

BLACKHAWK SCHOOL DISTRICT
500 BLACKHAWK ROAD
BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS VOTING MEETING
Via ZOOM
May 14, 2020

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

Mr. Heckathorn	Mr. Jones	Dr. Makoczy	Mrs. Cline	Mrs. Ziegler
Mr. Battaglia	Mr. Morrison	Mr. Yonkee	Mrs. Helsing	

Also in attendance:

Dr. Postupac – Superintendent	Amanda Jewell - Solicitor
Mr. Ira Weiss– Solicitor	
Nate DiBenedetto – Business Services	

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Cline made a motion, Mr. Jones seconded to approve items 3.1 through 3.7

3.1 Approval is recommended for the Financial Report for March and April.

3.2 Approval is recommended for the payment of bills for April and May.

a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$674,533.62 (April) \$490,567.16 (May)

b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund: \$20,705.30 (April) \$10,635.60 (May)

c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$41,602.05 (April) \$38,233.29 (May)

d. Fund 66 - Health Fund: \$49.00 (April) \$1,245.00 (May)

3.3 Approval is recommended to accept the 2018-2019 Audit Report

3.4 Approval is recommended to adopt the ACT I HOMESTEAD & FARMSTEAD EXCLUSION – RESOLUTION NO. 05142020 implementing the Act 1 Education informed the Blackhawk School District (“School District”) that its property tax reduction allocation under Act 1 for 2020-2021 is \$860,773.34; 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, 2020 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 2020-2021 school year in the amount of \$176.86 (4,847 Homestead and 20 Farmstead)

3.5 Approval is recommended to adopt the 2020-2021 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 \$39,064,118 and expected revenues total \$37,400,337 (Expenditures exceed revenues by \$1,663,781) at a rate of 68.mils. Based on a 0 mil increase.

3.6 Approval is recommend 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 estate property for the 2020- 2021 fiscal year at a rate of __ mills based upon the assessed valuation of the properties upon the assessed valuation of the properties in Enon 4 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 2020-2021 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 2020-2021 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, 2020. 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, 2020 October 31, 2020 and December 31, 2020 respectively as provided by law. The payment of the first installment prior to or on August 31, 2020 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 2020-2021 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 2020- 2021 for delinquent Per Capita Taxes levied. Charges will be as contracted.

G. APPOINTMENT OF EIT, LST, AND MECHANICAL DEVICES COLLECTORS: Resolved that during the 2020-2021 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 contracted management be appointed as interim Amusement Tax Collector.

3.7 Approval is recommended to authorize inquiry of a joint bond of \$1 million for the tax collector in Patterson Township pending solicitor review.

Roll Call Vote Yes; Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline, Mr. Heckathorn, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Jones, Dr. Makoczy (3.1-3.4, 3.6, 3.7), Mr. Morrison, Mr. Yonkee, Mrs. Ziegler

No; Dr. Makoczy (3.5)

9 yes, 0 no, (3.1-3.4, 3.6, 3.7) Motion Carried

8 yes, 1 no (3.5) Motion Carried

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Helsing made a motion, Mr. Battaglia seconded, to approve times 4.1 through 4.6

4.1 Approval is recommended to correct Joe Lamenza, English Teacher, salary based on July 27, 2015 hiring information.

4.2 Approval is recommended to accept the retirement of Barb Brown, Elementary Teacher, effective June 5, 2020.

4.3 Approval is recommended to accept the retirement of Kelley Engle, Counselor, effective December 31, 2020.

4.4 Approval is recommended to accept the retirement of Jan Perza, Paraprofessional, effective June 5, 2020.

4.5 Approval is recommended to employ the following summer help at a rate of \$9.00 per hour:

- a. Logan Mennel (Tech)
- b. Jacob Hopkins (Tech)
- c. Payton Stewart (Grass Cutter)
- d. Ed Braddock (Grass Cutter)
- e. Cameron Boggs (Grass Cutter)

4.6 Approval is recommended to renew Rick Ford, Athletic Director's contract for a four year term beginning July 1, 2020.

