

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS WORK SESSION  
Blackhawk High School Library  
March 10, 2016**

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

The meeting was called to order at 7:31PM. Roll Call was taken after the Pledge of Allegiance. Those in attendance were:

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

Mr. Berchtold and Mrs. Jones were absent

Also in attendance were:

- Dr. Kerber – Superintendent
- Mr. Hobie Webster – District Solicitor
- Mr. Noah Sims, Student Representative

Mr. Pander made a motion to approve the minutes from February 11, and 18, 2016. This motion was seconded by Mr. Schaefer.

**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

There was an executive session for personnel matters held on Thursday, March 3 and this evening, March 10, 2016.

Amendments to the Agenda / Approval of the Agenda – No amendments were presented.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Fleischman extended congratulations to the following high school students for being selected Student of the Month for January.

- a. Mason Auman – Little Beaver Lions Club
- b. Roger Diehl – Rotary Club
- c. Alyssa Miles – Chippewa Lions Club

Blackhawk High School presents The Phantom of the Opera, March 11, 12 and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Please support the arts and attend this magical performance. Appreciation is extended to all the parents, teachers, and other volunteers as well as the students who have donated their time and efforts to this production.

Jeff Hackett provided a presentation to the Board regarding an opportunity to partner with the Pittsburgh Penguins with a Filming and Board Casting educational program.

A presentation was made by Frank Yoskowski and Jim Walls, both of ABM, regarding a Facility Management Service. It was noted that this is not custodian outsourcing.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jodi Weister, South Beaver, spoke on items 3.7 Wilke & Associates for a forensic audit on the Highland Middle School Project, 3.5 funds transfer from the Health Care Fund (66) to the Capital Reserve Fund (32) for capital projects. Mrs. Weister also inquired about the Raptor process in place at the school.

Jarrold McCowin, Chippewa Township, spoke on item 3.5 funds transfer from the Health Care Fund (66) to the Capital Reserve Fund (32) for capital projects.

Bob Clendennen, Patterson Township, spoke on the following:

- Committee chairs being identified on the agenda
- 3.5 funds transfer from the Health Care Fund (66) TO THE Capital Reserve Fund (32) for capital projects
- 3.6 General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2016

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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

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: November and January \$0

An information item, Monthly Insurance Report for February.

It is recommended to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Blackhawk Education Association regarding Camp Kon-O-Kwee.

It is recommended to approve a transfer in the amount of \$500,000 from the Health Care Fund (66) to the Capital Reserve Fund (32) for capital projects.

It is recommended to consider the issuance of a series of bonds to be designated the “General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2016” (the “Bonds”) for the purpose of financing capital improvements to School District facilities. In connection therewith, the Board does hereby authorize \_\_\_\_\_, as Investment Banker, Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, as Bond Counsel, and the local Solicitor to begin preparing the documents and performing the tasks required in connection with the structuring, marketing and issuing of the Bonds, provided that, final approval of the issuance of the Bonds requires formal action of Board pursuant to the Local Government Unit Debt Act (including, specifically, the publishing of required notices), as and when appropriate.

It is recommended to contract with Wilke & Associates for a forensic audit on the Highland Middle School Project.

It is recommended to adopt the 2016-17 Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit's General Operating Budget. The Budget totals \$1,796,170. (Exhibit)

#### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

It is recommended to approve a Blackhawk Employee's request for leave beginning on or about May 19, 2016 for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year.

It is recommended to approve a Blackhawk Employee's request for leave beginning on or about April 22, 2016 for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year.

It is recommended to approve Shawn Thornley for substitute custodial work at a rate of \$9.00 per hour pending clearances.

Mrs. Helsing made the motion to approve Michelle Hunt as cafeteria worker at a rate of \$7.50 per hour starting March 14, 2016. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Goehring.

**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

#### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

It is the recommended to approve the 2016-2017 academic calendar as submitted. (Exhibit)

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

- a. FFA (30), Lyndsay Wilcox, Spring CDE's, Lawrence County Fairgrounds, April 7, 2016 (\$175 expenses budgeted).
- b. FFA and Environmental Science (5), Lyndsay Wilcox, Beaver County Envirothon, Brady's Run Park, May 11, 2016 (no expense).
- c. PPS Second Grade (78), Chelsea Haight, Carnegie Natural History Museum, May 11, 2016 (no expense).
- d. PPS First Grade (69), Don Bunney, Carnegie Science Center, April 29, 2016 (no expense).
- e. PPS Kindergarten (66), Jenn Sharek, Children's Museum of Pittsburgh, May 27, 2016 (no expense).
- f. NPS First Grade (105), Jessica Dougherty, Children's Museum of Pittsburgh, May 26, 2016 (no expense).
- g. BHS Orchestra, Music Academy Classes (40), Nate Goodrich, Performance at Chicago Art Museum, May 4-7, 2016 (no expense).
- h. BHS Freshmen Class (90), Joe Verbosky, Phys Ed Field Trip, Brady's Run, April 28, 2016 (\$270 expenses budgeted and collected from students).
- i. K'NEX Afterschool Club (20), Meredith Oliver, K'NEX STEM Challenge, Penn State Beaver, March 22, 2016 (\$155 expenses budgeted).
- j. NPS Kindergarten (100), Mandie Payne, Living Treasures Animal Park, May 6, 2016 (no expense).
- k. Algebra 1 (50), Missy Bender, Engineering Day at Cedar Point, May 13, 2016 (no expense).
- l. AP Students (4), Kim Baker, Penn State Beaver Science Challenge, April 8, 2016 (no expense).
- m. AP English 12 (38) Jarrod McCowin, Pitt CHS Debate Forum, North Allegheny, April 28, 2016 (\$168 expenses budgeted).

