

BLACKHAWK SCHOOL DISTRICT
500 BLACKHAWK ROAD
BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS VOTING SESSION
Blackhawk High School Library
June 18, 2019

Mr. Schaefer called the Voting Session to order at 7:00PM. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Battaglia	Mr. Jones	Dr. Makoczy	Mrs. Goehring
Mrs. Ziegler	Mr. Morrison	Mr. Schaefer	Mr. Heckathorn (by phone)

Also in attendance:

Mr. Brandenburg – Business Manager	Dr. Postupac – Superintendent
Mr. Victor Kustra – Solicitor	

Not in attendance: Mrs. Helsing

Mr. Morrison made a motion, Mrs. Ziegler seconded to amend items 4.3, 4.4, and 4.5

4.3 Approval is recommended to employ Ally Uslenghi as Elementary Teacher, at a rate of \$52,282 Bachelors Step 19, with all benefits according to the BEA, effective for the 2019-2020 school year, pending clearances and references.

4.4 Approval is recommended to employ Jenna Gailey as Special Education Teacher, at a rate of 52,282 Bachelors Step 19 with all benefits according to the BEA, effective for the 2019-2020 school year, pending clearances and references.

4.5 Approval is recommended to employ Chad Watkins as Art Teacher, at a rate of 53,062 Masters Step 19, with all benefits according to the BEA, effective for the 2019-2020 school year, pending clearances and references.

Roll Call Vote; yes, Mrs. Goehring, Mr. Heckathorn, Mr. Jones, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Schaefer, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia

8 Yes, 0 no, Motion Carried

Dr. Makoczy made a motion, Mr. Jones seconded to approve items 3.1 through 3.8

3.1 Approval is recommended for the Financial Report for May.

3.2 Approval is recommended for the payment of bills. (Exhibit)

a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$629,475.57

b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund: \$4,370.00

BAAG : \$0

c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$41,868.89

d. Fund 66 - Health Fund: \$85.00

Payroll: May \$1,842,183.99

3.3 Approval is recommended to accept the athletic activity account for May.

3.4 Approval is recommended to adopt the 2019-2020 Blackhawk School District Final Budget, General Fund (Fund 10) expected expenditures total \$38,499,344 and expected revenues total \$38,223,915. (Expenditures exceed revenues by \$275,429).

3.5 Approval is recommended to accept REAL ESTATE LEVY: Resolved that the Board of School Directors does hereby levy and impose a tax upon all taxable real

estate property for the 2019-2020 fiscal year at a rate of 68.00 mills based upon the assessed valuation of the properties in the District's municipalities located in Beaver County; and, at a rate of 21.64 mills based upon the assessed valuation of the properties in Enon Valley Borough in Lawrence County. (2 mill increase)

3.6 Approval is recommended to renew insurance (Commercial, Automobile, Umbrella, Workers Compensation, School Leaders, Cyber Liability, Violent Incident).

3.7 Approval is recommended for the sale of property identified as Tax Parcel Number 58-004-0609.000 from the Repository of Unsold Property to Monica Yvette Sosa and Michael John Parks for cost, along with back taxes.

3.8 Approval is recommended to accept Hawley Consulting Group proposal for Actuarial Services for medical, dental and vision plan, per Cottrill Arbutina Audit recommendations, at a cost of \$7,500 (2 year- \$10,500). To be paid through Fund 66.

Roll Call Vote; yes, Mr. Heckathorn, Mr. Jones, Dr. Makoczy (3.1, 3.3, 3.6-3.8), Mr. Morrison, Mr. Schaefer, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia (3.1, 3.3, 3.6-3.8), Mrs. Goehring (3.1-3.3,3.6-3.8)

No, Dr. Makoczy (3.2, 3.4, 3.5), Mr. Battaglia (3.2, 3.4, 3.5), Mrs. Goehring (3.4, 3.5)

