

BLACKAHWK SCHOOL DISTRICT
500 BLACKHAWK ROAD
BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS JANUARY WORK/VOTING MEETING
Via ZOOM
January 14, 2021

Mr. Morrison called the Session to order at 7:12PM via the Zoom platform. Following the pledge of allegiance, roll call was taken. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Jones	Mrs. Cline	Mr. Heckathorn	Mr. Battaglia	Dr. Makoczy
Mr. Morrison	Mr. Yonkee	Mrs. Ziegler	Mrs. Helsing	

Also in attendance:

Dr. Postupac – Superintendent Amanda Jewell – Solicitor
Nate DiBenedetto – Business Services
Student Representative – Alaina Cline

**Mr. Battaglia made a motion, Mrs. Ziegler seconded to approve December Minutes
Verbal vote; 9 yes, 0 no Motion Carried**

Mrs. Ziegler made a motion, Mr. Yonkee seconded to amend the agenda and add item 3.7
3.7 Approval is recommended to increase the Teacher Substitute rate to \$150.00 per day beginning on January 15, 2021 for the remainder of the 2021 school year.

Verbal vote; 9 yes, 0 no, Motion Carried

Dr. Makoczy made a motion, Mr. Yonkee seconded to amend the agenda and add 5.1

5.1 Approval is recommended to return to school in a hybrid model on January 19th if the County Covid incident rate per 100,000 on January 15 is equal to or less than the January 8th county rate of 388.6 per 100,000.

Roll call vote; yes, Mrs. Helsing, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Yonkee, Mr. Heckathorn
No, Mr. Jones, Mr. Morrison, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline

4 yes, 5 no, Motion Failed

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Cline made a motion, Mrs. Ziegler seconded to approve items 3.1 through 3.3, and 3.7

3.1 Approval is recommended for the Financial Report for December.

3.2 Approval is recommended for the payment of bills for January:

a. Fund 10 – 711,250.57

b. Fund 32 – \$29,390.20

c. Fund 51 – \$10,618.05

Payroll: \$1,214,491.32

3.3 Approval is recommended to adopt the Act 1 Resolution which certifies the Board will not increase the 2021-22 millage at a rate not to exceed the adjusted index (3.9%) as calculated by PDE (2.652 mills Beaver County) (.8424 mills Lawrence County).

3.7 Approval is recommended to increase the Teacher Substitute rate to \$150.00 per day beginning on January 15, 2021 for the remainder of the 2021 school year.

Roll Call Vote yes; Mr. Jones, Dr. Makoczy (3.1, 3.2, 3.7), Mr. Morrison, Mr. Yonkee, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline, Mr. Heckathorn, Mrs. Helsing

No, Dr. Makoczy (3.3)

9 yes, 0 no (3.1, 3.2, 3.7) Motion Carried

8 yes, 1 no (3.3) Motion Carried

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Helsing made a motion, Mrs. Cline seconded to approve items 4.1 through 4.4

4.1 Approval is recommended to grant retirement to the following teachers at the end of the 20-21 school year:

- a. Krsten Neeley
- b. Jeanne Herr

4.2 Approval is recommended for Rhonda Rankin, paraprofessional, to be employed as custodian at a rate of \$17.98 per hour and all benefits according to the BESPA effective January 4, 2021.

4.3 Approval is recommended for ProSoft Employee #2143 to use FMLA beginning on or about January 26, 2021 until on or about March 29, 2021.

4.4 Approval is recommended for Kimberly Marcus, Psychologist, to complete special education testing as needed until March 29, 2021 at the below cost:

- a. Full Special Education Evaluations- \$600
- b. Re-Evaluation Reviews- \$100
- c. Gifted Evaluations- \$400
- d. Functional Behavior Assessments - \$100

Roll call vote yes; Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Yonkee, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline, Mr. Heckathorn, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Jones

9 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

Mr. Heckathorn made a motion, Mr. Battaglia seconded to approve times 7.1 and 7.2

7.1 Approval is recommended to accept the resignation of Mike Stoner as Head Girls Middle School Softball coach effective immediately.

7.2 Approval is recommended to add Middle School Cheer (grades 7-8) as an athletic program for the 2021-2022 school year with the anticipated coaching salaries of \$1,896.00 Head Coach and \$1,659.00 Assistant Coach.

Roll call vote; yes, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Yonkee, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline, Mr. Heckathorn, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Jones, Dr. Makoczy

9 Yes, 0 no Motion Carried

Dr. Makoczy stepped out of the meeting at 9:23PM

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Battaglia made a motion, Mr. Jones seconded to approve item 9.1

9.1 Approval is recommended for the updated McCarter's bus and van driver list as presented.

Roll call vote; yes, Mr. Yonkee, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline, Mr. Heckathorn, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Jones, Mr. Morrison

8 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

POLICY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Ziegler made a motion, Mr. Heckathorn seconded to approve item 12.1

12.1 Approval is recommended to update and implement the following policies per PSBA pending solicitor review:

- a. Policies 222, 323, 707 Tobacco and Vaping Products
- b. Policy 203 Immunizations and Communicable Diseases
- c. Policy 209 Health Examinations/Screenings
- d. Policy 113.1, 113.2, 113.4 Special Education Cyclical Compliance Monitoring
- e. Policies 122, 123, 123.2 Sudden Cardiac Arrest and Electrocardiogram Testing
- f. Policy 251 Homeless Student
- g. Policy 314 Physical Examination
- h. Policy 340 Responsibility for Student Welfare
- i. Policy 705 Facilities and Workplace Safety
- j. Policy 904 Public Attendance at School Events
- k. Policy 907 School Visitors

Roll call vote; yes, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline, Mr. Heckathorn, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Jones, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Yonkee, Mrs. Ziegler

8 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

BOARD STAFF ENRICHMENT

Mrs. Helsing made a motion, Mr. Heckathorn seconded to approve item 13.1

13.1 Approval is recommended to appoint the following committee chairpersons:

- a. Public Relations Committee- Melissa Ziegler
- b. Financial Committee- Rachel Cline
- c. Personnel Committee- Kathy Helsing
- d. Education Committee- Ken Yonkee, Kathy Helsing
- e. Buildings and Grounds Committee- John Battaglia
- f. Athletics Committee- Ken Yonkee, Paul Heckathorn
- g. Administration Liaison - Paul Heckathorn
- h. Transportation - Neil Morrison, John Battaglia
- i. Food Service Committee- Rachel Cline
- j. Negotiations Committee - Dan Jones
- k. Policy Committee- Melissa Ziegler
- l. Board Staff Enrichment - Kathy Helsing
- m. Beaver County Career & Technology - Dan Jones
- n. Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit - Dan Jones
- o. PSBA Legislative Committee – Rachel Cline

Roll call vote; yes, Mrs. Cline, Mr. Heckathorn, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Jones, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Yonkee, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia

8 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

Dr. Makoczy returned to the meeting at 9:30PM

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Alaina Cline commented on in-person rehearsals for the musical following safety protocol.

Mr. Yonkee and Mr. Heckathorn asked the Board to consider naming the football field after Joe Hamilton.

Mr. Jones made a motion, Mrs. Ziegler seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:41PM

Verbal Vote, 9 yes, 0 no; Motion Carried

