

**BLACKHAWK SCHOOL DISTRICT
500 BLACKHAWK ROAD
BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010**

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS WORK SESSION
Blackhawk High School Library
6:30PM
Thursday, March 14, 2024**

AGENDA

1. BOARD ORGANIZATION

1.1 Call to Order

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Roll Call

1.4 The purpose of videotaping a meeting is for public information. The opinions expressed by any member of the public do not necessarily reflect the view or opinion of the Blackhawk School District Board of School Directors and are solely that of the speaker. The Blackhawk School District Board of School Directors hereby expressly disclaims any and all responsibility or liability for any false, defamatory or slanderous statements expressed by the speaker. Any unauthorized re-broadcasting of any video, audio or still image of the video recording of the meeting is strictly forbidden without the written permission of the Blackhawk School District Board of School Directors.

1.5 There was an executive session on March 5, and prior to tonight's meeting for personnel matters.

*1.6 Approval of February Minutes.

1.7 Administrative Report

1.8 Student Representative Report – Andrew Woods

2. PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Rachel Cline, Chairperson

2.1 Blackhawk is very proud of our student's achievements and we encourage the extracurricular activities that happen in each grade. Please visit each school's website for updates and happenings in our buildings including holiday events and concerts.

- 2.2 Congratulations to the following students for being selected Student of the Month for January:
- a. Mikayla Beveridge– Rotary Club
 - b. Mackenzie Freed– Little Beaver Lions
 - c. Vittoria Catalano– Chippewa Lions

THE PUBLIC HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD AT THIS TIME ON AGENDA ITEMS.

*****Action Item for the Work Session*****

- *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)
- *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.
- *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.
- *4.3 Motion to approve Melissa Hall as part time cafeteria worker at a rate of \$10.68 beginning March 15, 2024 pending clearances.
- *4.4 Motion for Dr. Pettigrew to continue as Educational Consultant until March 22, 2024. (Exhibit)
- *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.

*****Work Session*****

3. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Matt Shope, Chairperson

Motion to approve items 3.2 through 3.4

- 3.2 Approval is recommended for the Financial Report for February. (Exhibit)
- 3.3 Motion to approve payment of bills: (Exhibit)
 - a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$1,057,899.63
 - b. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$53,060.44

Payroll: \$1,403,157.39

- 3.4 Motion to accept the proposal from the Hawley Consulting Group to complete GASB 75. (Exhibit)

4. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Andy Huzyak, Chairperson

Motion to approve items 4.6 and 4.7

- 4.6 Motion to approve Prosoft employee #1674 for FMLA beginning on or about April 22, 2024 until the end of the school year.

- 4.7 Motion to approve the following custodial substitutes pending clearances:
- a. George Povelitis
 - b. Heather Ludwig

5. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Adam VanZalinge, Chairperson

Motion to approve item 5.1 through 5.2

- 5.1 Motion to approve the following Field Trips: (Exhibit)
- a. BIS Gifted Students (10), Lakeview Dr. Seuss Readers, Michael Simon, South Beaver, March 26, 2024, \$75.00 expense budgeted
 - b. BHS Sustainability Design Challenge (7), Sustainability Design Center, Dale Moll, Pittsburgh, March (TBD), 2024
 - c. AP/CHS Biology (13), Open Heart Surgery Observation, Anita Mensch, Pittsburgh, April 5, 2024 \$535 expenses budgeted.
 - d. Senior PE Field Trip, Top Golf, Jamie Planitzer, Bridgeville, April 19, 2024 \$1,075 expenses budgeted.
 - e. Orchestra (2), Western Region Orchestra, Lisa Orr, Butler, March 21-23, 2024 \$460 expenses budgeted.
 - f. First Grade and Autistic Support (51), A Trip to the Science Center, Shawna Terry, Pittsburgh, April 26, 2024, no expense.
 - g. Patterson Primary Kindergarten (47), Pittsburgh National Aviary, Brooke Kearney, Pittsburgh, May 6, 2024 no expense.
 - h. Gifted/Global Scholars (40), UCIS / Global Scholars, Jeff Tripodi, Blackhawk High School, April 9, 2024 \$50 expenses budgeted.
 - i. BHS TSA (25), PATSA State Conference, Dale Moll, Seven Springs, April 17-20, 2024, \$4,020 expenses budgeted.
 - j. HMS TSA (30), PATSA State Conference, Tim Linkenheimer, Seven Springs, April 17-20, 2024 \$762 expenses budgeted.
 - k. Fly Fishing Club (18), Fly Fishing, Jason Farone, Neshannock Creek, March 22, 2024, \$300 expenses budgeted.
 - l. AP English 12 (30), Pitt CHS Debate, Jarrod McCowin, Pittsburgh, April 26, 2024 \$400 expenses budgeted.
 - m. Fourth Grade (169), Pittsburgh Zoo, Mindy Furda, May 22, 2024 no expense.

