

BLACKAHWK SCHOOL DISTRICT
500 BLACKHAWK ROAD
BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS DECEMBER REORGANIZATION MEETING
Blackhawk High School Library
December 7, 2023

Judge Richard Mancini administered the oath of office for the newly elected member of the Blackhawk School District Board of School Directors. Following the pledge of allegiance, roll call was taken. Those in attendance were:

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| Mr. Shope | Mr. Zachewicz | Mr. VanZalinge | Mrs. Mansell |
| Dr. Makoczy | Dr. Sprinker | Mrs. Cline | |

Also in attendance:

Dr. Pettigrew – Acting Superintendent
Andrew Woods – Student Representative

Not in attendance: Mrs. Kalcevic and Mr. Huzyak

BOARD ORGANIZATION

Dr. Sprinker made a motion, Mrs. Cline seconded to appoint Dr. Pettigrew as Temporary Chairperson until after the selection of the 2024 Board President.

Verbal Vote 7 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

Dr. Pettigrew called the meeting to order at 7:40PM.

Dr. Pettigrew opened nominations for President for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Cline nominated Dr. Sprinker

Mrs. Mansell nominated Dr. Makoczy

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

Roll Call Vote for Dr. Makoczy: Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell

5 Dr. Sprinker, 2 Dr. Makoczy

Dr. Pettigrew announced Dr. Sprinker has been elected President for the ensuing year.

Dr. Sprinker opened nominations for Vice President for the ensuing year.

Mr. Zachawicz nominated Mrs. Cline

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

7 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

Dr. Sprinker announced Mrs. Cline has been elected Vice President for the ensuing year.

Dr. Sprinker opened nominations for Board Secretary for the ensuing year.

Mr. Zachewicz nominated Mr. VanZalinge

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

7 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

Dr. Sprinker announced Mr. VanZalinge has been elected Board Secretary for the ensuing year.

Dr. Sprinker opened nomination for Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Cline nominated Mr. Shope

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

7 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

Dr. Sprinker announced Mr. Shope has been elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Dr. Makoczy made a motion, Mrs. Cline seconded to approve item 1.11

*1.11 Election of School Solicitor: Approval is recommended for the District to appoint Dillon McCandless King Coulter & Graham L.L.P. to provide services as a School Solicitor on an as-needed basis for the 2024 calendar year at an hourly rate of \$190 and \$500 per meeting.

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

7 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

Mrs. Cline made a motion, Mr. VanZalinge seconded to approve item 1.12

*1.12 Election of Physician: Approval is recommended for Dr. Hagberg, Physician, be elected to provide or oversee the student physical examinations for the coming year. He will be compensated at the rate of \$25 per student physical examination and \$30 per pre-employment physical.

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

7 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

Mr. Shope made a motion, Mr. Zachewicz seconded to approve item 1.13

*1.13 Election of School Dentist: Approval is recommended for Dr. Logan be elected to the position of school dentist for the coming year. He will be compensated at the rate of \$10.00 per student examination.

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

7 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

Mr. VanZalinge made a motion, Mrs. Cline seconded to approve item 1.14

*1.14 Work Sessions and Voting Meetings of the Board of School Directors for 2024: Approval is recommended for the following dates for public Work Sessions and Voting Meetings of the Board of School Directors during 2024. All meetings will be held at the Blackhawk High School Library at 6:30PM unless otherwise advertised.

Work Sessions/Voting Meetings:

January 11, 25

February 8, 22

March 14, 21

April 11, 25

May 9, 23

June 13, 27

July 18

August 8, 22

September 12, 26

October 10, 24

November 14

December 5 (Reorganization)

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

7 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

Mrs. Cline made a motion, Mr. Zachewicz seconded to approve item 1.15

*1.15 Newspaper of General Circulation: Approval is recommended to designate The Beaver County Times as the newspaper of general circulation to be used for official notices.
Roll Call Vote yes, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Shope, Dr. Sprinker, Mr. VanZalinge, Mr. Zachewicz, Mrs. Cline

7 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

Mr. Zachewicz made a motion, Mr. VanZalinge seconded to approve item 1.16

*1.16 Facsimile Signatures: Approval is recommended to authorize the Solicitor to file with the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania a request for permission to use facsimile signatures.
Roll Call Vote yes, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Shope, Dr. Sprinker, Mr. VanZalinge, Mr. Zachewicz, Mrs. Cline

7 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

Mr. VanZalinge made a motion, Mrs. Cline seconded to approve item 1.17

*1.17 Depositories of School Funds: Approval is recommended for the following depositories of school funds:

- A. Wells Fargo
- B. PLGIT
- C. PSDLAF
- D. Bank of America
- E. Blackhawk Federal Credit Union
- F. First National Bank
- G. Zion Bank

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

7 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

Mrs. Cline made a motion, Mr. Zachewicz seconded to approve item 1.18

*1.18 Investments of School Funds: Approval is recommended that the following depositories be used for investments:

- A. WesBanco
- B. Wells Fargo
- C. PLGIT
- D. PSDLAF
- E. Citizens Bank
- F. Bank of America
- G. Blackhawk Federal Credit Union
- H. PNC Bank
- I. First National Bank
- J. First Commonwealth Bank
- K. Huntington Bank

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

7 yes 0 no Motion Carried

Mrs. Mansell made a motion, Mr. VanZalinge seconded to approve item 1.19

*1.19 Approval of November Minutes.

Verbal Vote, 7 yes, 0 no, Motion Carried

Dr. Sprinker made a motion, Mrs. Cline seconded to adjourn the Reorganization portion of tonight's meeting at 7:48pm (item 1.20)

Verbal Vote, 7 yes, 0 no, Motion Carried

Dr. Sprinker called the Work Session to order at 7:49pm

Mrs. Cline made a motion, Mr. Shope seconded to approve item 1.21

*1.21 Motion to approve advertising for School Solicitor.

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

No, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell

5 yes, 2 no, Motion Carried

Andrew Woods reported on Academic Games, Veteran's Day Breakfast, Sculpture Gingerbread House Competition, and other before Christmas events. He also congratulated the new board members.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Amy Rorick welcomed the new board members on behalf of BEA

John Battaglia commented on item 1.14 and the start time

Rick Sobona commented on superintendent search

Leslie Benedetto welcomed the new board members and audience, thanked the board for solicitor search, and commented on business manager position

Michele Hiler welcomed the new board members

Mr. VanZalinge made a motion, Mrs. Cline seconded to approve item 4.1

*4.1 Motion to approve the following custodial substitutes at a rate of \$15 per hour pending clearances:

a. Amy Corona

b. Zachary Groves

Verbal Vote, 7 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Melissa Ziegler welcomed the new board members, thanked the board for putting PSBA on the agenda
Dr. Vandecoevering thanked the board for the new start time and commented on the selection of a new solicitor.

Barb Brown welcomed the new board members .

Keri Hupp thanked the board for their respect from the table and conversation.

Mr. VanZalinge thanked the previous board members for the service and asked for Policies 109, 109.1 and 817 that were approved in October to be suspended until further review by the board and administration. Dr. Pettigrew stated he would put them on the agenda for the Voting Session.

Dr. Sprinker thanked the district administration and staff for their hard work and asked Andrew Woods to let the students know how proud the school board was of all the students for all their success.

Mr. VanZalinge made a motion, Mrs. Cline seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 PM

Verbal Vote 7 yes, 0 no Motion Carried