

BLACKHAWK SCHOOL DISTRICT
500 BLACKHAWK ROAD
BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS VOTING SESSION
Blackhawk High School Library
May 14, 2019

Mr. Schaefer called the Work Session to order at 7:00PM. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Battaglia	Mr. Jones	Dr. Makoczy	Mrs. Goehring
Mr. Heckathorn	Mr. Morrison	Mrs. Ziegler	Mr. Schaefer

Also in attendance:

Mr. Brandenburg – Business Manager	Dr. Postupac – Superintendent
Mr. Victor Kustra – Solicitor	Lauren Olstrom – Student Representative

Mr. Morrison made a motion, Mr. Jones seconded to remove item 4.3

Roll Call Vote; yes, Mrs. Goehring, Mr. Heckathorn, Mr. Jones, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Schaefer, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia

8 Yes, 0 no, Motion Carried

Mr. Jones made a motion, Mr. Morrison seconded to approve the April Minutes.

Roll Call Vote; yes, Mr. Heckathorn, Mr. Jones, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Schaefer, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Goehring

No, Mrs, Ziegler

7 Yes, 1 no, Motion Carried

Mr. Mole and TSA National Finalists gave a presentation on their video game.

Mrs. Ziegler made a motion, Mr. Jones seconded on accepting letter “C” for item 13.11

c. General Fund (Fund 10) expected expenditures total \$38,499,344 and expected revenues total \$38,223,915 (Expenditures exceed revenues by \$275,429) at a rate of 68. mils. Based on a 2 mil increase.

Roll Call Vote; yes, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Schaefer, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Heckathorn, Mr. Jones

No, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Goehring

5 Yes, 3 no, Motion Carried

Dr. Makoczy made a motion, Mr. Jones seconded to approve items 13.1 through 13.13

3.1 Approval is recommended for the Financial Report for April.

3.2 Approval is recommended for the payment of bills.

a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$485,286.08

b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund: \$7,330.00

BAAG : \$0

c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$40,776.23

d. Fund 66 - Health Fund: \$870.00

Payroll: April \$1,229,168.73

3.3 Approval is recommended to accept the athletic activity account for April.

3.4 Approval is recommended to share the cost of safety equipment with Chippewa Township Police. The district responsibility will be \$2,239.19.

3.5 Approval is recommended for the following budget transfers:

a. \$44,431 from Fund 32 (Blackhawk Activities and Athletic Group) to Fund 10

b. \$50,000 from Fund 10 to Fund 51 (Cafeteria)

3.6 Approval is recommended to accept fees as quoted by UPMC to provide continued administrative services for the District's health plan for the 2019-20 fiscal year at \$52.98 per member per month.

Approximately \$171,655 (based on 270 contracts) per year.

3.7 Approval recommended to renew stop loss coverage as quoted by UPMC Health Benefits, Inc. for renewal for the 2019-20 fiscal year. Approximately \$370,850 per year.

3.8 Approval is recommended to accept the UPMC Vision Advantage quote to provide administrative services for District's vision plan for the 2019-20 fiscal year at \$1.00 per member per month.

Approximately \$3,250 per year.

3.9 Approval It is recommended to accept the UPMC Dental Advantage quote to provide administrative services for the District's dental plan for the 2019- 20 fiscal year at \$3.25 per member per month.

Approximately \$10,530 per year.

3.10 Approval is recommended to adopt the ACT I HOMESTEAD & FARMSTEAD EXCLUSION – RESOLUTION NO. 05142019 implementing the Act 1 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion:

WHEREAS, the Department of Education informed the Blackhawk School District ("School District") that its property tax reduction allocation under Act 1 for 2019-2020 is \$861,627.42; 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, 2019; 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 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$175.77.

3.11 Approval is recommended to adopt the 2019-2020 Blackhawk School District General Fund, proposed budgets as previously approved by the Board for review and modified as needed: (c.) General Fund (Fund 10) expected expenditures total \$38,499,344 and expected revenues total \$38,223,915 (Expenditures exceed revenues by \$275,429) at a rate of 68. mills. Based on a 2 mil increase.

3.12 Approval is recommended 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 2019- 2020 fiscal year at a rate of 2 mills based upon the assessed valuation of the properties in the District's municipalities located in Beaver County; and, at a rate of 21.64 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 2019-2020 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, as amended, is hereby renewed for the

2019-2020 fiscal year and for an indefinite term 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 2019-2020 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, 2019. 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, 2019, October 31, 2019 and December 31, 2019 respectively as provided by law. The payment of the first installment prior to or on August 31, 2019 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 2019- 2020 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 2019- 2020 for delinquent Per Capita Taxes levied. Charges will be as contracted.

G. APPOINTMENT OF EIT, LST, AND MECHANICAL DEVICES COLLECTORS: Resolved that during the 2019-2020 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 interim Amusement Tax Collector.

