

BLACKHAWK SCHOOL DISTRICT  
500 BLACKHAWK ROAD  
BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MARCH VOTING SESSION  
Blackhawk High School Library  
March 16, 2023

Dr. Makoczy called the Session to order at 7:40PM. Following the pledge of allegiance, roll call was taken. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Battaglia	Mrs. Deluca (arrived 8:06PM)	Mrs. Mansell	Mr. Jones (phone)
Dr. Makoczy	Mrs. Kalcevic	Mrs. Helsing	Mr. Huzyak

Also in attendance:

Dr. Postupac – Superintendent  
Jordan Shuber- Solicitor

Not in attendance: Mrs. Cline

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Barb Brown thanked the board for doing what is right for kids and asked how policy 907 and 019 work together. She also asked about the newly hired Business Manager.

Leah Pisano commented about policy 916 and asked who wanted the policy changed, and who was consulted on the change.

Mr. Shuber provided explanation on first read and second read policy, and also recommended the board work with administration on policy changes.

Rick Sobona commented on the recent policy change that eliminated public comments at the end of the meetings and asked the board to make a motion to bring them back.

Leslie Benedetto commented on the policy making and suggested everyone be included.

### **Dr. Makoczy made a motion, Mrs. Kalcevic seconded to approve the consent agenda for all items section 3 through 14 as presented.**

3.1 Motion to approve payment of bills:

- a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$831,129.89
  - b. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$50,231.78
  - c. Fund 66 – Health Fund: \$52.00
- Payroll: \$1,278,461.33

3.2 Motion to approve the ERATE purchase of (2) core switches and (4) replacement switches from CDWG at a budgeted cost of \$25,000.

4.1 Motion to approve Laura Kinnick as a substitute nurse pending clearances.

4.2 Motion to approve Jodi Frederick as part time Cafeteria Worker at a rate of \$10.38 per hour and all benefits according to the BESPAs effective March 17, 2023.

5.1 Motion to approve the Student Transport Agreement until June 2, 2023.

6.1 Motion to approve EC Change Order 001 for Blackhawk Intermediate School Project at a savings of \$1,290.00.

6.2 Motion to accept Z'S Paving proposal to patch/repair the asphalt in the gas line areas of the Blackhawk High School at a cost of \$6,200.00.

6.3 Motion to discontinue contract with SchoolDude pending solicitor review.

6.4 Motion to enter into contract with FMX pending solicitor review.

7.1 Motion to approve Courtney Fregel as Highland Middle School Stage Manager for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. (Supplemental Contract \$294.68)

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

12.1 Motion to approve the following Conferences:

- a. Christy Desselle and Krystal Kier, Deep Dive into Speech Sound Disorder Interventions, BVIU, May 8, 2023, \$40 expenses budgeted.
- b. Courtney Frengel, PHE Mini Convention, Slippery Rock, April 5, 2023, \$150 expenses budgeted.
- c. Lyndsay Wilcox, Andrew Yuaniak, Local Advisory Committee Meeting, Lawrence County, April 11, 2023, \$150 expenses budgeted
- d. Jesse Kier, STEELS Standards, BVIU May 25, 2023, \$190 expenses budgeted.
- e. Ryan Hardesty, Teacher of the Year Obligations, April 13, May 19, \$150 expenses budgeted.

14.1 Motion to approve the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit's General Operating Budget for the 2023-2024 school year at a total of \$1,608,913.

Roll Call Vote yes, Mrs. Deluca, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Huzyak, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Kalcevic, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Battaglia

**8 yes, 0 no Motion Carried**

**Dr. Makoczy made a motion, Mrs. Mansell seconded to approve item 3.3 as presented**

3.3 Motion to authorize the solicitor to file a federal lawsuit, pursuant to a Representation Agreement with Shenkan Injury Lawyers, against Norfolk Southern Corporation and Norfolk Southern Railway Company, and any other responsible parties as identified by counsel, on behalf of Blackhawk School District, and on behalf of all others similarly situated. The solicitor and Shenkan Injury Lawyers may render services for the class, including the school district, but any such services shall be at no expense to the district but shall be paid by counsel for the Plaintiffs.

Roll Call Vote yes, Mrs. Deluca, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Huzyak, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Kalcevic, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Battaglia,

**8 yes, 0 no Motion Carried**

**Mrs. Kalcevic made a motion, Mrs. Helsing seconded to approve item 5.2 as presented**

5.2 Motion to approve homebound instruction for student #26005 per the physician's request.

Roll Call Vote yes, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Huzyak, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Kalcevic, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Deluca

**8 yes, 0 no Motion Carried**

**Mr. Battaglia made a motion, Mr. Huzyak seconded to approve item 6.5 as presented**

6.5 Motion to purchase pump and motor for the domestic hot water system at the high school at a cost of \$6,725.

Roll Call Vote yes, Mr. Huzyak, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Kalcevic, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Deluca, Mrs. Helsing

**8 yes, 0 no Motion Carried**

**Mrs. Kalcevic made a motion, Dr. Makoczy seconded to approve item 11.1 as presented**

11.1 Policy 916 – Volunteers- Second Reading

Roll Call Vote yes, Mrs. Kalcevic, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Deluca, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Huzyak,

No, Mr. Jones

**7 yes, 1 no, Motion Carried**

#### **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

Dr. Postupac gave on update on the BIS project

**Mr. Battaglia made a motion Mrs. Mansell seconded to add item 6.6 to the agenda**

6.6 Motion to name the Football Field at Blackhawk High School after Coach Joe Hamilton

Roll Call Vote yes, Mr. Battaglia

No, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell, Mrs. Deluca, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Huzyak, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Kalcevic

**1 yes, 7 no, Motion Failed**

A discussion occurred between the members regarding legality of item 6.6

Dr. Makoczy commented on a false narrative placed on social media regarding child safety.

**Dr. Makoczy adjourned the meeting at 8:41PM**