

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS VOTING SESSION
Highland Middle School LGI Room
February 19, 2015**

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 In an effort to conserve costs and respect the environment, we will not be using paper agendas in the future. The agenda will be posted on the website. Please print your copy prior to attending the meeting. The agenda will also be projected on the screen in the meeting room.
- 1.6 There was an executive session for personnel matters prior to the Voting Session.

**2. PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS
Dean Fleischman, Chairperson**

Presentation by Lyndsay Wilcox and Vo-Ag students.

- 2.1 Congratulations to Jeff Tripodi, high school gifted teacher, for being this year's recipient of the Roy A. Hunt Foundation Award for Commitment to Education in the Arts and Humanities for 2015. This award is given annually to one Pittsburgh-area teacher who demonstrates excellence in incorporating the arts into his student's learning experience.

- 2.2 Congratulations to Jack Whalen, he earned first chair at Regional Band this past weekend, and will be attending the All-State Festival at the end of March in Hershey.
- 2.3 Congratulations to Noah Schiemer, Haley Brightwell, Noelle Hughes, Jack Whalen, Michelle Myers and Aleena Milinski who qualified and performed in the District 2,3,5 Orchestra Festival on February 6th at Hickory High School in Hermitage, PA. As a result of their chair auditions at District 2,3,5 Orchestra Festival, the following students were chosen for Regional Orchestra (the eastern half of Pennsylvania) to be held March 12-15 in Erie, Pennsylvania: Noelle Hughes, Noah Schiemer, Aleena Milinski, and Jack Whalen.
- 2.4 Congratulations to Mariah Aquino, third grade student. Mariah received a Great Lakes Region Travel Award to attend the 2015 Advocacy Summit in Washington, DC, in March. Mariah and her family will be visiting Capitol Hill to represent the more than 50 million Americans living with arthritis.
- 2.5 Condolences to the Raab family, former Blackhawk High School Teacher, Harry Raab, passed away February 1, 2015.
- 2.6 Condolences to the McCarter family, Jon McCarter passed away Wednesday and arrangements are set for this weekend. Jon was a longtime friend and partner with the district for over 40 years.

THE PUBLIC HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD AT THIS TIME ON AGENDA ITEMS.

**3. FINANCE COMMITTEE
Ken Yonkee, Missy Kaszer, Co-Chairperson**

- *3.1 Approval is recommended to accept the Financial Report for January. (Exhibit)
- *3.2 Approval is recommended for the payment of bills. (Exhibit)
 - a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$601,680.08
 - b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund: \$625.00
 - c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$77,322.58
 - d. Fund 66 – UPMC Health Fund: \$1,066.00
 - e. Fund 67 – UPMC Dental: \$15,097.50
 - f. Fund 68 – UPMC Vision: \$3,659.00
 Payroll: January \$985,309.51
- 3.3 Informational Item: Monthly Insurance Report for January. (Exhibit)

- *3.4 Approval is recommended to appoint Pam Kromka as Blackhawk School District authorized representative to make request upon and receive any and all tax information and records from Berkheimer, relative to the collection of taxes for official purposes only. (John Frombach is also an authorized requestor per January Board approval). (Exhibit)
- *3.5 Approval is recommended for Resolution 02192015 regarding the appointment of the Business Manager as Primary Voting Delegate for the BCTCC, Beaver County Tax Collection Committee. (Exhibit)
- *3.6 Approval is recommended to contract with NaviGate for security systems in each school building at no cost.
- *3.7 Approval is recommended to increase the Right To Know, Open Record Fees. (Exhibit)
- *3.8 Approval is recommended to authorize the Administration to work with Public Financial Management, as Financial Advisor, Dinsmore & Shohl LLP as Bond counsel, _____ as Underwriter and the local Solicitor in conjunction with issuance of the General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2015, for the purpose of advance refunding the School District's General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2012 with a minimum net savings target of \$271,000.

4. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
Perry Pander, Kathy Helsing, Co-Chairpersons

- *4.1 Approval is recommended for the following substitutes:
 - a. Ian Taylor
 - b. Angela Ringling
 - c. Mary Kay Jones
 - d. Corinne Pinchotti
 - e. Amanda Prugar
 - f. Lala Babayeva
 - g. James DeLadesmo
 - h. Mandy Miller
 - i. Brittany Simpson
- *4.2 Approval is recommended for Jamie Planitzer to use 31 sick days beginning on or about April 10, 2015 until May 28, 2015.
- *4.3 Approval is recommended to employ Kirsten Stitsel as Athletic Secretary at a salary of \$35,000 per year plus benefits (approximately \$23,905) effective March 2, 2015.
- *4.4 Approval is recommended to honor Theresa Bollinger's request for unpaid leave on March 6 and 9, 2015.

