

BLACKAHWK SCHOOL DISTRICT
500 BLACKHAWK ROAD
BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS FEBRUARY VOTING SESSION
Blackhawk High School Library
February 22, 2024

Dr. Sprinker called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. 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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sarah Selby commented on item 1.10

Dr. Makoczy made a motion, Mrs. Mansell seconded to table item 1.8

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

No, Dr. Sprinker, Mrs. Cline, Mr. VanZalinge, Mr. Shope, Mr. Zachewicz, Mrs. Kalcevic

3 yes, 6 no, Motion Failed

Mrs. Cline made a motion, Mr. Zachewicz seconded to approve item 1.8

*1.8 Motion to appoint Strassburger McKenna Gutnick & Gefsky to provide services as a School Solicitor, effective February 23, 2024 at a monthly retainer of \$9,000.

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

No, Mr. Huzyak, Mrs. Mansell, Dr. Makoczy

6 yes, 3 no, Motion Carried

Mr. Shope made a motion, Mrs. Cline seconded to approve item 1.9

*1.9 Motion to approve the Consent and Waiver of Conflict of Interest.

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

No, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Huzyak

6 yes, 3 no, Motion Carried

Mrs. Kalcevic made a motion, Mrs. Cline seconded to approve item 1.10

*1.10 Motion to approve Dillon McCandless King Coulter & Graham to serve as special counsel for certain defined pending matters, in particular: two personnel cases as needed, the Norfolk Southern litigation, the Juul litigation, the Altria litigation, and the pending Social Media cases.

Roll Call Vote yes, Mrs. Kalcevic, Dr. Sprinker, Mrs. Cline, Mr. VanZalane, Mr. Shope, Mr. Huzyak, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Zachewicz

9 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

Mr. Huzyak made a motion, Mr. Zachewicz seconded to add items 3.3 through 7.18 to the consent agenda.

3.3 Motion to approve the tax assessment from Beaver Valley Golf Club, Inc.(Exhibit)

4.5 Motion to approve Melissa Mortimer as Custodian, at a rate of \$19.23 per hour and all benefits according to BESPAs beginning February 23, 2024.

4.6 Motion to appoint Dr. Johannah Vanatta to the position of District Superintendent of the Blackhawk School District commencing on or before July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2028 with an annual salary of \$170,000 and accordance with the negotiated contract of employment, section 1071 of the Public School Code, pending clearances.

5.1(n). Best Buddies (15), Unified Bocce Playoffs, Dianne Sarver, Geneva College, March 6, 2024 \$338 expenses budgeted.

5.7 Motion to approve the Educational Services agreement with Holy Family.

7.8 Motion to approve the resignation of Dave Woods JV Baseball Coach.

7.9 Motion to approve the resignation of Lindsay Shansky Varsity Cheer Head Coach.

7.10 Motion to approve the resignation of Megan Detka Freshman Cheer Head Coach.

7.11 Motion to approve the resignation of Paige McClain MS Cheer Head Coach.

7.12 Motion to approve Kelly Selick as Volunteer MS Softball Coach, pending clearances.

7.13 Motion to approve Jenn Schwartzel as Volunteer MS Softball Coach, pending clearances.

7.14 Motion to approve Rody Schwartzel as Volunteer MS Softball Coach, pending clearances.

7.15 Motion to approve Erica St. Espirit as Volunteer MS Softball Coach, pending clearances.

7.16 Motion to approve Tyler Summers a MS Football Coach, pending clearances and supplemental contract \$2,450.

7.17 Motion to approve Noah Imler as Assistant MS Football Coach, pending clearances and supplemental contract \$2,185.40

7.18 Motion to approve the Clay Target Team as a club sport at Blackhawk School District at a cost of \$0 for the 2024 season.

Roll Call Vote yes, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell, Mrs. Kalcevic, Mr. Huzyak, Mr. Zachewicz, Mr. Shope, Mr. Vanzalinge, Mrs. Cline, Dr. Sprinker

9 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

Mrs. Cline made a motion, Mr. VanZalinge seconded to approve all items in section 3 through 12 as presented.

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

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

a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$1,051,061.10

b. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$48,467.03

Payroll: \$1,294,155.13

*3.3 Motion to approve the tax assessment from Beaver Valley Golf Club, Inc. (Exhibit)

*4.1 Motion to accept Paige Ensworth's resignation as part time cafeteria worker effective February 9, 2024 and place her on the cafeteria substitute list at a rate of \$9.38 per hour.

*4.2 Motion to approve Prosoft employee #2151 for FMLA beginning on or about April 26, 2024 until the end of the school year.

*4.3 Motion to approve Jennifer Vanucci as ELA Teacher beginning February 26, 2024 at a salary of \$56,302 Step 19, Masters, and all benefits according to BEA pending clearances.

*4.4 Motion to approve Prosoft employee #779 FMLA beginning December 11, 2023 through February 15, 2024.

*4.5 Motion to approve Melissa Mortimer as Custodian, at a rate of \$19.23 per hour and all benefits according to BESPAs beginning February 23, 2024.

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annual salary of \$170,000 and accordance with the negotiated contract of employment, section 1071 of the Public School Code, pending clearances.

