

BLACKAHWK SCHOOL DISTRICT
500 BLACKHAWK ROAD
BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS JUNE VOTING SESSION
Blackhawk High School Library
June 20, 2024

Dr. Sprinker called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Following the pledge of allegiance, roll call was taken. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Shope	Mr. VanZalinge	Mrs. Mansell	Mr. Zachewicz
Dr. Makoczy	Dr. Sprinker	Mrs. Cline	

Also in attendance:

Ms. Gretchen Moore - Solicitor
Dr. Vanatta - Superintendent

Not in attendance: Mr. Huzyak and Mrs. Kalcevic

- This meeting was live streamed and a link can be found on the District's website.
- There was an executive session prior to the meeting for personnel matters.

Mrs. Mansell made a motion, Mr. Shope seconded, to approve item 1.6.

1.6 Motion to approve the resignation of Lynn Kalcevic, School Board Member for Region 1, effective immediately.

On a Verbal Vote, 7-Yes, 0-No - Motion Carried

- The Board recognized Mrs. Kalcevic for her service and volunteerism to our District. She will be missed.
- The solicitor announced that the Board has 30 days to fill the Region 1 vacancy for the remaining term ending in 2025 via special meeting vote. An ad will be placed posting the vacancy and special meeting for the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rick Sobona – Spoke on taxes and time limits on speaking at board meetings.

John Battaglia – Spoke on board vacancy requirements.

Motion made by Mr. Shope, Mr. Zachewicz seconded, to approve the consent agenda for items 3.1-11.2 as presented.

- *3.1 Approval is recommended for the Financial Report for May. (Exhibit)
- *3.2 Motion to approve payment of bills: (Exhibit)
 - a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$1,034,837.44
 - b. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$43,145.49Payroll: \$1,423,634.78

- *3.3 Motion to adopt the ACT I HOMESTEAD & FARMSTEAD EXCLUSION – RESOLUTION NO. 06202024 implementing the Act 1 Education informed the Blackhawk School District (“School District”) that its property tax reduction allocation under Act 1 for 2024-2025 is \$1,302,033.85; and WHEREAS, Act 1 requires the School District to use its allocation to calculate a Homestead and Farmstead exclusion and to adopt a resolution implementing the exclusion by June 30, 2024 and WHEREAS, the School District has calculated a Homestead and Farmstead exclusion for the purpose of reducing School District property taxes; and NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School District shall implement the Homestead Farmstead exclusion for the 2024-2025 school year in the amount of \$272.45 (4,759 Homestead and 20 Farmstead).
- *3.4 Motion 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 2024-2025 fiscal year at an index rate of 5.1 and millage rate of 10.1444 based upon the assessed valuation of the properties in the District’s municipalities located in Beaver county; and, at a rate of an index rate of 5.1 and millage rate of 22.5015 based upon the assessed valuation of the properties in Enon Valley Borough in Lawrence County and to adopt the 2024-2025 Blackhawk School District Final Budget, General Fund (Fund 10) expected expenditures total \$43,753,024 and expected revenues total \$42,897,697.
- *3.5 Motion to renew insurance (Commercial, Automobile, Umbrella, Workers Compensation, School Leaders, Cyber Liability, Violent Incident).
- *3.6 Motion to accept the UPMC Vision Advantage quote to provide administrative services for District’s vision plan for the 2024-2025 fiscal year at \$3.00 per member per month.
- *3.7 Motion to accept the UPMC Dental Advantage quote to provide administrative services for the District’s dental plan for the 2024-2025 fiscal year at \$4.50 per member per month.
- *3.8 Motion to accept the UPMC Medical quote to provide administrative services for the District’s medical plan for the 2024-2025 fiscal year at \$58.00 per member per month.
- *3.9 Motion to approve the Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption Certification dated May 2, 2024.
- *4.1 Motion to approve salary increases of contractual employees based on the contractual agreement to begin July 1, 2024 (budgeted in the 2024-2025 budget).
- *4.2 Motion to approve the contractual salary increases based upon the contractual agreement, to begin July 1, 2024 (budgeted in the 2024-2025 budget):
 - a. Act 93
 - b. Confidential Secretary
- *4.3 Motion to approve Erin Bluedorn as Director of Finance, at a salary of \$105,000 beginning date to be determined pending clearances and five-year contract review.
- *4.4 Motion to approve Phil Mackin as Assistant High School Principal, at a salary of \$85,000 and all benefits according to Act 93, beginning July 1, 2024.
- *4.5 Motion to approve ____ as Music Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year, Step 19 Bachelors, \$ ____ and all benefits according to the BEA pending clearances.

