sean Garin from Dinsmore & Shohl, the District's bond counsel, will be present and available for questions.

Mrs. Helsing motioned to amend item 4.2 and add item 4.5 to the agenda. This motion was seconded by Mr. Fleischman.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

- 4.2 It is recommended to employ the following summer IT Staff at a rate of \$9.00 per hour:
 - c. Alex Devic
- 4.5 It is recommended to approve the resignation of Jim Perlik, Building and Grounds Supervisor effective June 10, 2016.

PUBLIC REATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Tasha Crawford, BCCTC student, conducted a presentation regarding a service project in conjunction with the Ronald McDonald House in Pittsburgh, PA. This project competed in the USA Skills State competition. The ribbon cutting ceremony at the Ronald McDonald House, new toy room, will be held on Wednesday, May 25th. Mr. Fleischman requested that the presentation be added to the district website.

Patterson Primary School is pleased to announce that it has received a \$1,700 grant from the Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh, Elementary School Science Olympiad Program. Patterson Primary has used the funds to purchase hands-on STEM materials for our First and Second grad Science Olympiad and classroom lessons. The Olympiad will be on May 27th. This program helps to excite, inspire, challenge, and foster the fun side of science for our elementary students. Patterson Primary was also awarded a \$600 equipment grant to purchase K'NE kits. Way to go PPS!

Public Comments

Bob Clendennen, Patterson Township, spoke on the advertising for the incurrence of indebtedness and the budget for 2016-2017.

Tori Aquino and Marianna Aquino-Truss, Patterson Heights, spoke on several issues and the impact on the students of the district.

Melissa Ziegler, Chippewa Township, spoke on the substitute superintendent and the move from Northwestern Primary to BIS.

Lauren Stein presented the Latin Awards to the student recipients. Congratulations to all the Latin Students who received awards.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Kaszer made a motion to approve the Financial Report for April. Mrs. Helsing seconded the motion.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mrs. Kaszer made a motion to accept the payment of bills as follows:

- a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$463,399.52
- b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund: \$77,428.16
- c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$41,507.05
- d. Fund 66 – UPMC Health Fund: \$0

Payroll: April \$1,126,702.814

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jones

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Informational Item: Monthly Insurance Report for April.

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

Mrs. Kaszer motioned to accept the facilities management proposal from Aramark at a cost of \$119,028. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Goehring. Mrs. Goehring inquired if this would be for 1 year – Yes. Mrs. Jones discussed the janitorial vs. maintenance aspects – Aramark has both our agreement will be for maintenance. If the District is not satisfied with the person assigned to Blackhawk, will have the opportunity to have this position re-filled. Mr. Berchtold inquired about the added benefits over what the district currently has.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes; 4 No; Motion Carried

Mrs. Kaszer made a motion to adopt resolution no. 05192016 authorizing the incurrence of indebtedness for the purpose of financing capital projects and paying related issuance costs. Sean Garin from Dinsmore & Shohl, the District's bond counsel, was present and available for questions. Due to the confusion of the ad placed, Mr. Schaefer made a motion to table this item. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Jones.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mr. Schaefer made a motion to temporarily suspend all current contracts for the Northwestern Renovation project. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Kaszer. The public had an opportunity to speak on this motion. Comments were heard from Bob Clendennen, Tracy Schafer, Nancy Fredericks, Greg Woods, Roxanne Naper, Tory Aquino, Board Members Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Goehring, Mr. Fleischman, Mr. Yonkee, Mr. Schaefer, Mr. Pander, Mr. Berchtold and Business Manager Mr. Brandenburg.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes; 3 No; Motion Carried

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Helsing made a motion to approve the following summer custodial worker at a rate of \$9.00 per hour:

- a. Dana Cummings (Cafeteria)

This motion was seconded by Mrs. Jones.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

A motion to approve the employment of the following IT Staff at a rate of \$9.00 per hours was made by Mrs. Helsing and seconded by Mr. Schaefer.

- a. Frank Ceriani
- b. Eli Hopkins
- c. Alex Devic

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mrs. Helsing motioned and Mrs. Goehring seconded, to grant a Blackhawk employee FMLA from August 17, 2016 until on or about October 24, 2016.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

A motion to approve Bethany Cousino as substitute speech therapist for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year pending clearances. This motion was seconded by Mr. Schaefer.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mrs. Helsing motioned to approve the resignation of Jim Perlik, Building and Grounds Supervisor effective June 10, 2016. Mrs. Goehring seconded the motion.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Jones motioned 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).

This motion was seconded by Mrs. Kaszer.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

The motion to participate in the Beaver Valley intermediate Unit's "Beaver County Summer Academy for 2016" at a cost not to exceed \$500.00. Mrs. Helsing seconded this motion.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mrs. Jones made a motion to renew the District's Pennsylvania School Board Association annual membership at a cost of \$12,486.81. Mr. Berchtold seconded this motion. Mr. Yonkee inquired if there is any way to reduce this cost. A motion to table until the June Work Session was made by Mrs. Kaszer and seconded by Mr. Schaefer.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion to Table Carried

A motion was made to approve the Summer Academy by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mr. Yonkee. 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.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

BUILDING AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE

Mr. Fleischman motioned to approve the Location Agreement between FNT Enterprises LLC and Blackhawk School District with the program entitled "Friday Night Tykes: Steel Country". Mrs. Jones seconded this motion.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Fleischman 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. Mr. Pander made a motion to table this item pending Aramark becoming engaged. This motion to table was seconded by Mr. Fleischman.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion to Table Carried

Mr. Pander motioned to table the proposal from Abbey Carpet (COSTAR) to carpet 5 classrooms at Patterson Primary School at a cost of \$17,595.00. Mr. Fleischman seconded the motion.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion to Table Carried

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Mr. Schaefer motioned to approve the Athletic Department Activity Report for April. This was seconded by Mrs. Jones.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON

No Report

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No Report

FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

No Report

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

No Report

POLICY COMMITTEE

No Report

BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT

No Report

BEAVER COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY

No Report

PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

No Report

BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

No Report

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Visitors

Tom Duffy, Patterson Township, spoke on Aramark agreement.

Rob Puskas, Chippewa Township, inquired if any furloughs were possible.

Greg Woods, Chippewa Township, requested an update on the transfer of students to HMS. Mrs. Anderson provided a detailed update. Key points discussed include:

- Lunch – The 5th grade students will eat lunch with other 5th grade students. The lunch is scheduled for 10:30AM. Due to the early lunch time, students will be permitted to bring in a snack for later in the day.
- Recess – Students will have recess later in their school day. While there is not playground equipment at Highland Middle School, there are sports fields and a paved lot in front of the building that can be sectioned off for the students.
- Specials – Fifth grade students will have the same specials they would have if the 5th grade was at BIS: Physical Education, STEAM, Art and Music. The BIS Specials Instructors will travel from BIS to HMS to instruct these classes. Most specials will occur in the 5th grade classroom; however, Physical Education will occur in the gymnasium.

Additional FAQs are posted on the Highland Middle School website.

Greg also requested a budget presentation for the community's education.

Administration

No Comments

Student Representative

Noah Sims offered to stay with the board until June 30th to allow additional time to name a student representative.

Solicitor

No Comments

School Directors

No Comments

The next meeting will be June 9, 2016 at Blackhawk High School Library, at 7:30PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Kaszer
Blackhawk School District Board Secretary

