

BLACKHAWK SCHOOL DISTRICT
500 BLACKHAWK ROAD
BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MAY VOTING SESSION
Blackhawk High School Library
May 19, 2022

Dr. Makoczy called the Session to order at 7:30PM. Following the pledge of allegiance, roll call was taken. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Jones	Mrs. Deluca	Mrs. Kalcevic (arrived 7:45)	Mr. Battaglia
Mrs. Mansell	Dr. Makoczy	Mrs. Helsing	Mrs. Cline

Also in attendance:

Dr. Postupac – Superintendent,	Kathy Jo Beverly – Business Manager,
Attorney Jordan Shuber- Solicitor	Erin Cline – Student Representative

Not in attendance: Mr. Huzyak

PUBLIC COMMENT

Neil Morrison commented on raising taxes and the proposed budget

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dr. Makoczy made a motion, Mrs. Mansell seconded to approve items 3.1 through 3.6

3.1 Motion to approve the Financial Report.

3.2 Motion for the payment of bills:

- 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:

- a. General Fund (Fund 10) expected expenditures total \$40,936,106.02 and expected revenues total \$40,392,821 (Expenditures exceed revenues by \$543,285) at a rate of 69.mils. Based on a 0 mil increase.

b. General Fund (Fund 10) expected expenditures total \$40,936,106.02 and expected revenues total \$40,830,925 (Expenditures exceed revenues by \$105,181) at a rate of 70. mills. Based on a 1 mil increase.

c. General Fund (Fund 10) expected expenditures total \$40,936,106.02 and expected revenues total \$40,961,807 (Expenditures exceed revenues by \$25,701) at a rate of 70.5 mills. Based on a 1.5 mil increase.

3.6 Motion to accept A-H 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.

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

8 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Helsing made a motion, Mrs. Cline seconded to approve items 4.1 through 4.4

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 Schildt
- v. Jenna Gailey
- w. MaryKim Murtha
- x. Sarah Martz
- z. Zachary Wallace
- aa. Carley Brandon
- bb. Ryan Hardesty
- cc. Darlene Martin
- dd. Sarah Shuleski
- ee. Meredith Wilkinson
- ff. Bryce Egger
- gg. Drew Bosco

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

8 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Helsing made a motion, Mrs. Deluca seconded to table 5.5

5.5 Motion to approve purchasing Grade 5 Science Foss Kits at a cost of \$12,917.65 (budgeted).

Roll Call Vote yes, Mrs. Kalcevic, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell, Mrs. Deluca, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Helsing
No, Mrs. Cline, Mr. Jones

6 yes, 2 no Motion to Table, Carried

Mrs. Kalcevic made a motion, Mrs. Deluca seconded to approve items 5.1 through 5.4 and 5.6

5.1 Motion to approve the following Field Trips as submitted:

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.

5.3 Motion to approve the contract with Adelphoi Education Services on an as needed basis for the 22-23 school year subject to solicitor review.

5.4 Motion to approve the Agreement between Beaver County Rehabilitation Center, Inc. and Blackhawk School District subject to solicitor review.

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 (or 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.

Roll Call Vote yes, Mr. Jones (5.1 -5.4), Mrs. Kalcevic, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell, Mrs. Deluca, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Helsing, Mrs. Cline (5.1-5.4)

No, Mr. Jones (5.6), Mrs. Cline (5.6)

8 yes, 0 no (5.1-5.4) Motion Carried

6 yes, 2 no (5.6) Motion Carried

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS REAL/ESTATE

Mr. Jones made a motion, Mrs. Cline seconded to amend item 6.2 replacing *enter* to *explore*.

Roll Call Vote yes, Mrs. Kalcevic, Mrs. Mansell, Mrs. Deluca, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline, Mrs. Helsing
No, Dr. Makoczy

7 yes, 1 no Motion Carried

Mr. Battaglia made a motion, Mrs. Kalcevic seconded to approve items 6.1 and 6.2

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 subject to solicitor review.

6.2 Motion to authorize Solicitor and Administration to explore a cooperative agreement with local municipalities for school safety and security.

Roll Call Vote yes, Mrs. Kalcevic, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell, Mrs. Deluca, MR. Battagli, Mrs. Cline, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Jones

8 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Dr. Makoczy made a motion, Mrs. Cline seconded to approve 7.1 through 7.4

7.1 Motion to accept the Medic Rescue Ambulance Service Contract for the 2022-2023 school year subject to solicitor review.

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.

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

8 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Battaglia made a motion, Mr. Jones seconded to approve item 8.1

8.1 Motion to approve the updated McCarter's bus and van driver list.

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

8 yes, 0 no Motion carried

POLICY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Kalcevic made a motion, Mrs. Mansell seconded to approve item 11.1

11.1 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.

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

8 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

BOARD / STAFF ENRICHMENT

Mrs. Mansell made a motion, Mrs. Cline seconded to approve item 12.1

12.1 Motion to approve the following Conferences as submitted:

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

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

8 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

VISITORS

Barb Brown commented on adding support to the Autistic Support Program, Paraprofessional wages, Covid Tracker and item 5.5

Bonnie Goehring asked about the Science Foss Kits

ADMINISTRATION

Rick Ford, Amy Anderson, Zack Hayward, and Jodi Borroni commented on end of year activities

SOLICITOR

Attorney Shuber congratulated Amy Anderson on her doctorate

Dr. Makoczy made a motion Mrs. Deluca seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:06PM

Verbal Vote 8 yes, 0 no Motion Carried