- *4.6 Motion to approve ____ as Art Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year, Step 19 Bachelors, \$ ____ and all benefits according to the BEA pending clearances.
- *4.7 Motion to approve ____ as Special Education Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year, Step 19 Bachelors, \$ ____ and all benefits according to the BEA pending clearances.
- *4.8 Motion to approve Prosoft Employee #2353 FMLA beginning on or about September 24, 2024 until on or about May 19, 2025.
- *4.9 Motion to accept resignation of Megan Freed as part time cafeteria worker effective June 1, 2024 and place her on the cafeteria substitute list at a rate of \$9.38 per hour.
- *4.10 Motion to accept the resignation of David Rhoades as paraprofessional, effective immediately.
- *4.11 Motion to approve the resignation of Scott Stiteler as Physical Education Teacher effective June 6, 2024.
- *4.12 Motion to approve Dr. Trisha Huston as Director of Student Services at a rate of \$105,000 beginning July 1, 2024.
- *5.1 Motion to renew the Medic Rescue Ambulance Service Contract for the 2024-2025 school year.
- *5.2 Motion to approve Glade Run Lutheran Services Agreement. (Exhibit)
- *5.3 Motion to approve the Linkage Agreement with Western PA Psych Care. (Exhibit)
- *5.4 Motion to approve the Grable Foundation Grant- School Board Leadership Collective in the amount of \$2,500.
- *5.5 Motion to approve the six-month Health and Safety Plan Review as per PDE regulations.
- *5.6 Motion to approve the 2024-2025 elementary student handbooks as presented.
- *6.1 Motion to approve the Proposal for Architectural/Engineering Additional Services for Boiler Replacement at Blackhawk Intermediate School MEP (HVAC) Improvements funded by ESSER's. (Exhibit)
- *7.1 Motion to accept the resignation of Heather McCowin as Sophomore Class Sponsor, effective immediately.
- *7.2 Motion to accept the resignation of Deb Herman as Publicity Director of the Musical, effective immediately.
- *7.3 Motion to accept the resignation of Amanda Herman as Director of the Musical, effective immediately.
- *7.4 Motion to accept the resignation of Halla Williams as Music Director of the Musical, effective immediately.
- *7.5 Motion to accept the resignation of Mikaela Kalmar as Assistant Director of the Band, effective immediately.

- *7.6 Motion to accept the resignation of Annemarie Tejan as Creative Director of the Musical, effective immediately.
- *7.7 Motion to accept the resignation of Christie O'Roark as Costume Director of the Musical, effective immediately.
- *7.8 Motion to approve Ben Hughes as Volunteer Football Coach, pending clearances.
- *7.9 Motion to approve Ashley Collins as Volunteer Cheer Coach, pending clearances.
- *7.10 Motion to approve Chase Upchurch as Middle School Boys Soccer head coach, pending clearances and supplemental contract \$2,744.
- *7.11 Motion to approve Ali Infield as 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, pending clearances and supplemental contract \$2,143.75.
- *8.1 Motion to approve the 2024-2025 through 2029-2030 Transportation Agreement. (Exhibit)
- *11.1 Motion to adopt New Policy 824, Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries.
- *11.2 Motion to review Policy 249, Bullying, as required for Safe School Report.

On a Roll Call Vote for consent agenda items 3.1 through 11.2

Dr. Makoczy – Yes for items 3.1-3.3 and 3.5-11.2, No for item 3.4.

Mrs. Mansell – Yes

Mr. Shope – Yes

Dr. Sprinker – Yes

Mr. VanZalinge – Yes

Mr. Zachewicz – Yes

Mrs. Cline – Yes

For items 3.1-3.3 and 3.5-11.2 – 7 Yes, 0 No

For Item 3.4 – 6 Yes, 1 No

All Motions Carried

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Ms. Sabouchsky – spoke on taxes for businesses.

Rick Sabona – spoke on cyber school.

- The next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 6:30 pm to appoint a new board member.
- The next work/voting meeting will be Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 6:30 pm at Highland Middle School.

Mr. Zachewicz made a motion, Mr. Shope seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 PM

Verbal Vote 7 Yes, 0 No - Motion Carried