

BLACKHAWK SCHOOL DISTRICT
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BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS JANUARY VOTING SESSION
Blackhawk High School Library
January 25, 2024

Dr. Sprinker called the meeting to order at 6:45pm. Following the pledge of allegiance, roll call was taken. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Shope	Mr. Zachewicz	Mr. VanZalinge	Mrs. Mansell
Dr. Makoczy	Dr. Sprinker (phone)	Mrs. Cline	Mrs. Kalcevic

Also in attendance:

Dr. Pettigrew – Acting Superintendent
Andrew Woods – Student Representative

Not in attendance:

Mr. Huzyak

PUBLIC COMMENT

Amy Rorick welcomed Mr. Puskas on becoming the Middle School Principal, and thanked Mr. Bosco for support during the search. She also thanked the teachers that are retiring this year.
Beth Dewhart (Beaver County Educational Trust), commented on mini grants and other services

Mr. VanZalinge made a motion, Mr. Shope seconded to add items 4.6-4.10, and 5.2 to the consent agenda.

4.6 Motion to increase the custodial summer help hourly rate to \$15.00.

4.7 Motion to approve Amber Aley as custodian (currently paraprofessional) at a rate of \$19.23 per hour beginning January 29, 2024 with all benefits according to BESP.A.

4.8 Motion to approve Marianne LeDonne as Substitute Curriculum Director at a rate of \$426.92 per day on an as needed basis beginning February 6, 2024.

4.9 Motion to approve Rob Puskas as Middle School Principal at a salary of \$100,000 beginning January 29, 2024.

4.10 Motion to approve Melissa Hall as substitute cafeteria worker at a rate of \$9.38.

5.2 Motion to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf.

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

8 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

Mr. Shope made a motion, Mr. Zachewicz seconded to approve the consent agenda for all items in section 3 through 12 as presented.

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

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

a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$712,476.46

b. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$34,025.28

Payroll: \$ 1,310,305.99

*3.3 Motion to approve Reno Bros Contractor Application for Payment in the amount of \$11,981.00.

*3.4 Motion to renew Amasti Lease Agreement at a monthly rate of \$446 for a 62 month term. Pricing remains the same from previous lease. (Exhibit)

*4.1 Motion to approve the retirement of the following Teachers at the end of the 2023-24 school year:

- a. Gretchen Veri
- b. Leslie Kunkel
- c. Darlene Martin
- d. Dianne Sarver
- e. George Hoydich

*4.2 Motion to approve the resignation of Jeff Shaffer, System Administrator, effective February 16, 2024.

*4.3 Motion to approve the resignation of Lauren Crow, Teacher, effective February 29, 2024.

*4.4 Motion to approve Prosoft employee #2395 for FMLA beginning March 4, 2024 until May 28, 2024.

*4.5 Motion to approve Prosoft employee #789 for FMLA beginning January 15, 2024.

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

a. PRIDE (24), Unified Trampoline Park, Tracy Yowler, Elevate Trampoline Park, February 2, 2024 \$709.00 expenses budgeted.

b. HMS (16), Beaver County Battle of the Books, Barb Mallozi, Penn State Beaver, May 9, 2024 \$600 expenses budgeted.

c. Second Grade (150), Carnegie Science Center, Laurel Brest, April 12, 2024 no expense.

d. KNEX Club (8), KNEX STEM Meeting, Meredith Wilkinson, BVIU, April 15, 2024, \$150 expenses budgeted.

e. Guidance (20), Youth Ambassadors Program, Mia Gantz, CCBC, January 24, 2024. \$150 expenses budgeted.

f. Eleventh Grade PE (100), PE Field Trip, Susan Alviani, Sims Bowling Lanes, March 15, 2024, \$826 expenses budgeted.

g. Tenth Grade PE (150), PE Field Trip, Jamie Planitzer, Urban Air, February 23, 2024 \$916 expenses budgeted.

h. Ninth Grade PE (140), PE Field Trip, Sue Alviani, Brady's Run, May 17, 2024 \$826 expenses budgeted.

j. Orchestra (3), PMEA District Orchestra, Lisa Orr, Hickory High School, February 7-9, 2024 \$1,050 expenses budgeted.

