

BLACKHAWK SCHOOL DISTRICT
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BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS DECEMBER VOTING SESSION
Blackhawk High School Library
December 14, 2023

Dr. Sprinker called the meeting to order to 7:30pm. Following the pledge of allegiance, roll call was taken. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Shope	Mr. Zachewicz	Mr. VanZalinge	Mrs. Mansell	Mr. Huzyak
Dr. Makoczy	Dr. Sprinker	Mrs. Cline	Mrs. Kalcevic	

Also in attendance:

Dr. Pettigrew – Acting Superintendent
Andrew Woods – Student Representative

BOARD ORGANIZATION

Dr. Sprinker appointed the following individuals as chair persons:

Public Relations and Communications – Rachel Cline

Finance – Matt Shope

Personnel – Andy Huzyak

Education – Adam VanZalinge

Building and Grounds – Mark Zachewicz

Athletics – Matt Shope

Transportation – Lynn Kalcevic

Food Service – Lynn Kalcevic

Negotiations – Rachel Cline

Policy – Adam VanZalinge

Board/Staff Enrichment – Dr. Carol Sprinker

Beaver County Career & Technology – Andy Huzyak

Intermediate Unit –Roberta Mansell

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Reynolds commented about 11.1

Sarah Selby commented on 11.1

Mr. VanZalinge made a motion, Mrs. Cline seconded to amend item 11.2 to read:

Motion to suspend policies 109 and 109.1 from the amended policies to the original policies until further review.

Roll Call Vote yes, Mr. Shope, Dr. Sprinker, Mr. VanZalinge, Mr. Zachewicz, Mrs. Cline

No, Mrs. Mansell, Mrs. Kalcevic, Dr. Makoczy

6 yes, 3 no, Motion Carried

Dr. Sprinker announced items 3.3, 11.1, and 11.2 would not be part of the consent agenda.

Mrs. Cline made a motion, Mr. Shope seconded to approve item 3.3

*3.3 Motion to approve membership with PSBA at a cost not to exceed \$19,937.33.

Roll Call Vote yes, Mr. Shope, Dr. Sprinker, Mr. VanZalinge, Mr. Zachewicz, Mrs. Cline, Mr. Huzyak, Mrs. Kalcevic

No, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell

7 yes, 2 no Motion Carried

Mr. Zackewicz made a motion, Mrs. Cline seconded to approve item 11.1

*11.1 Motion to suspend policy 817 until further review from the administration.

Roll Call Vote yes, Dr. Sprinker, Mr. VanZalinge, Mr. Zachewicz, Mrs. Cline, Mr. Huzyak, Mr. Shope

No, Mrs. Mansell, Mrs. Kalcevic, Dr. Makoczy

6 yes, 3 no Motion Carried

Mr. Zachawicz made a motion, Mr. Huzyak seconded to approve item 11.2

*11.2 Motion to suspend Policies 109 and 109.1, from the amended policies to the original policies until further notice.

Roll Call Vote yes, Mr. VanZalinge, Mr. Zachewicz, Mrs. Cline, Mr. Huzyak, Mr. Shope, Dr. Sprinker

No, Mrs. Kalcevic, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell

6 yes, 3 no Motion Carried

Mrs. Cline made a motion, Mrs. Kalcevic seconded to approve the consent agenda for all items in section 3 through 12 as presented.

*3.1 Approval is recommended for the Financial Report for November. (Exhibit)

*3.2 Motion to approve payment of bills: (Exhibit)

a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$ 662,461.76

b. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$ 49,048.37

Payroll: \$ 1,414,269.04

*3.4 Motion to participate in the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Joint Purchasing Program for the 24-25 school year. (Exhibit)

*3.5 Motion to approve the property tax exemption from The State Veterans Commission dated July 13, 2023.

*3.6 Motion to adopt the Act 1 Resolution which certifies the Board will not increase the 2024-2025 millage at a rate not to exceed the adjusted index 5.1% for Beaver County and 7.1% for Lawrence County established by Pennsylvania Department of Education. (Exhibit)

*4.1 Motion to approve the retirement of Joyce Strickler effective February 15, 2024.

