

BLACKHAWK SCHOOL DISTRICT
500 BLACKHAWK ROAD
BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MAY VOTING SESSION
Via ZOOM
May 13, 2021

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

Also in attendance:

Dr. Postupac – Superintendent Amanda Jewell – Solicitor Nate DiBenedetto – Business Services

Mr. Jones made a motion, Mrs. Ziegler seconded to add 5.2

5.2 Approval is recommended to accept the discipline agreement between Student #-2021 and the district as presented.

Verbal vote 9 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

Dr Makoczy made a motion, Mr. Battaglia seconded to add item 3.6(a)

3.6 Approval is recommended to adopt the 2021-2022 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 \$40,279,649 and expected revenues total \$39,698,140 (Expenditures exceed revenues by \$581,509) at a rate of 68.mils. Based on a 0 mil increase.

Roll Call Vote yes; Mrs. Helsing, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Yonkee, Mr. Battaglia

No; Mr. Heckathorn, Mr. Jones, Mr. Morrison, Mrs. Ziegler, Mrs. Cline

4 yes, 5 no Motion Failed

Mrs. Ziegler made a motion, Mr. Heckathorn seconded to add item 3.6(b)

3.6 Approval is recommended to adopt the 2021-2022 Blackhawk School District General Fund, proposed budgets as previously approved by the Board for review and modified as needed:

b. General Fund (Fund 10) expected expenditures total \$40,279,649 and expected revenues total \$39,937,025 (Expenditures exceed revenues by \$342,624) at a rate of 69. mils. Based on a 1 mil increase.

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

No; Mrs. Helsing, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Battaglia

6 yes, 3 no Motion Failed

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

3.1 Approval is recommended for the Financial Report for April.

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

a. Fund 10 – General Fund:\$527,017.96

b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund: \$80,432.18

c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$52,563.34

Payroll April: \$1,269,687.63

3.3 Approval is recommended to accept the 2019-2020 Audit Report.

3.4 Approval is recommended to appoint Melissa Ziegler as Board Treasurer for a one year term beginning July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, according to School Code Section 404.

3.5 Approval is recommended to adopt the ACT I HOMESTEAD & FARMSTEAD EXCLUSION – RESOLUTION NO. 05132021 implementing the Act 1 Education informed the Blackhawk School District (“School District”) that its property tax reduction allocation under Act 1 for 2021-2022 is \$860,179.80; 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, 2021 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 2021-2022 school year in the amount of \$179.63 (4,851 Homestead and 19 Farmstead)

3.6 Approval is recommended to adopt the 2021-2022 Blackhawk School District General Fund, proposed budgets as previously approved by the Board for review and modified as needed:

b. General Fund (Fund 10) expected expenditures total \$40,279,649 and expected revenues total \$39,937,025 (Expenditures exceed revenues by \$342,624) at a rate of 69. mills. Based on a 1 mil increase.

3.7 Approval is recommended 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 2021-2022 fiscal year at a rate of 69. mills based upon the assessed valuation of the properties in the District’s municipalities located in Beaver County; and, at a rate of 21.47 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 2021-2022 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 2021-2022 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, 2021. 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, 2021 October 31, 2021 and December 31, 2021 respectively as provided by law. The payment of the first installment prior to or on August 31, 2021 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 2021- 2022 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 2021- 2022 for delinquent Per Capita Taxes levied. Charges will be as contracted.

G. APPOINTMENT OF EIT, LST, AND MECHANICAL DEVICES COLLECTORS: Resolved that during the 2021-2022 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 Office Staff be appointed as interim Amusement Tax Collector.

