

BLACKHAWK SCHOOL DISTRICT
500 BLACKHAWK ROAD
BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING
Blackhawk High School Library
December 16, 2021

Mr. Morrison called the Session to order at 7:30PM. Following the pledge of allegiance, roll call was taken. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Jones	Mr. Yonkee	Mr. Battaglia	Mrs. Kalcevic	Mrs. Mansell
Mr. Huzyak	Dr. Makoczy	Mrs. Cline	Mrs. Helsing	

Also in attendance:

Dr. Postupac – Superintendent

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jack Manning spoke about 6.1 and the positive impact Jakes Way would have on the community and county.

Jarrold McCowin commented on 4.1 and 6.1

Jane Ann Fucci asked the process for hiring the solicitor, and hiring procedures

Amy Sling commented on solicitor candidates and item 5.1

Gwen DeLuca commented on July 15, 2021 Board Meeting and 5.1

Ken Kross (Jakes Way) spoke about the commerce that their organization would bring to the community

Barb Brown spoke about 5.1

Ashley Bennet spoke about 5.1

Clint Davies spoke about 5.1 and elected officials

Neil Morrison spoke about 4.1

Pam Hupp spoke about 4.1, 5.1, and 6.1

Sarah Selby spoke about item 5.1

Scott Nelson spoke about 5.1

ORGANIZATION

Dr. Makoczy made a motion, Mrs. Kalcevic seconded to approve 1.5

1.5 Approval is recommended for the District to appoint Dillon McCandless King Coulter & Graham L.L.P. to provide services as a School solicitor, effective December 16, 2021 and for the 2022 calendar year at an hourly rate of \$190.

Roll Call Vote yes, Mrs. Cline, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Huzyak, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Kalcevic, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Yonkee, Mr. Battaglia

9 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dr. Makoczy made a motion, Mrs. Helsing seconded to approve item 3.1

3.1 Approval is recommended to accept parcel 58-101-0203-006-1 owner's request to forgive the school district tax penalty, and to accept the face value.

Roll Call Vote yes, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Huzyak, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Kalcevic, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Yonkee, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline

9 yes 0 no, Motion Carried

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Cline made a motion, Mr. Jones seconded to amend item 4.1

(Original) 4.1 Consideration and possible repudiation of the extension of the Superintendent contract adopted by the previous board.

(Motion) It is recommended to repudiate the extension of the Superintendent contract adopted by the previous board.

Roll Call Vote yes, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Cline

No, Mrs. Kalcevic, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Yonkee, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Huzyak

2 yes, 7 no, Motion Failed

Mrs. Helsing made a motion, Mrs. Mansell seconded to authorize and direct the solicitor to prepare a legal opinion regarding the possible repudiation of the extension of the Superintendent contract adopted by the previous board on July 15, 2021.

Roll Call Vote yes, Mr. Huzyak, Mrs. Kalcevic, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Yonkee, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Helsing

No, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Cline

7 yes, 2 no Motion Carried

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Kalcevic made a motion, Mrs. Helsing seconded to amend the Health and Safety Plan to allow parental choice for masking at any Covid 19 county transmission level.

Roll Call Vote yes, Mrs. Kalcevic, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Yonkee, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Huzyak

No, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline, Mrs. Jones

6 yes, 3 no Motion Carried

BUILDING AND GROUNDS/ REAL ESTATE

Mr. Battaglia made a motion and Mrs. Kalcevic seconded to authorize the solicitor to postpone the petition of the private sale of Northwestern Primary School property and to provide an opinion to repute prior action to sell subject property.

Roll Call Vote yes, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Yonkee, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Helsing, Mrs. Kalcevic

No, Mrs. Cline, Mr. Huzyak, Mr. Jones

6 yes, 3 no Motion Carried

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

Dr. Makoczy made a motion, Mr. Battaglia seconded to approve item 7.1

7.1 Approval is recommended to hire Corbet Kichta as a Volunteer Varsity Wrestling Coach pending clearances.

Roll Call Vote yes, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Yonkee, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Huzyak, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Kalcevic, Dr. Makoczy

9 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

POLICY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Kalcevic made a motion, Mr. Huzyak seconded to amend policies 006. and 610, and adopt a new hiring policy (300). First Reading of all three will be provided at the January 13, 2022 Work Session.

Roll Call Vote yes, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Huzyak, Mrs. Kalcevic, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Yonkee

No, Mrs. Cline, Mr. Jones

7 yes, 2 no Motion Carried

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Michaleen Ensworth spoke about the sale of Northwestern, rescinding the Superintendents contract and agenda preparation without administration.

Barb Brown questioned streaming guidelines

Sean McGarvey supported Jakes Way organization

Gwen DeLuca asked about legality issue

Rob Puskas asked about the Health and Safety Plan Communication

Kelly from Chippewa asked the board to consider wellness above politics

Scott Nelson spoke about the hiring process

Amy Anderson reported on the upcoming PAMLE Conference at HMS

Attorney Jordan Shuber and Tom King thanked the board and assured that all information would be shared with all board members.

Mr. Yonkee asked about ESSER funds to update /renovate BIS HVAC

Mrs. Cline commented on board actions

Dr. Makoczy spoke about training costs, bond ratings, and bond refinancing

Mrs. Kalcevic made a motion Ms. Mansell seconded to adjourn the Special Meeting at 10:39PM

Verbal Vote, 9 yes, 0 no Motion Carried