

BLACKAHWK SCHOOL DISTRICT  
500 BLACKHAWK ROAD  
BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS FEBRUARY VOTING SESSION  
Blackhawk High School Library  
February 16, 2023

Dr. Makoczy called the Session to order at 7:57PM. Following the pledge of allegiance, roll call was taken. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Battaglia	Mr. Huzyak	Mrs. Deluca	Mrs. Mansell (ZOOM)
Mr. Jones	Mrs. Cline	Dr. Makoczy	Mrs. Helsing

Also in attendance:

Dr. Postupac – Superintendent	Aidan Thellman – Student Representative
Jordan Shuber- Solicitor	

Not in attendance: Mrs. Kalcevic

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Buck Brown asked about policies regarding board approval for volunteer coaches and the district hiring procedures.

Leslie Benedetto asked about school and student safety and commented on the lack of paraprofessionals and nurse paraprofessionals.

Matt Shope commented on the benefits of being on a sports team

Brenna Boyd commented on safety for both students and coaches and working together as a board not as an individual.

Bob Pander asked about a letter that was being distributed by the public

Dr. Makoczy read emails from the boy's soccer team players

Mrs. Cline asked the solicitor the rules regarding adding a motion.

#### **Mrs. Cline made a motion, Mr. Jones seconded to amend the agenda and add items 7.4**

7.4 Motion to open the positions of head coach and assistant coach for the Men's high school soccer team and to post immediately with a deadline of all applications to be received by March 17, 2023. All applications will be submitted to the district central office and then distributed to the high school and central office administration for review and scheduling of interviews.

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

No, Mrs. Deluca, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Huzyak, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Battaglia

**2 yes, 6 no, Motion Failed**

#### **Mrs. Cline made a motion, Mr. Jones seconded to amend the agenda and add item 1.6**

1.6 Motion to relieve Frank Makoczy of his duties of school board president and will cease communicating with outside entities, administration, or other staff in that capacity effective immediately.

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

No, Mrs. Deluca, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Huzyak, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline

**2 yes, 6 no, Motion Failed**

**Mrs. Deluca made a motion, Mr. Huzyak seconded to table item 5.3**

5.3 Motion to approve the BHS 2023-2024 Program of Studies as presented.

Roll Call Vote yes, Mr. Huzyak, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Deluca, Mrs. Helsing  
No Mr. Jones, Mrs. Cline

**6 yes, 2 no Motion Carried**

**Dr. Makoczy made a motion, Mrs. Deluca seconded to approve the consent agenda for all items section 3 through 12 as presented.**

3.1 Motion to approve payment of bills:

a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$995,033.35

b. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$42,418.56

Payroll: \$1,257,120.52

3.2 Motion to approve the MOU with Patterson Police Department as presented.

4.1 Motion to approve Heather McGee as Special Education Teacher effective date to be determined, Step 19 Masters, \$55,662.00, and all benefits according the BEA pending clearances.

5.1 Motion to approve the following field trip requests:

a. AP Biology (12), Open Heart Surgery Observation, Anita Mensch, Allegheny General Hospital, March 31, 2023 \$500 expenses budgeted.

b. Band (6), PMEA District Band, Brandon Tambellini, Slippery Rock University, February 9-11, 2023 \$1,410 expenses budgeted.

c. Jazz Band (3), PMEA District Jazz Band, Brandon Tambellini, Slippery Rock University, February 17-18, 2023 \$950 expenses budgeted.

d. BHS Student Council (18), PASC Regional Conference, Addison Young, Union Area High School, March 20, 2023 \$150 budgeted.

e. Patterson Kindergarten (50), The National Avery, Jenn Sharek, Pittsburgh, May 8, 2023 No cost.

f. Highland Middle School Creative Writing Club (13), Creative Writing Club Writing Games, Dana Cox, March 7, 2023, \$150 expenses budgeted.

g. Highland Middle School Enrichment (7), "What's So Cool About Manufacturing?" Tim Linkenheimer, February 23, 2023 \$75 expense budgeted

h. Patterson Primary Second Grade (52), Carnegie Natural History Museum, Chelsea Haight, May 5, 2023 no expense

i. Seventh and Eighth Grade Band (5) Junior High District Band. George Hoydich, Hopewell High School, March 28, 2023 \$250 expenses budgeted.