k. Chorus (18), PMEA District 5 Elementary, Mikaela Kalmar, Grove City, April 14, 2024, \$1,388 expenses budgeted.

l. HMS Youth Ambassadors (30), Beaver County Youth Ambassadors, CCBC, February 14, 2024 \$200 expenses budgeted.

m. Tenth Grade (45), BCCTC Visitation, Andrew Yuhaniak, February 22, 2024 expenses budgeted.

n. FFA (8), Dinner with Dolly Floral Competition, Lyndsay Wilcox, Derry Area High School, January 17, 2024 \$150 expenses budgeted

o. YAP (5), Youth Peer Support, Mia Gantz, BVIU, February 21, 22, 28, 29, 2024, \$600 expenses budgeted.

p. Student Council (50), Puttshack Pittsburgh, Addison Young, February 28, 2024 \$600 expenses budgeted.

*5.2 Motion to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf.

*7.1 Motion to accept the resignation of Gigi Piocquidio as assistant girls' lacrosse coach.

*7.2 Motion to approve Kim Baker as Head Coach Girls Tennis, pending clearances and supplemental contract \$3,185.

*7.3 Motion to approve Kayli Newman as Head Coach Girls Volleyball, pending clearances and supplemental contract \$4,655.

*7.4 Motion to approve Brian Yowler as Varsity Track Assistant Coach, pending clearances and supplemental contract \$3,307.50.

*7.5 Motion to approve Chad Watkins as Varsity Track Assistant Coach, pending clearances and supplemental contract \$3,307.50.

*7.6 Motion to approve Nicole Feeley as Middle School Track Assistant Coach, pending clearances and supplemental contract \$2,388.75.

*7.7 Motion to approve Jacob Wickline as Head Football Coach, pending clearances and supplemental contract \$9,065.

*7.8 Motion to approve Laura Houk as Assistant Lacrosse Coach, pending clearances and supplemental contract \$2,009.

*7.9 Motion to approve Tad Forsythe as Voluntary Assistant Baseball Coach pending clearances.

*8.1 Motion to approve the updated driver list from McCarter's. (Exhibit)

*8.2 Motion to approve updates to McCarter's bus schedule.

*12.1 Motion to approve the following Conferences: (Exhibit)

a. Ryan Hardesty, NEA Foundation Teaching Excellence Awards, D.C., May 2-3, 2024 \$300 expenses budgeted.

b. Ryan Hardesty, STOY, Lancaster, March 21-22, 2024, \$225 expenses budgeted.

c. Ryan Hardesty, NSTOY, Santa Clara CA, February 12-16, 2024 \$600 expenses budgeted.

d. Ryan Hardesty, NSTOY, D.C., date TBD, \$750 expenses budgeted.

e. Kristi Leiper, Karla Campagna, Improving School Performance, Station Square, February 4-7, 2024, \$2,011 expenses budgeted.

f. Heather Stein, High Level Math Tasks and Fractions BVIU, February 13, 2024, \$175 expenses budgeted.

g. Michael Simon, AI for Educators, BVIU, January 9, 2024, \$100 expenses budgeted.

h. Michael Simon, Tech and Engineering, BVIU, March 6, 2024, \$75 expenses budgeted.

i. Jennifer Sharek, Plain Talk About Literacy and Learning, New Orleans, January 31-February 2, 2024 \$450 expenses budgeted.

Roll Call Vote yes, Mrs. Kalcevic (4.9-no), Dr. Makoczy (4.9-no), Mrs. Cline, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Shope, Dr. Sprinker, Mr. VanZalinge, Mr. Zachewicz

8 yes, 0 no (3.1-12.1) Motion Carried

6 yes, 2 no (4.9) Motion Carried

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mr. Puskas thanked Mr. Ford and the district for their support, and commented on his excitement to step into the Middle School Principal role.

Mrs. Mansell commented on attending the BVIU board meeting and happenings in the county.

Mr. Shope thanked Mr. Riggio for his work in filling the coaching positions and welcomed the new football coach.

Mrs. Cline announced there would be an executive session following the meeting.

Mrs. Mansell made a motion, Mr. Shope seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM

Verbal Vote 8 yes, 0 no Motion Carried