

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS VOTING SESSION  
Blackhawk High School Library  
May 23, 2017**

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

Mr. Pander called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. 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	Mr. Yonkee (arrived at 6:04)

Also in attendance were:

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

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

A moment of silence was held for the victims of the attack in Manchester.

The Board of School Directors meetings for June have been rescheduled to June 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Certificates were presented to PRIDE Students and Staff that went above and beyond to keep students safe during an accident that occurred during a recent field trip.

**Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the agenda:**

Mrs. Helsing made a motion to add items 3.11, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 5.5, 5.6, 5.7 and 6.5 (Below) to the agenda. This motion was seconded by Mr. Schaefer.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

- 3.11 – The Administration recommends adoption of the 2017-18 Proposed Final Budget in the expenditure amount of \$36,732,868. This is in accordance with Section 687 of the School Laws of Pennsylvania and requests authorization for the budget to be made available for public inspection for 20 days beginning no later than June 1, 2017.
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The 2017-18 Proposed Final Budget is estimated at Blackhawk with the levying of 0 mills (Beaver County) and 0 mills (Lawrence County). The approval of the 2017-18 Final General Budget is schedule for June 22, 2017.

The millage during the 2016-17 school year was Beaver County 63.99 and Lawrence County 20.53.

- 4.2 – The Superintendent recommends approval to appoint Jodi Borroni as Elementary Principal at a salary of \$85,000 beginning July 1, 2017 according to the Act 93 Agreement.
- 4.3 – The Superintendent recommends approval for the following summer custodial work at a rate of \$9.00 per hour:
  - a. Shelley Horton
  - b. Kathi Young
  - c. Marilyn Zoretich
  - d. Lisa Sutherin
  - e. Sharon LeBlanc
  - f. Dana Cummings
  - g. Matt Mooney
  - h. Erin Lokey
  - i. Jessica Bucci
- 4.4 – It is recommended to accept the resignation of Evelyn Gishbaugher, cafeteria worker, effective at the completion of the 2016-17 school year.
- 5.5 – The Superintendent recommends approval of the following field trip:
  - e. TSA (9), Tim Linkenheimer, 2017 National TSA Conference, Orlando, FL (\$4,300 expenses budgeted).
- 5.6 – The superintendent recommends approval to participate in the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Summer Academy 2017 at a cost of \$500.
- 5.7 – It is recommended that discipline agreement 2016-17-1 relevant to a Highland Middle School student be ratified effective May 16, 2017 as presented.
- 6.5 – It is recommended to approve Abbey Carpet to carpet and tile the remaining rooms and areas at Patterson Primary Elementary School for the 2017-18 school year in the amount of \$33,997 according to the COSTARS Agreement.

## **PUBLIC REATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

2.1 Congratulations to Halle Nerone and Taylor Javens. These ladies were participants in the Beaver County Distinguished Young Women Event earlier this month. Taylor was recognized for the Fitness award and Halle was recognized for the Scholastic and Self Expression award, Halle was also named First Runner Up.

### **Public Comment**

Dave Nicely, Chippewa Township, spoke on Phase 2 of the Stadium Project

Neil Morrison, South Beaver, requested that the district reconsider the Stadium Project

Frank Makozy, Chippewa, spoke on the Stadium Project and taxes.

Tom Petti, Chippewa, provided a BAAG Update; 5 main sponsors, Donations in the form of services, scoreboard and Brick project.

John Battaglia, South Beaver, commented on the stadium project and maintenance garage.

Joe Hamilton, Chippewa, spoke on the history of the field at Northwestern.

Melissa Ziegler, Chippewa, addressed the percentage of voters that participated in the primary election from the Blackhawk District.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

***Mr. Schaefer motioned to approve items 3.1 through 3.11 as presented. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Helsing.***

**A Roll Call Vote was taken to approve items 3.1 through 3.11**

<b>Yes – Approve</b>	<b>No – Not to Approve</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Mr. Schaefer		Mr. Yonkee
Mr. Pander		
Mrs. Kaszer		
Mrs. Jones		
Mrs. Helsing		
Mrs. Goehring		
Mr. Fleischman		

**7 Yes; 0 No; 1 Abstention; Motion Carried**

3.1 It is recommended to approve of the Financial Report for April.

3.2 It is recommended to approve the payment of bills.

- a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$606,742.26
  - b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund: \$919.31  
- BAAG: \$0
  - c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$33,013.96
  - d. Fund 66 – Health Fund: \$870.00
- Payroll: February \$1,108,297.10

3.3 It is recommended to approve the athletic activity account for April.

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

3.5 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 2017-2018 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.

3.6 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.

3.7 It is recommended to renew stop loss coverage as quoted by UPMC Health Benefits, Inc. for renewal for the 2017-18 fiscal year. Approximately \$235,875 per year.

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

3.9 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.

3.10 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.

3.11 – The Administration recommends adoption of the 2017-18 Proposed Final Budget in the expenditure amount of \$36,732,868. This is in accordance with Section 687 of the School Laws of Pennsylvania and requests authorization for the budget to be made available for public inspection for 20 days beginning no later than June 1, 2017.