Roll Call Vote yes; Mr. Jones, Dr. Makoczy (3.1-3.3, 3.5), Mr. Morrison, Mr. Yonkee (3.1-3.3, 3.5-3.7), Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia (3.1-3.3, 3.5), Mrs. Cline, Mr. Heckathorn, Mrs. Helsing no; Dr. Makoczy (3.4, 3.6, 3.7), Mr. Battaglia (3.4, 3.6, 3.7)

Abstain; Mr. Yonkee (3.4)

(3.1-3.3, 3.5) Yes; 9, 0 no Motion Carried

(3.4) 6 yes, 2 no, 1 abstain Motion Carried

(3.6, 3.7) yes 7, 2 no Motion Carried

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Helsing made a motion, Mr. Heckathorn seconded to approve items

4.1 Approval is recommended to employ the following summer help at a rate of \$10.00 per hour:

- a. Jacob Hopkins (Tech)
- b. Ed Braddock
- c. Sonya Ziegler
- d. Bonnie Lewis
- e. Carrie Courinos
- f. Nathaniel Schneider
- g. Conner Richards
- h. Jeffrey Thellman

4.2 Approval is recommended to accept Bree Goist, Assistant Athletic Trainer, resignation effective June 30, 2021.

4.3 Approval is recommended to contract Kayla Hullihen as Assistant Athletic Trainer beginning July 1, 2021.

4.4 Approval is recommended to accept Jennifer Nicely, Nurse Paraprofessional, resignation effective May 5, 2021.

Roll Call Vote yes; Dr. Makoczy (4.1, 4.2, 4.4) Mr. Morrison, Mr. Yonkee, Mrs. Zieger, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline, Mr. Heckathorn, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Jones

Abstain; Dr. Makoczy (4.3)

(4.1, 4.2, 4.4) 9 yes 0 no, Motion Carried

(4.3) 8 yes, 1 abstain, Motion Carried

EDUCATION

Mr. Yonkee made a motion, Mrs. Cline seconded to approve item 5.1

5.1 Approval is recommended to contract with Adelphoi Education Services on an as needed basis for the 21-22 school year at a daily rate of \$149.00. (Informational Note: Daily rate if Guaranteed Seat is requested is provided at a reduced rate of \$143.53)

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

9 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

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

6.1 Approval is recommended to accept the Temporary Road Agreement from Pennsylvania Power Company pending solicitor review.

6.2 Approval is recommended to allow AC Dance Academy to utilize the High School Auditorium for their Spring Dance Recital, May 20-22, 2021, observing COVID guidelines, with appropriate fee schedule.

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

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

Mr. Heckathorn made a motion, Mr. Jones seconded to approve items 7.1 through 7.5

7.1 Approval is recommended to approve Shawn Haddox as the 8th Grade Girls Middle School Basketball coach for the 2021-2022 school year. Supplemental Contract \$2,607.00

7.2 Approval is recommended to approve Dave Florentine as the 7th Grade Girls Middle School Basketball coach for the 2021-2022 school year. Supplemental Contract \$3,495.75

7.3 Approval is recommended to approve John Decaria as the 8th Grade Boys Middle School Basketball coach for the 2021-2022 school year. Supplemental Contract \$2,073.75

7.4 Approval is recommended to approve Tiffany Jury as the Junior Varsity Cheer Sponsor for the 2021-2022 school year. Supplemental Contract \$2,796.60

7.5 Approval is recommended to accept the Medic Rescue Ambulance Service Contract for the 2021-2022 school year.

Roll Call vote yes; Mr. Battaglia (7.1-7.3, 7.5), Mrs. Cline, Mr. Heckathorn, Mrs. Helsing (7.1, 7.2, 7.5), Mr. Jones, Dr. Makoczy (7.1, 7.2, 7.5), Mr. Morrison, Mr. Yonkee (7.1-7.3, 7.5), Mrs. Ziegler no; Mr. Battaglia (7.4), Mrs. Helsing (7.3, 7.4), Dr. Makoczy (7.3, 7.4), Mr. Yonkee (7.4)

(7.1, 7.2, 7.5) 9 yes, 0 no, Motion Carried

(7.3) 7 yes, 2 no, Motion Carried

(7.4) 5 yes, 4 no, Motion Carried

TRANSPORTATION

Mrs. Cline made a motion, Mr. Jones seconded to approve item 9.1

9.1 Approval is recommended for the updated driver list from McCarter's.

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

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mrs. Goehring asked about acreage located behind Highland Middle School.

Alaina Cline thanked the board and administration for the opportunities given during this year.

Mrs. Ziegler asked about next year's student rep and the requirements.

Dr. Makoczy asked about future meetings being in-person.

**Mrs. Ziegler made a motion, Mr. Battaglia seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:42PM
Verbal Vote, 9 yes, 0 no; Motion Carried**