Roll Call Vote Yes; Mrs. Cline, Mr. Heckathorn, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Jones, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Yonkee, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia

9 Yes, 0 no, Motion Carried

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Yonkee made a motion, Mr. Battaglia seconded to approve items 5.1 and 5.2

5.1 Approval is recommended to accept the amended 2019-2020 Academic Calendar to reflect Covid 19 Instruction days. (Exhibit)

5.2 Approval is recommend to participate in the Technology Council Pool for the 2020-2021 school year.

Roll Call Vote yes; Mr. Heckatorn, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Jones, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Yonkee, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline

9 yes, 0 no, Motion Carried

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Mr. Battaglia made a motion, Mr. Yonkee seconded to approve item 6.1

6.1 Approval is recommended to award bids for the Blackhawk Senior High School Renovation project, rejecting all deductions, to the following lowest responsible bidders meeting specifications:

- a. General Construction—Caliber Construction Services—base bid of \$1,093,000
- b. HVAC Construction—D&G Mechanical Inc.—base bid of \$297,824
- c. Plumbing Construction—Wheels Mechanical Contracting—base bid of \$192,500
- d. Electrical Construction—Blackhawk Neff—base bid of \$292,500

Roll Call Vote yes; Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Jones, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Yonkee, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline, Mr. Heckathorn

No; Dr. Makoczy

8 yes, 1 no, Motion Carried

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Mr. Heckathorn made a motion, Mr. Yonkee seconded to approve items 7.1 through 7.3

7.1 Approval is recommended to appoint Sue Alviani as the Varsity Cheer Sponsor for the 2020-2021 school year (Supplemental \$4, 503.00)

7.2 Approval is recommended to appoint Jan Robinson as the Varsity Girls Golf coach for the 2020-2021 school year (Supplemental \$3081.00)

7.3 Approval is recommended to accept the Option 2 proposal from Institutional Specialties, Inc. (Costars) regarding Swimming scoreboard at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00.

Roll Call Vote yes; Mr. Jones, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Yonkee, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline, Mr. Heckathorn, Mrs. Helsing

No; Dr. Makoczy

8 yes, 1 no, Motion Carried

Mrs. Ziegler made a motion, Mr. Battaglia seconded to amend the agenda and add item 12.5

12.5 Approval is recommended to suspend for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year Board Policy 006.2 Videotaping of Board Meetings

Roll Call Vote Yes; Mr. Morrison, Mr. Yonkee, Mrs. Zielger, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline, Mr. Heckathorn, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Jones

9 Yes, 0 no Motion Carried

POLICY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Ziegler made a motion, Mrs. Helsing seconded to approve items 12.1 through 12.5

12.1 Approval is recommended to temporarily suspend Board Policy 117 pertaining to Homebound Instruction for the duration of the District-wide closure.

12.2 Approval is recommended to suspend for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year the provision under Board Policy 803 entitled "Authority" which provides the following language: "The school calendar shall normally consist of a minimum of 180 student days."

12.3 Approval is recommended to suspend for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year the provision under Board Policy 803 entitled "Delegation of Responsibility" which provides the following language: "The Superintendent shall prepare annually a school calendar for Board consideration no later than March."

12.4 Approval is recommended to suspend for the remainder of the 2019-2020 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. Yonkee, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline, Mr. Heckathorn, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Jones Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison

9 yes, 0 no, Motion Carried

BEAVER COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Jones made a motion, Mrs. Helsing seconded to approve item 14.1

14.1 Approval is recommended to accept the 2020-2021 Beaver County Career & Technology Center's General Fund Budget of \$6,316,214.00.

Roll Call Vote yes; 0 no; Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline, Mr. Heckathorn, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Jones, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Yonkee, Mrs. Ziegler

0 Yes, 9 no, Motion Failed

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mr. Yonkee questioned the Beaver County Career & Technology budget, the lack of input from the districts and the BCCTC current contract obligations the district's are not aware of.

Barb Brown commented on the fund balance and insurance payments

Molly Yowler thanked the administration regarding graduation plans.

Dr. Postupac commended the staff for their versatile hours and the Roadmap to Reopening.

Jodi Borroni commended the staff for using instructional platforms to engage every student, with teachers reaching out to parents once a week.

Mr. Morrison commended the maintenance and custodial staff.

Mrs. Ziegler questioned the backup materials on the website and high school homework submission problems.

Mrs. Cline commended the Seniors.

Mr. Heckathorn congratulated the retirees, thanked administration and commented on the Seniors displayed on the school notification board.

Dr. Makoczy commented on an email regarding graduation.

Mrs. Ziegler made a motion, Mrs. Helsing seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:15PM.