

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MAY WORK SESSION
May 12, 2022
Blackhawk High School Library
7:30PM
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 Motion to approve April Work Session and Voting Session Minutes.

2. PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Rachel Cline, Chairperson

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.

2.1 Congratulations to the following students for being selected Student of the Month for March:

- a. Rotary Club – Olivia Shroads
- b. Little Beavers Lions – Katherine O’Roark

2.2 Congratulations to the following teachers for being nominated Teacher of the Year:

- a. Mandie Payne – Nessy’s and Dyslexia Trust’s Teacher of the Year 2022

- b. Ryan Hardesty – Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year
- 2.3 Congratulations to the following students who placed in Individual and Team Events at the Pennsylvania Technology Student Association (TSA) state conference. Tyler Ader, Nick Bernauer, Andrew Cline, Sophia deJesus, Aithan Holiday, Sophia Parish, Alaina Shope, Kaylee Skinger, Caden Trip and Andrew Woods qualified for the National TSA conference in June held in Dallas, Texas.
- a. Trenton Mauk 10th Place Flight
 - b. Sophia Parish 8th Place Career Prep
 - c. Lillian Cunniff 8th Place Cybersecurity
 - d. Nick Bernauer 7th Place Flight
 - e. Colin Steele 6th Place Foundations of Information Technology
 - f. Sophia deJesus 3rd Place Prepared Speech
 - g. Tyler Ader 2nd Place CAD Foundations
 - h. Andrew Cline 2nd Place Digital Photography
 - i. Alaina Shope 6th Place PA Logo Design & 1st Place Prepared Speech
 - j. Kaylee Houy 6th Place CAD Architecture
 - k. Andrew Woods 2nd Place Prepared Presentation
 - l. Tyler Ader, Eddie Covalt, Owen Gibbons, Devin McCandless 10th Place Video Game Design
 - m. Aithan Holiday, Colin Steele, & Gavin McGee 9th Place Video Game Design
 - n. Nick Bernauer 7th Place Medical Technology
 - o. Harrison Lofink 5th Place Microcontroller Design
 - p. Mara Armstrong, Andrew Cline, Sophia DeJesus, Lily Rodgers, Alaina Shope, Allison Woods 4th Place Inventions & Innovations
 - q. Nick Bernauer & Aithan Holiday 3rd Place Problem Solving
 - r. Sophia Parish, Kaylee Skinger, & Caden Trip 5th Place Off the Grid & 2nd Place Mass Production
 - s. Emmy Coddington & Sophia Territola 6th Place Mass Production & 1st Place PA Digital VideoChallenge
 - t. Sophia Parish & Kaylee Skinger 1st Place Structural Engineering

Presentation – Mark Turnley, Audit

Presentation – Kathy Jo Beverly, Preliminary Budget

Presentation – Amy Anderson, Science Kits

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

3. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dr. Frank Makoczy, Chairperson

3.1 Motion to approve the Financial Report.

3.2 Motion for the payment of bills: (Exhibit)

a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$778,118.87

- b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund: \$2,500.00
- c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$58,334.80
- Payroll: \$1,997,934.14

- 3.3 Motion to approve the 2020-2021 independent audit by Turnley.
- 3.4 Motion to adopt the ACT I HOMESTEAD & FARMSTEAD EXCLUSION – RESOLUTION NO. 05192022 implementing the Act 1 Education informed the Blackhawk School District (“School District”) that its property tax reduction allocation under Act 1 for 2022-2023 is \$1,082,858.82; 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, 2022 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 and Farmstead exclusion for the 2022-2023 school year in the amount of \$226.59 equivalent to an assessed value reduction of \$3,283.89 for Beaver County residents and \$10,533.80 for Lawrence County residents. (4,785 Homestead and 19 Farmstead)

- 3.5 Motion to adopt the 2022-2023 Blackhawk School District General Fund, proposed budgets as previously approved by the Board for review and modified as needed: (Exhibit)
 - a. General Fund (Fund 10) expected expenditures total \$41,014,614 and expected revenues total \$40,392,821 (Expenditures exceed revenues by \$621,793) at a rate of 69.mils. Based on a 0 mil increase.
 - b. General Fund (Fund 10) expected expenditures total \$41,014,614 and expected revenues total \$40,830,925 (Expenditures exceed revenues by \$183,689) at a rate of 70. mils. Based on a 1 mil increase.
 - c. General Fund (Fund 10) expected expenditures total \$41,014,614 and expected revenues total \$40,961,807 (Expenditures exceed revenues by \$52,807) at a rate of 70.5 mils. Based on a 1.5 mil increase.

- 3.6 Motion to accept A-G detailing the District’s tax levies, tax collectors, tax collection procedures, and compensation rates for tax collectors:

A. 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 2022-2023 fiscal year at a rate of __mills based upon the assessed valuation of the properties in the District’s municipalities located in Beaver County; and, at a rate of __mills based upon the assessed valuation of the properties in Enon Valley Borough in Lawrence County.