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

- a. Eighth Grade (40), Career and Technical Center Tour, Sami Hana, BCCTC, March 26, 2024 \$200 expenses budgeted
- b. BHS Accounting Classes (15), Business/Accounting Competition, Kelli Ambler, Geneva College, April 18, 2024 \$400 expenses budgeted.
- c. Eighth Grade (130), Washington D.C. Trip, Ryan Hardesty, May 10-12, 2024 no district expense
- d. BIS Kindergarten (115), Carnegie Science Center, Jenn Sharek, May 3, 2024 no district expense
- e. Seventh and Eighth Grade Band (9), District 5 Jr. High Band Festival, George Hoydich, Seneca Valley, March 26, 2024, \$750 expenses budgeted
- f. FFA (18), Career Development Events, Lyndsay Wilcox, Lawrence County, March 8, 2024, \$185 expenses budgeted.
- g. FFA (9), Public Speaking, Lyndsay Wilcox, New Wilmington, March 20, 2024, \$190 expenses budgeted.
- h. FFA (6), State Legislative Leadership Conference, Lyndsay Wilcox, March 24-26, 2024, \$910.00 expenses budgeted.
- i. FFA (30), Area CDE's, Lyndsay Wilcox, Mercer County, April 19, 2024, \$653 expenses budgeted.
- j. FFA (9), Public Speaking, Lyndsay Wilcox, Enon Valley, April 22, 2024, \$168 expenses budgeted.
- k. Gifted Support (4), National History Day, Jeff Tripodi, Westminster, March 12, 2024 \$348 expenses budgeted.
- l. HMS Travel Club (40), Titanic and Tubes, Sami Hanna, Carnegie Science Center, February 29, 2024 \$300 expenses budgeted.
- m. PPS Second Grade (45), Carnegie Museum of National History, Abby Sheffler, April 12, 2024 no expense.
- n. Best Buddies (15), Unified Bocce Playoffs, Dianne Sarver, Geneva College, March 6, 2024 \$338 expenses budgeted.

*5.2 Motion to approve a foreign exchange student for the 2024-2025 school year at the High School.

*5.3 Motion to approve the BHS 2024-2025 Program of Studies as presented.

*5.4 Motion to approve the following Blackhawk Foundation Grants:

- a. Mr. Rodenbeck – Scholastic Science World Magazine \$275
- b. Mrs. Omogrosso – Soft Starts in the Classroom \$425
- c. Mrs. Bonnar – Get America Singing \$412.39
- d. Mrs. Campagna – Boost Reading \$480.00
- e. Mrs. Leiper – Boost Reading \$417.71
- f. Ms. Peterson – State Drawing Tablets \$489.90
- g. Mrs. Sharek – Phonics Readers \$500
- h. Mrs. Moon – Fly Fishing Club \$500

*5.5 Motion to extend the Metro Ethernet & Internet Service Order Agreement from DQE Communications. (Exhibit)

*5.6 Motion to renew Ocularis Camera License by Dagastino at a cost of \$5,569.38.

*5.7 Motion to approve the Educational Services agreement with Holy Family. (Exhibit)

*6.1 Motion to approve Ray Hall Plumbing to replace the catch basin and affected piping at Patterson Primary School at a cost of \$4,335.00. (Exhibit)

*6.2 Motion to approve A.G. Mauro Company to replace the Women's Locker Room, Men's Locker Room and Vo-Ag Doors at a cost of \$21,345. (Exhibit)

*7.1 Motion to approve Bruce Davidson as Assistant Football Coach, pending clearances and supplemental contract \$4,655.

*7.2 Motion to approve James Carbone as First Assistant Football Coach, pending clearances and supplemental contract \$5,537.

- *7.3 Motion to approve Greg Ottaviani as Assistant Football Coach, pending clearances and supplemental contract \$4,655.
- *7.4 Motion to approve Nicolas Ottaviani as Freshman Football Coach, pending clearances and supplemental contract \$3,773.
- *7.5 Motion to approve Nathan Glasser as Assistant Freshman football coach, pending clearances and supplemental contract \$3,332.
- *7.6 Motion to approve Woodrow Hughes as Assistant Freshman Football Coach, pending clearances and supplemental contract \$3,332
- *7.7 Motion to approve Mario Borello as Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach pending clearances.
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- *8.1 Motion to approve the updated driver list from McCarter's. (Exhibit)
- *8.2 Motion to approve updates to McCarter's bus schedule.
- *11.1 Motion to approve the following policies:
 - a. Policy 201 Admission of Students (update)
 - b. Policy 217 Graduation Requirements (update)
 - c. Policy 011 Principles for Governance and Leadership (New Policy)
- *12.1 Motion to approve the following Conferences: (Exhibit)
 - a. Ryan Verlihay, High-Level Math Tasks and Multi-Step Problems and Fractions for 3-6, February 13, 2024, BVIU, \$175 expenses budgeted.
 - b. Dale Moll, ITEEA National Conference, Memphis, March 6-9, 2024, \$450 expenses budgeted.
 - c. Tara Jones, PIMS Data Summit, Hershey, March 11-13, 2024, \$1,226 expenses budgeted.

9 yes, 0 no (except 3.3) Motion Carried

7 yes, 2 abstain (3.3) Motion Carried

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Tracy Shaffer, commented on transportation double runs and asked that it be part of the transportation contract

Phyllis VanZalinge commented on the BIS playground surface

Barb Brown commented on professional, respectful meeting

Sarah Selby corrected her previous comment—1.8 instead of 1.10

Andrew Woods welcomed the new superintendent

Jodi Borroni spoke for administration and welcomed Dr. Vanatta to the district

Amy Rorick and Michele Hiler welcomed the new superintendent

Dr. Sprinker welcomed the new solicitor

Mrs. Mansell commented on Andrew Woods participating in HomeTime IQ and the team

Mr. VanZalinge commented on the boards commitment to students

**Mrs. Kalcevic, Mrs. Cline seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm
Verbal Vote 9 yes, 0 no Motion Carried**

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

**Mrs. Mansell made a motion, Mr. Shope seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM
Verbal Vote 8 yes, 0 no Motion Carried**