

**BLACKHAWK SCHOOL DISTRICT  
500 BLACKHAWK ROAD  
BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010**

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS FEBRUARY WORK SESSION  
Blackhawk High School Library  
7:30PM  
Thursday, February 9, 2023**

**AGENDA**

**1. BOARD ORGANIZATION**

- 1.1 Call to Order
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.3 Roll Call
- 1.4 The purpose of videotaping a meeting is for public information. The opinions expressed by any member of the public do not necessarily reflect the view or opinion of the Blackhawk School District Board of School Directors and are solely that of the speaker. The Blackhawk School District Board of School Directors hereby expressly disclaims any and all responsibility or liability for any false, defamatory or slanderous statements expressed by the speaker. Any unauthorized re-broadcasting of any video, audio or still image of the video recording of the meeting is strictly forbidden without the written permission of the Blackhawk School District Board of School Directors.
- \*1.5 Approval of January Minutes
- 1.6 Student Representative Report – Aidan Thellman
- 1.7 There was an executive session prior to tonight’s meeting for personnel matters.

**2. PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Rachel Cline (Chairperson)

- 2.1 Blackhawk is very proud of our student’s achievements and we encourage the extracurricular activities that happen in each grade. Please visit each school’s website for updates and happenings in our buildings including holiday events and concerts.
- 2.2 Congratulations to the following students for being selected Student of the Month for February:
  - a. Rotary Club – Grace Banks
  - b. Chippewa Lions – Bronwyn Zoppelt

c. Little Beaver Lions Club – Caleb Farone

Presentation – Rob Puskas

Presentation – Jim Riggio

Presentation – Ryan Hardesty

**THE PUBLIC HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD AT THIS TIME.**

**3. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Dr. Frank Makoczy (Chairperson)

**Motion to approve items 3.1 through 3.2**

3.1 Motion to approve payment of bills: (Exhibit)

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 purchase safety and security equipment in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be stored at the district.

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

**4. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Kathy Helsing (Chairperson)

**Motion to approve item 4.1 through 4.11**

\*4.1 Motion to approve the retirement of Chris Yingling, Head Custodian, effective April 5, 2023.

\*4.2 Motion to approve the retirement of Theresa Taylor, Nurse Paraprofessional, at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

\*4.3 Motion to approve the resignation of Rachele DeFrank, Special Education Teacher, effective date to be determined.

\*4.4 Motion to approve the following Prosoft Employees for FMLA:

a. #1127 (Intermittent)

b. #525 (Intermittent)

\*4.5 Motion to approve Christine Cipolla as Head Custodian for Blackhawk Intermediate School effective February 6, 2023 at a rate of \$23.66 per hour.

\*4.6 Motion to approve Nanine Karpinski as Head Custodian for Highland Middle School effective April 3, 2023 at her current hourly rate.

- \*4.7 Motion to approve Lily Scruci as Head Cook at Patterson Primary School effective February 6, 2023 at her current hourly rate.
- \*4.8 Motion to approve Paige Ochman as part time Cafeteria Worker at a rate of \$10.38 per hour and all benefits according to the BESPAs effective February 10, 2023 pending clearances.
- \*4.9 Motion to approve Abigail Rieder as part time Cafeteria Worker at a rate of \$10.38 per hour and all benefits according to the BESPAs effective February 13, 2023 pending clearances.
- \*4.10 Motion to approve Jodi Frederick as Cafeteria Substitute at a rate of \$9.38 per hour pending clearances.
- \*4.11 Motion to approve Heather Dougherty as part time Cafeteria Worker at a rate of \$10.38 per hour and all benefits according to the BESPAs effective February 13, 2023 pending clearances.
- 4.12 Motion to approve \_\_\_\_\_ as Special Education Teacher effective \_\_\_\_ Step \_\_ , and all benefits according to the BEA pending clearances.

## **5. EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Lynn Kalcevic (Chairperson)

### **Motion to approve item 5.1 through 5.5**

- 5.1 Motion to approve the following field trip requests: (Exhibit)
  - 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.

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

5.4 Motion to approve the 2023-2024 Academic Calendar. (Exhibit)

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

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.

\*5.7 Motion to approve the Student Placement Agreement in Lieu of Expulsion for student #23287 and Blackhawk School District.

## **6. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE**

John Battaglia (Chairperson)

### **Motion to approve item 6.1 through 6.2**

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.

- 6.3 Motion to approve the NPDES Notice of Termination Application to the Beaver County Conservation District. As part of the application package, we have to file an ‘Instrument for the Declaration of Restriction and Covenant’s’ for the Post Construction Stormwater Management (PCSM) Best Management Practices (BMP’s) that were permitted for the project with the Beaver County Recorder of Deeds pending solicitor review.
- 6.4 Informational Item: Miller Piping is requesting the use of the district as a place to dump soil from their current project
- 6.5 Informational Item: The sale of 2 air compressors which were salvaged from Northwestern.

**7. ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**  
 Dr. Frank Makoczy (Chairperson)  
**Motion to approve items 7.1 through 7.2**

- 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.
- 7.3 Congratulations to Brandon Fuss Cheatham for being selected to the Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame.
- 7.4 Congratulations to Ben Rawding on being selected to the Mercyhurst Sports Hall of Fame.

**8. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
 John Battaglia (Chairperson)  
**Motion to approve item 8.1**

- 8.1 Motion to approve the updated driver list from McCarter’s. (Exhibit)

**9. FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE**  
 Lynn Kalcevic (Chairperson)

No Report

**10. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE**  
 Roberta Mansell (Chairperson)

No Report

**11. POLICY COMMITTEE**

Lynn Kalcevic (Chairperson)

No Report

**12. BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT**

Rachel Cline (Chairperson)

**Motion to approve items 12.1**

- 12.1 Motion to approve the following Conferences: (Exhibit)
- 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.

**13. BEAVER COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY**

Dan Jones (Chairperson)

- 13.1 Congratulations to the following SkillsUSA Members for placing at District 8 Competition. First place students are eligible to compete at the state level in Hershey during the month of April.
- a. Devon Puglia, Carpentry (1<sup>st</sup> Place)
  - b. Kyle Stollenwerk, Electrical (1<sup>st</sup> Place)
  - c. Rebekah McCandless, Culinary Arts (3<sup>rd</sup> Place)
- 13.2 Congratulations to the following students for placing in the DECA District 2 Conference:
- a. Aiden Karnis, Logistics/Materials Management 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
  - b. Eric Stone, Logistics/Materials Management 4<sup>th</sup> Place

**14. INTERMEDIATE UNIT**

Kathy Helsing (Chairperson)

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

- A. Administration
- B. Solicitor
- C. School Directors
- D. Next Meeting—February 16, 2023 7:30PM.
- E. Adjournment
- F. Executive Session following for personnel and negotiation issues.