B. SCHOOL CODE PER CAPITA TAX: Resolved that pursuant to the authority granted under Section 679 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949, as amended, the School Board of Directors does hereby levy and impose a Per Capita Tax of \$5.00 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year on each resident or inhabitant of the School District 18 years of age or older. The determination of those taxable and the assessment, collection and enforcement of the tax shall conform to the provisions of the standing Act 511 Per Capita Tax Resolution adopted by the School Board of Directors heretofore.

C. ACT 511 TAXES: Resolved that the levy of one percent (1%) on all earned income and net profits levied by under the authority of the Local Tax Enabling Act 511 of 1965, thereafter, and all taxes levied under Act 511 of 1965 including the earned income and net profits tax and the real estate transfer tax be reenacted without substantial change.

D. PAYMENT PERIOD FOR REAL ESTATE AND PER CAPITA TAXES: Resolved that in compliance with statutes, the Real Estate Taxes, Section 679 and Act 511 Per Capita taxes for fiscal year 2022-2023 shall be payable at a 2% discount during the months of July and August, at face the months of September and October and at a penalty of an additional 10% of the face value after November 1, 2022. The real estate taxes may be paid at face without discount or penalty in three equal installments if the same are paid on or prior to August 31, 2022 October 31, 2022 and December 31, 2022 respectively as provided by law. The payment of the first installment prior to or on August 31, 2022 shall be conclusive evidence of intent to pay the tax by installments. If such installments become delinquent, the full face amount plus an added 10% of the face amount penalty shall become immediately due.

E. COMMISSION FOR COLLECTION OF SECTION 679 PER CAPITA TAXES: Resolved that for the 2022- 2023 fiscal year collectors of the Section 679 Per Capita Tax and Act 511 Per Capita Tax will be paid per contracted amount with Berkheimer Associates Inc. (Berkheimer)

F. DELINQUENT SECTION 679 AND ACT 511 PER CAPITA: Resolved that Berkheimer is hereby appointed the collection agency during fiscal year 2022- 2023 for delinquent Per Capita Taxes levied. Charges will be as contracted.

G. APPOINTMENT OF EIT, LST, AND MECHANICAL DEVICES COLLECTORS: Resolved that during the 2022- 2023 fiscal year collectors for Earned Income Tax, Local Services Tax, and Mechanical Devices Tax will be Berkheimer. Rates for collection will be as per existing agreement between the District and Berkheimer. Berkheimer will be responsible for delinquent collection for any EIT, LST and mechanical devices taxes uncollected for the year.

H. APPOINTMENT OF AMUSEMENT TAX COLLECTOR: Resolved that the District Business Manager be appointed as Amusement Tax Collector.

- 3.7 Motion to approve Distribution of Monies Collected by the Beaver County Tax Claim Bureau from the Repository for Unsold Properties as presented in the Petition filed at Docket No. 10451 of 2022 in the Court of Common Pleas of Beaver County. (Exhibit)
- 3.8 Motion to Authorize the Solicitor and Administration to settle or resolve 9 pending tax assessment appeals in the Court of Common Pleas of Beaver County on May 23, 2022.

4. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Kathy Helsing, Chairperson

- 4.1 Motion to approve ProSoft employee #1271 for FMLA on or about August 23, 2022.
- 4.2 Motion to approve Robin Steklachick as substitute secretary at a rate of \$10.00 per hour pending clearances.
- 4.3 Motion to employ the following summer help at a rate of \$10.00 per hour:
 - a. Brent Mennell (Tech)
 - b. Austin Thellman (Grass Cutter)
 - c. Cassandra Majors (Summer Custodian)
- 4.4 Approval is recommended for the following Summer School Teachers through Blackhawk School District and Kelly Educational Staffing:
 - a. Jason Farone
 - b. Russ Couch
 - c. Pat Feeley
 - d. Dave Hanlon
 - e. Chris Lantzy
 - f. Nate Lowery
 - g. Phil Mackin
 - h. Heather McCowin
 - i. Anita Mensch
 - j. Jamie Moon
 - k. Ken Moser
 - l. Maura Pasko
 - m. Jamie Planitzer
 - n. Jan Robinson
 - o. Joe Roperti
 - p. Joy Winters
 - q. Addison Young
 - r. Anita Steppe
 - s. Lyndsay Wilcox

- t. Brady Okon
- u. Erica Shildt
- v. Jenna Gailey
- w. MaryKim Murtha
- x. Sarah Martz
- z. Zachary Wallace
- aa. Carley Brandon
- bb. Ryan Hardesty
- cc. Darlene Martin
- dd. Meredith Oliver
- ee. Sarah Shuleski
- ff. Meredith Wilkinson
- gg. Bryce Egger
- hh. Drew Bosco

5. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Lynn Kalcevic, Chairperson