- *4.5 Approval is recommended to accept the resignation of Brittany Simpson, BIS paraprofessional effective February 9, 2015.
- *4.6 Approval is recommended to employ Kevin Whipple as Assistant Head Custodian at Blackhawk High School at a rate of \$17.20 per hour plus the building Assistant Head Custodian stipend of \$.74 per hour, effective March 9, 2015.
- *4.7 Approval is recommended to hire Michelle Markusic as full time custodian for Blackhawk High School at a rate of \$14.80 per hour plus benefits (approximately \$37,331.92 per year).

5. EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Tory Aquino, Ken Yonkee, Co-Chairpersons

- *5.1 Approval is recommended for the following field trips: (Exhibit)
 - a. PRIDE (4), Tracy Yowler, Community Based Instruction, local community, February 20, 2015. (Expenses collected from other)
 - b. 8th Grade (200), Ryan Hardesty, 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip, Spring 2016 (date to be determined). (Expenses collected from students)
 - c. NPS Kindergarten (110), Mandie Payne, OH Wow! Science Center, Youngstown, May 29, 2015. (Expenses collected from other)
 - d. 5th Grade Students (9), Krsten Neeley, District 5 Chorus Fest, Grove City College, March 6, 2015 (\$324 Expenses budgeted)
 - e. Applied Engineering and Technology (10), Brandon Smith, Westinghouse Tour, Cranberry, February 27, 2015. (\$182 Expenses budgeted)
 - f. FFA (5), Lyndsay Wilcox, State Legislative Leadership Conference, Harrisburg, March 15-17, 2015. (\$150 expenses budgeted and collected from students)
 - g. 5th grade BIS Buddies (28), BIS Buddies and The Science Olympiad, Gina Gordon, Northwestern Primary, May 15, 2015. (\$140 Expenses budgeted)
 - h. Second Grade (110), Second Grade Teachers, Carnegie Museum of Art and Natural History, Pittsburgh, May 18 and 26, 2015. (\$1,256 expenses collected from PTO)
 - i. Math Students (10), Dave Hanlon, Penn State Beaver Math Competition, March 24, 2015. (no expense)
 - j. Music Academy (23), Maura Underwood, Pittsburgh Symphony Rehearsal, Heinz Hall, February 27, 2015. (\$200 expenses budgeted and collected from students)
 - k. PPS Kindergarten (69), Jenn Sharek, Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, May 22, 2015. (\$1,166 expenses collected from PTO)
 - l. AP Computer Science (8), Kelli Ambler, Westminster HS Programming Contest, Westminster, March 9, 2015. (\$253 expenses budgeted)
 - m. Men of Concert Choir (5), Maura Underwood, Men’s Chorus Festival, Westminster College, March 19, 2015. (expenses collected from students)
 - n. Senior Class (50 per day), Diane Huston, Camp Kon-O-Kwee, April 14, 15, 16, 2015. (expenses budgeted and collected from students)

- o. English & Library (11/9), Chris Lantzy, Leah Lindemann, YSU English Festival, April 22 & 23, 2015. (\$256 expenses budgeted and collected from student)
 - p. HMS PRIDE (4), Tracy Yowler, Community Based Instruction, McDonalds, Movie Theatre, March 17, 2015. (expenses collected from other)
 - q. BHS Orchestra (4), Nate Goodrich, Western Region Orchestra, Erie, March 12, 2015. (\$400 expenses budgeted)
- *5.2 Approval is recommended of Jennifer Custer, Geneva student to intern with Bob Abel, elementary guidance counselor for Spring semester, 2015.

6. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE
Perry Pander, Chairperson

No Report

7. ATHLETICS COMMITTEE
Dean Fleischman, Tory Aquino, Co-Chairperson

- *7.1 Approval is recommended to appoint Olesia Stasko as the assistant softball coach for the 2014-15 school year at a salary of \$2,010.24
- *7.2 Approval is recommended to appoint Charles Gussett as the middle school softball coach for the 2014-15 school year at a salary of \$1,652.86
- *7.3 Approval is recommended to appoint James Riggio as a volunteer softball coach for the 2014-15 school year.
- *7.4 Approval is recommended to appoint T.J. Lambert as volunteer boys' baseball coach for the 2014-15 school year.
- *7.5 Approval is recommended to appoint Frank Campagna as volunteer boys' baseball coach for the 2014-15 school year.
- *7.6 Approval is recommended to appoint Katherine Singletary as assistant middle school track coach for the 2014-15 school year at a salary of \$2,903.68
- *7.7 Approval is recommended to appoint Mike Arbogast as head middle school track coach for the 2014-15 school year at a salary of \$2,903.68.
- *7.8 Approval is recommended to honor the request of Joe Hamilton, Football Head Coach, for retirement effective January 20, 2015. Coach Hamilton will remain equipment manager for the football team until June 30, 2015.
- *7.9 Approval is recommended to appoint Cory Schmidt as head coach of the middle school swim team for the 2014-15 school year at a salary of \$2,188.

*7.10 Approval is recommended to appoint Mary Ann Miller as a volunteer coach for the middle school swim team for the 2014-15 school year.

*7.11 Approval is recommended for Michael Turconi, ninth grade student, to be moved from the freshmen baseball team to the varsity baseball team for the 2014-15 season.

**8. ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON
Lance Rose, Chairperson**

Informational Item: Dr. Kerber, Educational Report

**9. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Paul May, Missy Kaszer, Co-Chairpersons**

No Report

**10. FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE
Paul May, Chairpersons**

No Report

**11. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE
Lance Rose, Chairperson**

No Report

**12. POLICY COMMITTEE
Matt Young, Chairperson**

12.1 Informational Item: Second reading of revised Policy 610, Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation.

12.2 Informational Item: Second reading of revised Policy 404, Employment of Professional Employees

12.3 Informational Item: Second reading of revised Policy 405, Employment of Substitute Professional Employees

12.4 Informational Item: Second reading of revised Policy 504, Employment of Classified Employees

12.5 Informational Item: Second reading or revised Policy 505, Employment of Substitute and Short-Term Employees

13. BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT

Matt Young, Chairperson

- *13.1 Approval is recommended for the following conferences:
- a. Chris Lantzy, Meet the Rigorous Common Core Standards for Writing, Coraopolis, March 23, 2015 (\$239 expenses budgeted)
 - b. Gina Gordon, IUP – School Counselor Professional Development Day, Indiana, PA, February 27, 2015. (\$87.40 expenses budgeted)
 - c. Gina Gordon, LuAnne Maginness, Danielle Bailey, Kelley Engle, Amy Anderson, PSSA Administration Training Sessions, BVIU, March 10, 2015. (no expense)
 - d. Lou Wolber, Recertification PA-DMV End of Course Skills Test, Butler, March 4, 2015. (no expense)
 - e. Gina Gordon, Geneva College Advisory Board, Geneva, March 6, 2015. (no expense)
 - f. Christy Desselle, Sound Management: It’s About Time, BVIU, February 20, 2015. (no expense)
 - g. Melanie Kerber, PA Association of School Business Officers, March 10-13, 2015. (\$711.04 expenses budgeted)
 - h. Dianne Sarver, Special Olympics Aquatics Meet, New Brighton, April 10, 2015. (no expense)
 - i. Football coaches, Coach of the Year Clinic, Greentree, February 27- Mar 1, 2015. (\$1,395 expenses budgeted)
 - j. Dave Zaccari, PMEA All-State Conference Workshop, Hershey, March 25-28, 2015. (\$814.50 expenses budgeted)
 - k. Krystal Kier, Sound Management: It’s About Time, BVIU, February 20, 2015. (no expense)
 - l. Lyndsay Wilcox, CTE Safety Institute, State College, March 6, 2015. (no expense)
 - m. Nate Goodrich, Western Region Orchestra, Erie, March 12, 2015 (\$500 expenses budgeted)

14. VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Dean Fleischman, Chairperson

No Report

15. PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Dean Fleischman, Chairperson

No Report

16. BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Lance Rose, Chairperson

No Report

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- A. Visitors
- B. Administration
- C. Solicitor
- D. School Directors
- E. Next Meeting—March 12, 2015, Highland Middle School LGI room,
7:30PM.
- F. Adjournment
- G. Executive Session, if needed.