*4.2 Motion to amend Marianne LeDonne retirement date to February 5, 2024.

*4.3 Motion to approve Shayla Landsbaugh as Paraprofessional at a rate of \$15.00 per hour and all benefits according to the BESPAs pending clearances with a start date of January 3, 2024.

*4.4 Motion to approve the resignation of Tanusia Trent, Paraprofessional, effective immediately.

*5.1 Motion to approve the following Field Trips: (Exhibit)

a. Fifth Grade (184), Camp Kon-O-Kwee Spencer, Amy Anderson, Fombell, May 13-16, 2024 \$54,854.24 expenses budgeted. (Presentation 12/14/2023)

b. Senior Class (150), Senior Trip, Joy Winters, Sandusky Ohio, May 24, 2024, no expense.

c. Band (18), Beaver County Band, Brandon Tambellini, Ambridge High School, January 5, 2024 \$450 expenses budgeted.

d. Tri-M Officers and Seniors (11), Tri M to HMS, Maura Saint, January 22, 2024 no expense.

e. HMS Travel Club (45), Cleveland Cavaliers Game, Mr. Hanna, January 17, 2024, Cleveland OH, no expense

f. Chess Club (15), Beaver County Chess Tournament, Meredith Wilkinson, HMS, March 4, 2024 \$150 expenses budgeted.

g. Academic Games (30), Theme and Current Events, Meredith Wilkinson, HMS, January 25, 2024, \$300 expenses budgeted.

h. Jazz Band/Orchestra (75+), BIS, PPS, Maura Saint, December 20 and 21, 2023, \$300 expenses budgeted.

- *5.2 Motion to approve Title 1 Nonpublic Programs and Services with Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit. (Exhibit)
- *5.3 Motion to modify the HMS student calendar to make May 17, 2024 a Flexible Instruction Day for 5th grade students. On this day, there will be a scheduled 4th Grade Orientation.
- *7.1 Motion to approve the resignation of Chandler Kincade.
- *7.2 Motion to accept resignation of Middle School Track Assistant, Sarah Secules.
- *7.3 Motion to approve Nate Sarver as Pool Tech.
- *7.4 Motion to approve Gretchen Logan as Patterson Bus Supervisor.
- *7.5 Motion to approve the resignation of Kyle Braddock as Volleyball Assistant Coach effective immediately.
- *8.1 Motion to approve the updated driver list from McCarter's. (Exhibit)
- *8.2 Motion to approve updates to McCarter's bus schedule.
- *12.1 Motion to approve the following Conferences: (Exhibit)
 - a. Michael Simon, Three Rivers Educational Technology, South Fayette, January 15, 2024 \$235. expenses budgeted.
 - b. Ryan Hardesty, Title 1 Improving School Conference, Pittsburgh, February 25, 2024 \$150 no expense.
 - c. Ryan Hardesty, University of Pittsburgh Keynote and Workshop, March 12-13, 2024, \$225 expenses budgeted.
 - d. Dana Cox, Barb Mallozzi, Amy Muslin, Meredith Wilkinson, Melinda Haddox, Wes Chismar, A.I. For Educators, BVIU, January 9, 2024, \$695 expenses budgeted.
 - e. HMS Math Teachers, Open Ended Responses PSSA, Zoom, January 23, 2024 no expense

9 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Barb Brown commented on Zoom access to the board meetings

Tracey Shaffer thanked the board for clarifying policy 817 and suggested an "age appropriate" phrase or parent opt in our out during registration for policy 109.

Mr. VanZalinge thanked Mrs. LeDonne for her educational service and congratulated her.

Dr. Sprinker commended the student's servant attitude

Dr. Pettigrew announced there would be an executive session on Monday, December 18, 2023.

Mrs. Kalcevic made a motion, Mr. Huzyak seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM

Verbal Vote 9 yes, 0 no Motion Carried