## **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE**

No Report

## **ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**

It is recommended to approve the Athletic Department Activity Report for February. (Exhibit)

It is recommended to approve a \$1,000 donation to Blackhawk Area Youth Baseball Association.

It is recommended to contract with Varsity News Network (VNN). (Exhibit)

Congratulations to the Girls Swim Team for qualifying for PIAA State Championships and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the WPIAL Team Championships on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. The Girls 200 Meter Medley Relay Team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the WPIAL Championships and in doing so broke the school record. They now advance to the PIAA State Championships at Bucknell University on March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. The Girls 400 Yard Freestyle Relay Team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the WPIAL Championships. The team members are Erin Bain, Skye Fogle, Caitlyn Peace and Marcella Puglia.

Blackhawk finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in Team Competition in the Midwest Athletic Conference Weight Lifting Competition. Results of the Individual Events are as follows:

- a. Total Weight – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Alex Desmond, 5<sup>th</sup> Place Jacob Naper
- b. Index – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Alex Desmond, 4<sup>th</sup> Place Spencer Hunter
- c. Bench Press – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Alex Desmond
- d. Squat – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Jacob Naper, 5<sup>th</sup> Place Henry Liberty, 7<sup>th</sup> Place Alex Desmond, 10<sup>th</sup> Place Spencer Hunter
- e. Dead Lift – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Alex Desmond, 5<sup>th</sup> Place Carl Jaszcar, 8<sup>th</sup> Place Spencer Hunter

Results for the Bowling Team are as follows:

- a. WPIBL Singles Qualifiers & Regional Singles Qualifiers – Jordan Wright finished 4<sup>th</sup> Place out of 127 Bowlers at the WPIBL Competition. David Par 18<sup>th</sup> best average in the entire WPIBL over the regular season.
- b. WPIBL Singles Qualifiers – David Bibby, Garrett Gilbert, Caleb Wright, Megan Pinkerton and Lindsay McClain.
- c. WPIBL Team Qualifiers & Team Regional Qualifiers – Boys Team (2<sup>nd</sup> Place in section in regular season). Girls Team (2<sup>nd</sup> Place in section in regular season).

The Girls Basketball Team ended their season on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> losing to Villa Maria 57-31. The team had an outstanding season finishing 19-8.

Congratulations to Madison Amalia, she broke Chassidy Omogrosso's Three Point Season Record. The old record was 91, the new record is 93.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON**

Dr. Kerber provided an update on activities in the district. Highlights included:

- Career Readiness
- Meeting with Curriculum Development Committee
- Identify Committees for Consolidation
- Northwestern Renovation
- Emergency Preparedness Exercise – April 13

## **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Mr. Yonkee reported that he met with staff at McCarter's regarding the bus routes to transfer Northwestern students. Moving Kindergarten to Patterson could result in significant increase in transportation costs.

## **FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE**

No Report

## **NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE**

No Report

## **POLICY COMMITTEE**

Informational Item: Second Reading, revision of Policy 006, Meetings.

## **BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT**

It is recommended for the following conferences:

- a. Tara Jones, Attendance Child Accounting Professional Association, Cranberry, April 1, 2016 (\$77 expenses budgeted)
- b. Melanie Kerber, Tara Jones, PDE Data Summit, Hershey, May 22-25, 2016 (\$2,000 expenses budgeted).
- c. Joe Lamenza, Ohio State Football Coaches Clinic, Columbus, OH, April 14-16, 2016 \$974.30 (expenses budgeted).

It is recommended to nominate Bonnie Goehring as representative to the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Board of School Directors.

## **BEAVER COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY**

No Report

## **PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

No Report

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

No Report

### **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

#### **Visitors**

Jodi Weister, South Beaver Township, inquired about an update on the Hockey Team. Mr. Schaefer provided the season record for the Varsity, JV and Middle School Teams.

Mandie Payne, Chippewa Township, spoke on the Story Walk held at BIS and provide her prospective (as a teacher) on the placement of Kindergarten classes at BIS.

Jack Fullen, Patterson Township, addressed his contract.

Bob Clendennen, Patterson Township, spoke regarding the legal responsibility of PlanCon J.

Nicole Gill, Chippewa Township, inquired about the air quality testing at Northwestern, who completed the surface testing also at Northwestern and an update on the headaches of students in room 104.

#### **Administration**

No comments

#### **Student Representative**

Mr. Sims spoke regarding the Senior Trip on the Gateway Clipper. He reported that AP English has been participating in debates at Pitt; out of 40, 4 Blackhawk students made it to the final debate. Mr. Sims offered to assist with the process to select a Student Board Representative for the 2016-17 school year.

#### **Solicitor**

No comments

#### **School Directors**

Mr. Yankee addressed item 3.6, General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2016.

Mr. Pander addressed 3.7, Wilke & Associates for a forensic audit on the Highland Middle School Project.

Mr. Fleischman inquired about the cost of Right-To-Know requests and their purposeful use.

The next meeting will be the Voting Session on March 17, 2016, Blackhawk High School Library, at 7:30PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Kaszer  
Blackhawk School District Board Secretary