(3.1, 3.3, 3.6-3.8) Yes 8, 0 no, Motion Carried

(3.2) Yes 6, 2 no, Motion Carried

(3.4, 3.5) Yes 5, 3 no, Motion Carried

Mrs. Goehring made a motion, Mr. Morrison seconded, to approve items 4.1 through 4.8

4.1 Approval is recommended for contractual salary increases of the following employees based the contractual agreement, to begin July 1, 2019 (budgeted in the 2019-20 budget):

- a. Eric Brandenburg
- b. Cherie Fleischman
- c. Darrin Fleischman

4.2 Approval is recommended for contractual salary increases based upon the contractual agreement, to begin July 1, 2019, (budgeted in the 2019-20 budget):

- a. Act 93
- b. BESPAs
- c. Confidential Secretary

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4.6 Approval is recommended for Prosoft Employee #1984 to use FMLA beginning on or about September 18, 2019 and ending on November 4, 2019.

4.7 Approval is recommended for Prosoft Employee #1656 to use FMLA beginning on or about September 3, 2019 and ending on December 16, 2019.

4.8 Approval is recommended for Morgan Barclay to serve as Psychology Intern for the 2019-2020 school year at a cost of \$12,000 paid through ACCESS funds.

Roll Call Vote; yes, Dr. Makoczy (4.3-4.8), Mr. Morrisn, Mr. Schaefer, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia (4.3-4.8), Mrs. Goehring, Mr. Heckathorn, Mr. Jones

No, Dr. Makoczy (4.1, 4.2), Mr. Battaglia (4.1, 4.2)

(4.1, 4.2) Yes 6, 2 no, Motion Carried

(4.3-4.8) Yes 8, 0 no, Motion Carried

Mrs. Ziegler made a motion, Mr. Battaglia seconded to approve item 5.1

5.1 It is recommended to create an emotional support classroom at Blackhawk High School based upon the Pennsylvania State Special Education Audit 2019 identifying the high number of outside placements. The structure of this class would initially employ an Emotional Support teacher and two Paraprofessionals which would allow the out of district rate of 9.9% to drop to approximately 6% with the return of 12 students.

Roll Call Vote; yes, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Schaefer, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Goehring, MR. Heckathorn, Mr. Jones, Dr. Makoczy

Yes 8, 0 no, Motion Carried

Mrs. Goehring made a motion, Mr. Jones seconded to approve item 6.1

6.1 Approval is recommended to renew the facility use agreement with Champion Life Church for the 2019-20 school year.

Roll Call Vote; yes, Mr. Schaefer, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Goehring, Mr. Heckathorn, MR. Jones, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison

Yes 8, 0 no, Motion Carried

Mr. Jones made a motion, MR. Morrison seconded to approve item 7.1

7.1 Approval is recommended to accept the resignation of Jared Harden, Head Middle School Boys Soccer Coach effective immediately.

Roll Call Vote; yes, Mrs. Ziegler, MR. Battaglia, Mrs. Goehring, Mr. Heckathorn, MR. Jones, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Schaefer

Yes 8, 0 no, Motion Carried

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Dr. Postupac gave a report regarding the 9 month Citizen Advisory Committee meetings and the online survey that was distributed to district staff and all student families. He asked the board to consider the options that were presented.

A discussion regarding options, survey participants, and advertising took place.

Mrs. Ziegler asked Dr. Postupac the legal steps involved to close Northwestern Primary School permanently. Dr. Postupac responded with the Department of Education requirements.

Mrs. Ziegler made a motion for Dr. Postupac to advertise a Public Hearing on July 9, 2019 to explore closing Northwestern. Mr. Jones seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Dave Sutton commented on the previous board closing Northwestern with the promise to reopen. A discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote; yes, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Heckathorn, Mr. Jones, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Schaefer
No, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Goehring, Dr. Makoczy

Yes 5, 3 no, Motion Carried

**Mrs. Ziegler made a motion, Mr. Jones seconded to adjourn the Work Session at 8:04PM.
Verbal vote: 8 yes; 0 no; Motion Carried**

Missy Delmonico
Blackhawk School Board Recording Secretary