

BLACKAHWK SCHOOL DISTRICT  
500 BLACKHAWK ROAD  
BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MARCH WORK SESSION  
Blackhawk High School Library  
March 14, 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. Zachewicz	Mr. VanZalinge	Mr. Huzyak
Dr. Makoczy	Dr. Sprinker	Mrs. Cline	Mrs. Mansell (phone)

Also in attendance:

Kathy Clark - Solicitor

Dr. Pettigrew – Acting Superintendent

Andrew Woods – Student Representative

Not in attendance:

Mrs. Kalcevick

**Mrs. Cline made a motion, Mr. Shope seconded to approve the February Minutes.**

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

**8 yes, 0 no Motion Approved**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rick Sobona commented on previous superintendent, attorney, and the superintendent search cost.

Mr. Shope commented on item 3.1a stating this service would cover financial aspects of the negotiations, and provide financial advice and not participating in meeting negotiations.

**Mr. VanZalinge made a motion, Mr. Shope seconded to approve item 3.1**

3.1 Motion to approve jmA & Associates for the following services:

- a. 2024 Blackhawk School District and Blackhawk Education Association Contract Negotiations at a fee of \$200 per hour. (Exhibit)
- b. Business Office Services at a fee of \$125 per hour. (Exhibit)
- c. Real Estate Tax Duplicate Receipts and Disbursements at the contracted hourly rate. (Exhibit)

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

**8 yes, 0 no Motion Carried**

**Mr. Huzyak made a motion, Mrs. Cline seconded to approve item 4.1**

4.1 Motion to approve the employment contract with Dr Johannah Vanatta to serve as Superintendent of Schools for the Blackhawk School District effective March 15, 2024.

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

**8 yes, 0 no Motion Carried**

**Mr. VanZalinge made a motion, Mr. Shope seconded to approve item 4.2**

4.2 Motion to approve Phil Mackin as Interim Assistant High School Principal, beginning March 15, 2024 at a rate of \$75 per day in addition to his normal salary.

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

**8 yes, 0 no Motion Carried**

**Mr. Zachewicz made a motion, Mr. VanZalinge seconded to approve item 4.3**

4.3 Motion to approve Melissa Hall as part time cafeteria worker at a rate of \$10.68 beginning March 15, 2024 pending clearances.

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

**8 yes, 0 no Motion Carried**

**Mrs. Cline made a motion, Mr. Huzyak seconded to approve item 4.4**

4.4 Motion for Dr. Pettigrew to continue as Educational Consultant until March 22, 2024.

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

**8 yes, 0 no, Motion Carried**

**Mrs. Cline made a motion, Mr. Zachewicz seconded to approve 4.5**

4.5 Motion to enact a resolution of appreciation by the Board of School Directors recognizing Dr. William G. Pettigrew for his dedicated service to the Blackhawk School District as Acting Superintendent.

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

**8 yes. 0 no Motion Carried**

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

Mr. Fleischman asked the board to vote on item 4.7. The solicitor answered that it wasn't advertised to be a voting item so the action would take place at the next meeting.

Barb Brown commented on 11.1

Amy Rorick and Michele Hiler wished Dr. Pettigrew luck and thanked him for his service.

Dr. Pettigrew thanked the district for their cooperation and welcome.

Mr. Ford welcomed Mr. Mackin as Assistant Principal, and updated the board on athletics

**Mr. Shope made a motion, Mr. Zachewicz seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM**

**Verbal Vote 8 yes, 0 no Motion Carried**