3.13 Approval is recommended to accept the 2017-18 audit as presented by Cotrill Arbutina & Associates.

Roll Call Vote; yes, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Schaefer, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia (3.1-3.10, 3.12, 3.13), Mrs. Goehring, Mr. Heckathorn, Mr. Jones, Dr. Makoczy (3.1-3.10, 3.12, 3.13)

No, Mr. Battaglia (3.11), Dr. Makoczy (3.11)

8 Yes, 0 no (3.1-3.10, 3.12, 3.13)

6 Yes, 2 no (3.11) Motion Carried

Mrs. Goehring made a motion, Mr. Jones seconded to approve items 4.1 through 4.5

4.1 Approval is recommended to employ the following summer custodians, grass cutters and IT workers at a rate of \$9.00 per hour pending clearances:

- a. Reagan Rider
- b. Cassandra Majors
- c. Johnathan Pence

4.2 Approval is recommended for the following substitutes:

- a. Brandy McCandless
- b. Angela Renniger

4.3 Approval is recommended to accept the resignation of Linda Cartwright, paraprofessional, effective at the conclusion of the 2018-19 school year.

4.4 Approval is recommended to accept the separation agreement with Prosoft Employee #129.

4.5 Approval is recommended for the following summer school teachers and paraprofessionals:

- a. Kristi Bresz

- b. Mary Beth George
- c. Erica Shildt
- d. Tracy Yowler
- e. Rachael Rockage
- f. Sara Peace
- g. Lauren McClinton
- h. Jordyn Shipley
- i. Rose Highberger
- j. Cara Moyer
- k. Christina Welsh
- l. Cassandra Majors

Roll Call Vote; yes, Mr. Schaefer, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Goehring, Mr. Heckathorn, Mr. Jones, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison

8 Yes, 0 no, Motion Carried

Mrs. Ziegler made a motion, Mr. Battaglia seconded to approve items 5.1-5.3

5.1 Approval is recommended for the following field trips:

- a. Blackhawk High School (50), Missy Balaski, Cedar Point, Sandusky, May 11, 2019, no expense.
- b. TSA (21), Tim Linkenheimer, National TSA Conference, Washington DC, June 27-July 2, 2019 \$6,000 expenses budgeted.

5.2 Approval is recommended for the following student teachers:

- a. Rebecca Rienow (Geneva), with Shawna Terry and Katie Singletary
- b. Katelyn Shoemaker (Geneva), with Gretchen Hogue and Dianne Sarver
- c. Justine Crawford (Geneva), with Laurel Brest
- d. Emily Ethridge (Geneva), with Dan Nolte
- e. Victoria Springer (Carlow), with Lori Uslenghi
- f. Meghan Hirneisen (Geneva), with Deb Thellman

5.3 Approval is recommended for Dr. McKrell, Physician, be elected to provide or oversee the student physical examinations for the coming year. He will be compensated at the rate of \$25 per student physical examination and \$30 per pre-employment physical. (Dr. Kilpatrick moving out of the district)

Roll Call Vote; yes, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Goehring, Mr. Heckathorn, Mr. Jones, Dr.

Makoczy(5.1a, 5.2, 5.3), Mr. Morrison, Mr. Schaefer

No, Dr. Makoczy (5.1a)

Yes, 8, 0 no, (5.1a, 5.2, 5.3)

Yes, 7, 1 no, (5.1b) Motion Carried

Mr. Heckathorn made a motion, Mr. Morrison seconded to approve item 13.1

13.1 Approval is recommended to accept the resignation of Matthew Wimmel, Region 2 School Director.

Roll Call Vote; yes, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Goehring, Mr. Heckathorn, Mr. Jones, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Schaefer

8 yes, 0 no, Motion Carried

Mrs. Ziegler made a motion, Mr. Battaglia seconded to approve item 16.1

16.1 Approval is recommended to renew the District's Pennsylvania School Board Association annual membership at a cost of \$13,530.56.

Roll Call Vote; yes, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Goehring, Mr. Heckathorn, Mr. Jones, Mr. Schaefer, Mrs. Ziegler

No, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison

6 Yes, 2 no, Motion Carried

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mr. Schaefer thanked Lauren Ostrom for her dedication to the Board.

Ms. Ostrom stated this season is busy with Senior functions, she invited everyone to visit the Art Show, and announced she will be attending Pitt in the Fall, depending on the wait list for Harvard.

Dr. Postupac announced the stadium bathrooms have been completed and occupancy permit was issued. The brick design was created by Dale Moll and his class.

Dr. Makoczy asked Mr. Kustra about comments on social media.

Mrs. Ziegler asked about a student representative for the 2019-20 school year, Mr. Nelson commented that was in progress.

Mrs. Goehring commented on "Stay Put Option" from Eckles, Dr. Postupac explained it would be presented to the CAC on the next meeting date.

Mr. Battaglia commented on the Northwestern Primary School gate being locked.

Mr. Jones made a motion, Mr. Morrison seconded to adjourn the Voting Session at 7:57PM.

Roll Call Vote; yes, Mrs. Goehring, Mr. Heckathorn, Mr. Jones, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Schaefer, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia

8 Yes, 0 no, Motion Carried