j. Fifth Grade and High School Ambassadors (185), Biztown, Sami Hanna, Bridgeville, May 8 and 9, 2023, \$2,366 expenses budgeted

k. Seventh and Eighth Grade Enrichment (15), National History Day Competition, Meredith Oliver, Westminster, March 9, 2023 \$480 expenses budgeted.

l. Fifth and Sixth Grade Chorus Fest (13), Chorus Fest, Mikaela Kalmar, Hickory High School, April 14, 2023, \$1,086 expenses budgeted.

m. Patterson First Grade (51), Discover Science, Shawna Terry, Carnegie Science Center, May 11, 2023, no expense

n. Career Readiness Preparation (36), Who Works the River, Brandon Smith, Pittsburgh, April 20, 2023 \$800 expenses budgeted.

o. Journalism and Art Club (45), Washington D.C. Trip, Joy Winters, April 4, 2023, \$1,300 expenses budgeted.

p. Fourth Grade Academic Games (28), Fourth Grade Equations, Michael Simon, New Brighton, March 23, 2023, \$178 expenses budgeted.

q. Fourth Grade Math 24 (6), Fourth Grade Math 24, Michael Simon, Penn State Beaver, no expense.

r. Orchestra (3), PMEA Western Region Orchestra, Lisa Orr, State College, March 8-10, 2023 \$1,300 expenses budgeted.

s. Journalism Club (10), PSPA Writing, Joy Winters, Penn State University, March 30, 2023, \$300 expenses budgeted.

5.2 Motion to approve the Student Placement Agreement In Lieu of Expulsion for student #23033 and Blackhawk School District.

5.4 Motion to approve the 2023-2024 Academic Calendar.

5.5 Motion to approve the Metro Ethernet & Internet Service Order Agreement from DQE Communications.

5.6 Motion to renew Software as a Service agreement with Skyward for a three year term effective July 1, 2023 with no increase to the district license fees.

6.1 Motion to approve the Beaver Falls Water Authority request to temporarily place Water Storage on Blackhawk property.

6.2 Motion to approve the Cintas Agreement and Addendum for a three year term.

7.1 Motion to approve Sydney Migliore as Assistant Middle School Volleyball Coach. (Supplemental Contract \$1,943.40)

7.2 Motion to approve is recommended to hire Matt Pleso as Winter Guard volunteer pending clearances.

8.1 Motion to approve the updated driver list from McCarter's.

12.1 Motion to approve the following Conferences:

a. Ryan Hardesty, PATOY – Keynote Speaker, West Chester, PA, February 24, 2023, \$150 expenses budgeted

b. Leah Lindemann, Kim Baker, PA School Librarians Association Conference, Harrisburg, March 30-April 1, 2023, \$1,640 expenses budgeted.

c. Marianne LeDonne, PAFPC Annual Conference, Poconos, April 16-19, 2023, \$2,000 expenses budgeted.

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

**8 yes, 0 no Motion Carried**

#### **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

Mr. Ford commented on the class scheduling timeline by tabling the Program of Studies (5.3)

**Mr. Battaglia made a motion, Mrs. Cline seconded to amend the agenda and place 5.3 back on the agenda**

5.3 Motion to approve the BHS 2023-2024 Program of Studies as presented.

Roll Call Vote yes, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline, Mrs. Deluca, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Huzyak, Mr. Jones (Mrs. Mansell Zoom connection lost)

**7 yes, 0 no Motion Carried**

**Mr. Jones made a motion, Mrs. Cline seconded to approve item 5.3**

Roll Call Vote yes, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline, Mrs. Deluca, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Huzyak, Mr. Jones (Mrs. Mansell Zoom connection lost)

**7 yes, 0 no Motion Carried**

Mr. Hayward announced Bocci clinched playoffs

Mrs. Cline thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, gave her reasons for being a school board member, asked candidates to step up and run for school board.

**Dr. Makoczy adjourned the meeting at 9:00PM**