

BLACKHAWK SCHOOL DISTRICT  
500 BLACKHAWK ROAD  
BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS FEBRUARY VOTING SESSION  
Blackhawk High School Library  
February 17, 2022

Dr. Makoczy called the Session to order at 8:00PM. Following the pledge of allegiance, roll call was taken. Those in attendance were:

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

Also in attendance:

Dr. Postupac – Superintendent, Attorney Jordan Shuber- Solicitor

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Vivian Funkhouser commented on item 7.1

Neil Morrison recognized Jim Cox for his E-rate work, and the handling of items 4.1, 6.1 and 7.1

Leslie Benedetto commented on items 4.1, 6.1 and 5.2

Jarrold McCowin commented on item 4.1

JaneAnn Fucci commented on 5.2 changes and 4.1

Barb Brown commented on 4.1 and 4.3

Paul Heckathorn commented on 4.3

**Dr. Makoczy made a motion, Mrs. Helsing seconded to approve items 3.1 through 3.4**

3.1 Approval is recommended for the payment of bills:

- a. Fund 10 – General Fund:\$574,144.34
  - b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund:\$1,250.00
  - c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund:\$46,722.60
- Payroll: \$1,256,599.98

3.2 Approval is recommended to authorize Christin Leahy, duly appointed to be the tax collector in Patterson Township, to also collect school district taxes in Patterson Township subject to approval of a bond at its current level of \$1 million and consistent with its other existing terms.

3.3 Approval is recommended for the Repository Tax Sale of parcel #58-102-0128-000 in Beaver County.

3.4 Approval is recommended to accept the Category 1 e-rate RFP submitted by DQE Communications for a managed lit fiber connection between Blackhawk High School/Highland Middle School and Blackhawk High School/Blackhawk Intermediate School for a 3-year term at a pre-erate cost of \$ 2,245 per month (\$1,122.50 after an approximate 50% discount).

Roll Call Vote yes, Mrs. Cline (3.1-3.3), Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Huzyak, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Kalcevic, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Yonkee, Mr. Battaglia  
Abstain; Mrs. Cline (3.4)

**9 yes, 0 no (3.1-3.3) Motion Carried**

**8 yes, 1 abstain (3.4) Motion Carried**

**Mr. Battaglia made a motion, Mrs. Kalcevic seconded to remove item 4.1**

4.1 Approval is recommended to revise the Facilities Director's employment status to at-will.

Verbal Vote

**9 yes, 0 no Motion Carried**

**Mrs. Helsing made a motion, Mrs. Kalcevic seconded to approve items 4.2 and 4.3**

4.2 Approval is recommended to authorize the solicitor to continue to engage the PSEA to resolve a grievance subject to final board approval.

4.3 Approval is recommended to appoint Kathy Jo Beverly as Business Manager effective March 21, 2022, at a salary of \$115,000 contingent upon the execution of a mutually acceptable employment contract.

Roll Call Vote yes, Mr. Huzyak, Mr. Jones (4.2), Mrs. Kalcevic, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Yonkee, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline (4.2), Mrs. Helsing

No, Mrs. Cline (4.3), Mr. Jones (4.3)

**(4.2) 9 yes, 0 no Motion Carried**

**(4.3) 7 yes, 2 no Motion Carried**

**Mrs. Kalcevic made a motion, Mrs. Cline seconded to approve items 5.1 through 5.3**

5.1 Approval is recommended for the Blackhawk K-12 Guidance Plan as required by PDE.

5.2 Approval is recommended for the BHS 2022-2023 Program of Studies as presented.

5.3 Approval is recommended for biannual newsletter starting October of 2022 with solicitor review not to exceed \$7,000.

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

**9 yes, 0 no Motion Carried**

**Mr. Battaglia made a motion, Mrs. Helsing seconded to approve items 6.1 and 6.2**

6.1 Approval is recommended to authorize the solicitor to prepare an Amended Petition for Private Sale and an Amended Agreement of Sale with Jake's Way with a purchase price of \$200,000 and any other mutually acceptable terms. The Board President and Secretary are authorized to execute the Amended Agreement of Sale on behalf of the Board.

6.2 Approval is recommended to employ Donald Landsbaugh as Utilities Technician at a rate of \$20.08 per hour and all benefits according to the BESPAs effective March 7, 2022 pending clearances.