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**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

*It is recommended to approve items 4.1 and 4.4 as presented. This motion was made by Mrs. Helsing and seconded by Mrs. Kaszer.*

**A Roll Call Vote was taken to approve items 4.1 through 4.4**

<b>Yes – Approve</b>	<b>No – Not to Approve</b>
Mr. Schaefer	
Mr. Pander	
Mrs. Kaszer	
Mrs. Jones	
Mrs. Helsing	
Mrs. Goehring	
Mr. Fleischman	
Mr. Yonkee	

**8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

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)

4.2 – The Superintendent recommends approval to appoint Jodi Borroni as Elementary Principal at a salary of \$85,000 beginning July 1, 2017 according to the Act 93 Agreement.

4.3 – The Superintendent recommends approval for the following summer custodial work at a rate of \$9.00 per hour:

- a. Shelley Horton
- b. Kathi Young
- c. Marilyn Zoretich
- d. Lisa Sutherin
- e. Sharon LeBlanc
- f. Dana Cummings
- g. Matt Mooney
- h. Erin Lokey
- i. Jessica Bucci

4.4 – It is recommended to accept the resignation of Evelyn Gishbaugher, cafeteria worker, effective at the completion of the 2016-17 school year.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

***Mrs. Helsing motioned to approve items 5.1 to 5.4 as presented. This motion was seconded by Mr. Schaefer.***

**A Roll Call Vote was taken to approve items 5.1 through 5.7**

<b>Yes – Approve</b>	<b>No – Not to Approve</b>
Mr. Schaefer	
Mr. Pander	
Mrs. Kaszer	
Mrs. Jones	
Mrs. Helsing	
Mrs. Goehring	
Mr. Fleischman	
Mr. Yonkee	

**8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

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 (no expense)
- 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 out 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 is provided. The program will run for five weeks from June 19<sup>th</sup>-July 20<sup>th</sup>. Classes meet Monday through Thursday from 9AM-11:45 AM at Blackhawk Intermediate School. Students are invited to the program based upon the end of 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 Bresh
- h. Jordan Shipley

- i. Hannah Wytiaz
- j. Christina DiClaudio
- k. Susan Hullien
- l. Rose Highberger
- m. Jan Perza
- n. Ian Tayler
- 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 Title I intervention were cancelled this school year for various reason Students will attend six one-hour interventions 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.

5.5 The Superintendent recommends approval of the following field trip:  
 e. TSA (9), Tim Linkenheimer, 2017 National TSA Conference, Orlando, FL (\$4,300 expenses budgeted).

5.6 The superintendent recommends approval to participate in the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Summer Academy 2017 at a cost of \$500.

5.7 It is recommended that discipline agreement 2016-17-1 relevant to a Highland Middle School student be ratified effective May 16, 2017 as presented.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE**

***Mrs. Goehring moved and Mr. Fleischman seconded a motion to approve items 6.1 and 6.5.***

Discussion was held regarding the installation of replacement carpet.

**A Roll Call Vote was taken to approve items 6.1 through 6.5**

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

**8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

6.1 The Superintendent recommends the 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 \$6,285 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 It is recommended to approve Abbey Carpet to carpet and tile the remaining rooms and areas at Patterson Primary Elementary School for the 2017-18 school year in the amount of \$33,997 according to the COSTARS Agreement.

### **ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**

*Mr. Schaefer motioned to approve items 7.1 to 7.2 as presented. Mrs. Helsing seconded this motion.*

**A Roll Call Vote was taken to approve items 7.1 through 7.2**

<b>Yes – To Approve</b>	<b>No – Not To Approve</b>
Mrs. Kaszer	
Mrs. Jones	
Mrs. Helsing	
Mrs. Goehring	
Mr. Fleischman	
Mr. Yonkee	
Mr. Schaefer	
Mr. Pander	

**8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

7.1 It is recommended to appoint Jerrod Rebich as the Head Boys Varsity Soccer Coach for the 2017/2018 school year (Supplemental Contract \$4,977).

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

### **ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON**

No Report

### **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

*It is recommended to approve item 9.1 as presented. The motion was made by Mr. Yonkee and seconded by Mrs. Jones.*

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

9.1 The Superintendent recommends approval of McCarter’s school bus drivers.

## **FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE**

No Report

## **NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE**

No Report

## **POLICY COMMITTEE**

*It is recommended to approve items 12.1 as presented. This motion was made by Mr. Fleischman and seconded by Mrs. Helsing.*

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

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

## **BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT**

No Report

## **BEAVER COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY**

Dr. Postupac provided an update of the Beaver County Career & Technology Budget.

## **PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

No Report

## **BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

No Report

## **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

### **Visitors**

Mr. Jones, Patterson Township, spoke on Senate Bill / Act 86: Reimbursement for sharing superintendents.

### **Administration**

Dr. Postupac spoke on the local per capita tax; not all district residents are being bill. The District is working with Berkheimer to develop a solution.

**Solicitor**

Mr. Webster spoke on House Bill 1213; Property tax reform bill.

**School Directors**

Mr. Pander addressed the taxes not being raised.

Mr. Yonkee discussed the budget expenses and revenue as related to needs of the district.

The next scheduled meeting will be June 15, 2017 at Blackhawk High School Library, at 7:00PM.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Kaszer  
Blackhawk School District Board Secretary