- 5.1 Motion to approve the following Field Trips as submitted: (Exhibit)
 - a. TSA (10), National TSA Conference, Gaylord Texan Resort Grapevine TX, June 25-30, 2022, \$7,000 budgeted.
 - b. Drone STEAM Enrichment Group (8), CSinPA Drone Days, Clarion University, May 24, 2022, \$150 substitute expense budgeted.
 - c. Enrichment and Gifted (8), Invention Convention, Rochester High School, May 12, 2022, no expense.
 - d. FFA (9), FFA State Convention, Lyndsay Wilcox, Penn State University, June 7-9, 2022, \$190 expense budgeted.
- 5.2 Motion to approve a Resolution of the Board of School Directors of the Blackhawk School District approving a Flexible Instruction Day Plan as proposed by Administration. (Exhibit)
- 5.3 Motion to approve the contract with Adelphoi Education Services on an as needed basis for the 22-23 school year. (Exhibit)
- 5.4 Motion to approve the Agreement between Beaver County Rehabilitation Center, Inc. and Blackhawk School District. (Exhibit)
- 5.5 Motion to approve purchasing Grade 5 Science Foss Kits at a cost of \$13,897.13 (budgeted).
- 5.6 Consideration of adoption of the following Resolution by the Board of School Directors:
 As members of the Board of School Directors of the Blackhawk School District, each board member took an Oath of Office, stating “I do solemnly swear (of affirm) that I will support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States and

Constitution of this Commonwealth, and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity.” 24 P.S. §3-321.

In accordance with our solemn Oath, the Board of School Directors of the Blackhawk School District does hereby resolve that the Blackhawk School District will not teach our students or train our teachers to teach theories, such as: “Critical Race Theory”, the “1619 Project,” or any other similar theory, philosophy, or curriculum that undermines our Oath and/or our belief that:

1. Racism is evil and should be condemned in all forms.
2. Racism stands in direct opposition to our Nation’s founding precepts that all people are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, including, the right to Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.
3. All individuals have immeasurable innate value as humans regardless of our inherent differences.
4. The Blackhawk School District strives to provide all students equality of educational opportunity while empowering them to believe in their own personal ability to achieve their highest potential and dreams.

5.7 Discussion regarding Technology Intern.

6. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE

John Battaglia, Chairperson

6.1 Motion to approve the proposal by Eckles for Architectural and Engineering professional services of Project Management, limited architectural design and MEP engineering for Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (MEP) Improvements at the Blackhawk Intermediate School. (Exhibit)

7. ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Dr. Frank Makoczy, Chairperson

7.1 Motion to accept the Medic Rescue Ambulance Service Contract for the 2022-2023 school year. (Exhibit)

7.2 Motion to accept the resignation of Joe Boyer, Head Varsity Golf Coach effective immediately.

7.3 Motion to accept the resignation of Chad Watkins, Creative Director effective immediately.

7.4 Motion to accept the resignation of Susan Hullihen, Sophomore Class Officer effective at the conclusion of the school year.

7.5 Discussion regarding the Cheerleading Sponsor will be in Executive Session.

- 7.6 Congratulations to Bailey Nicely for being named Beaver County Times Athlete of the Week.
- 7.7 Congratulations to the Blackhawk Girls' Lacrosse team on winning the Section Championship.
- 7.8 Congratulations to the Blackhawk Girls' Track & Field team on winning the Section Championship.
- 7.9 Congratulations on the Boys and Girls Track & Field teams for advancing to the WPIAL Team Playoffs.
- 7.10 Congratulations to Ethan Pappa for breaking Jack Aulbach's record in the 1600 meter run with a time of 4:23.96.

8. TRANSPORTATION
John Battaglia, Chairperson

- 8.1 Motion to approve the updated McCarter's bus and van driver list. (Exhibit)

9. FOOD SERVICE
Lynn Kalcevic, Chairperson

No Report

10. NEGOTIATIONS
Roberta Mansell, Chairperson

No Report

11. POLICY COMMITTEE
Lynn Kalcevic, Chairperson

- *11.1 Motion to approve Policy 203 revisions.
- 11.2 Motion to suspend for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year language in Board Policy 217 which requires completion of Keystone exams or a Project Based Assessment as a requisite for graduation.
- 11.3 Discussion regarding Board Agenda, Minutes and Video Policy.

12. BOARD / STAFF ENRICHMENT
Rachel Cline, Chairperson

- 12.1 Motion to approve the following Conferences as submitted: (Exhibit)

- a. Mariah Brown, Disability Summit, Slippery Rock University, May 16, 2022
\$270 substitute and expenses budgeted.

13. BEAVER COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY

Dan Jones, Chairperson

No Report

14. INTERMEDIATE UNIT

Dan Jones, Chairperson

No Report

15. PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Rachel Cline, Chairperson

No Report

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- A. Visitors
- B. Student Representative – Erin Cline
- C. Administration
- D. Solicitor
- E. School Directors
- F. Next Meeting – May 19, 2022, High School Library, 7:30PM.
- G. Adjournment
- H. Executive Session following the meeting.