Roll Call Vote yes, Mrs. Kalcevic, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Yonkee, Mr. Battaglia (6.2), Mrs. Cline, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Huzyak, Mr. Jones

No, Mr. Battaglia, (6.1)

**(6.1) 8 yes, 1 no Motion Carried**

**(6.2) 9 yes, 0 no Motion Carried**

**Dr. Makoczy made a motion, Mrs. Helsing seconded to approve items 7.1 through 7.12**

7.1 Approval is recommended to appoint Perry Pander as Boys Soccer Head Coach for the 2022-2023 season at a rate of \$4,977.

7.2 Approval is recommended to accept the resignation of Jordan Lyles, Freshman Football Coach effective immediately.

7.3 Approval is recommended to accept the resignation of Nathan Lindner, Head Middle School Softball Coach effective immediately. Nathan will remain as a volunteer coach for the Varsity Softball Team.

7.4 Approval is recommended to appoint Eric Franitti as High School Track Coach for the 21-22 season at a rate of \$3,199.50.

7.5 Approval is recommended to appoint Bernie Hysong as Head Coach for Middle School Softball for the 21-22 season at a rate of \$1,753.80

7.6 Approval is recommended to appoint Chris Wilomet as volunteer Middle School Softball Assistant Coach for the 21-22 season.

7.7 Approval is recommended to appoint Nicole Griner as High School Assistant Track Coach for the 21-22 season at a rate of \$3,199.50.

7.8 Approval is recommended to appoint Nate Lindner as volunteer Softball Coach for the 21-22 season.

7.9 Approval is recommended for Andrew Rodenbeck for the position of volunteer Boys Tennis Coach for the 21-22 season.

7.10 Approval is recommended for Ken Moser for the position of volunteer Boys Tennis Coach for the 21-22 season.

7.11 Approval is recommended for Ryan Verlihay for the position of volunteer Varsity Baseball Coach for the 21-22 season.

7.12 Approval is recommended for Ryan DeSanzo for the position of Assistant Varsity Softball Coach for the rate of 2,133.00.

Roll Call Vote yes, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Yonkee, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline (7.2-7.12), Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Huzyak, Mr. Jones (7.2-7.12), Mrs. Kalcevic

No, Mrs. Cline (7.1), Mr. Jones (7.1)

**(7.1) 7 yes, 2 no Motion Carried**

**(7.2-7.12) 9 yes, 0 no Motion Carried**

**Mr. Battaglia made a motion, Mrs. Helsing seconded to approve item 8.1**

8.1 Approval is recommended for the updated McCarter's bus and van driver list.

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**

**Mrs. Kalcevic made a motion, Mr. Battaglia seconded to approve item 11.1**

11.1 Approval is recommended to update for the following policy updates:

- a. 006 Meetings
- b. 610 Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation
- c. 404 Employment of Professional Employees
- d. 903 Public Participation

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

No, Mrs. Cline (c., d.), Mr. Jones (c., d.)

**(11.1a., b.) 9 yes, 0 no Motion Carried**

**(11.1c., d.) 7 yes, 2 no Motion Carried**

#### **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

Neil Morrison recognized the Student Representative and her educational goals.

Gwen DeLuca asked a question regarding a grant.

JaneAnn Fucci commented on the lack of student education content during the meetings.

Connie Thorton congratulated the Board for doing a good job.

Leah Pisano commented on transparency and the hiring process for the Business Manager.

Tracy Shiffer questioned a bus route and Bonnie Goehring provided an explanation.

Vivian Funkhouser asked about vaccination requirements.

Darrin Fleischman thanked everyone for their support and introduced the Utilities Technician.

Zack Hayward announced the Swim Team clinched the section Championship tonight

Rick Ford announced Spiro Nellis, CTC student received a \$15,000 scholarship.

Attorney Shuber thanked Jim Cox, Amy Anderson, and Missy Delmonico for work with the district and read a letter written by Mr. Yonkee stating his resignation from the School Board.

Mr. Yonkee thanked the district, Mrs. Mansell thanked Mr. Yonkee for his service.

Mr. Battaglia commented on a support position for the IT Department.

Dr. Makoczy read a Facebook post authored by Barb Brown accusing the current board majority of forcing a baseball coach to resign. Rick Ford and Zack Hayward set the record straight.

**Mrs. Helsing made a motion, Mrs. Kalcevic seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:45PM**

**Verbal Vote 9 yes, 0 no Motion Carried**