- n. CPT Students (30), Shell Center for Process Technology Visit, Beaver County Community College, March 26, 2024, no expense.
- o. English (7), YSU English Festival, Leah Lindemann, Youngstown, April 17, 2024. \$150 expenses budgeted.
- p. Guidance (25), Youth Ambassadors Program, Mia Gantz, CCBC, April 17, 2024 no expense.
- q. Mock Trial (12), B.C. Bar Association Law Day, Jeff Tripodi, Beaver, April 30 2024, \$360 expenses budgeted.
- r. Journalism (5), PSPA Contest, Jarrod McCowin, Penn State-University Park, April 3, 2024 \$150 expenses budgeted.
- s. HMS Academic Games (7), National Academic Games 2024, Meredith Wilkinson, Atlanta GA, April 18-23, 2024 \$5,410 expenses budgeted.
- t. Sixth Grade (169), Tour-Ed Mine and Museum, Sami Hanna, Tarentum, May 21 and 24, 2024, no expense.
- u. BHS Academic Games (4), Academic Games Nationals, Jeff Tripodi, Atlanta GA, April 18-22, 2024 \$4,425 expenses budgeted.

5.2 Motion to approve the 2024-2025 Academic Calendar. (Exhibit)

6. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE

Mark Zachewicz, Chairperson

Motion to approve items 6.1

6.1 Motion to approve Anthony Peccon Painting to paint and repair the VOAG Ceiling at a cost of \$3,600. (Exhibit)

7. ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Matt Shope, Chairperson

Motion to approve items 7.1 through 7.5

7.1 Motion to approve Ryan Verlihay as JV Baseball Coach, supplemental contract \$2,450.

7.2 Motion to approve Eric Amsden as Musical Set Director, pending clearances, supplemental contract \$1,905.

7.3 Motion to approve Brad Jones as Volunteer Assistant Football Coach pending clearances.

7.4 Motion to approve Johnathan Kent as Volunteer Assistant Football Coach pending clearances.

7.5 Motion to accept the resignation John DeCaria as 8th Grade Middle School Basketball Coach.

8. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Lynn Kalcevic, Chairperson

Motion to approve item 8.1 and 8.2

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

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

9. FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

Lynn Kalcevic, Chairperson

No Report

10. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

Rachel Cline, Chairperson

No Report

11. POLICY COMMITTEE

Adam VanZalinge, Chairperson

Motion to approve item 11.1

11.1 Motion to approve Policy 816 Social Media and the renumbering of Livestream Video Policy to 815.1. (First Reading)

12. BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT

Dr. Carol Sprinker, Chairperson

Motion to approve item 12.1

12.1 Motion to approve the following Conferences: (Exhibit)

a. James Riggio, PSADA Conference, Hershey, March 19-24, 2024 \$1,600 expenses budgeted.

b. Bryan Vitali, NHSSCA Clinic, Upper St. Clair, April 12, 2024 \$150 expenses budgeted.

c. Louis Wolber, Mental Health and Student Athletes, PPG Paints Arena, April 17, 2024 \$150 expenses budgeted.

d. Leah Lindemann, PA School Librarians Assn Conference, Kalahari Resort, April 10-12, 2024, \$850 expenses budgeted.

e. Andrew Yuhaniak, Grove City College Counselor Day, April 5, 2024, no expense.

f. Trisha Huston, Kristen Wallace, TACT 2 New Trainer Certification, BVIU, June 3-6, 2024, \$3,390 expenses budgeted.

13. BEAVER COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY

Andy Huzyak, Chairperson

No Report

14. INTERMEDIATE UNIT

Roberta Mansell, Chairperson

No Report

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- A. Visitors
- B. Administration
- C. Solicitor
- D. School Directors
- E. Next Meeting—March 21, 2024, 6:30PM.
- F. Adjournment
- G. Executive Session if needed.