

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS WORK SESSION
May 7, 2020**

AGENDA

1. BOARD ORGANIZATION

- 1.1 Call to Order
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.3 Roll Call
- 1.4 There was Zoom meeting on Tuesday night for practice purposes only, to prepare for Thursday's meeting.
- 1.5 There was an executive session held prior to tonight's meeting for personnel matters and contract negotiation updates.
- *1.6 Approval is recommended for March Minutes

2. PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Melissa Ziegler, 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.

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

3. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Rachel Cline, Chairperson

- 3.1 Informational Item: Monthly Insurance Report for March and April. (Exhibit)
 - a. UPMC Health Fund: \$235,367.19 (March) \$199,080.60 (April)
 - b. UPMC Dental: \$8,867.00 (March) \$1,067.00 (April)
 - c. UPMC Vision: \$793. (March) \$75. (April)

- 3.2 Approval is recommended for the Financial Report for March and April. (Exhibit)
- 3.3 Approval is recommended for the payment of bills for April. (Exhibit)
- a. Fund 10 – General Fund:\$674,533.62
 - b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund: \$20,705.30
 - c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$41,602.05
 - d. Fund 66 - Health Fund: \$49.00

- 3.4 Approval is recommended to accept the 2018-2019 Audit Report (Exhibit)

- 3.5 Approval is recommended to adopt the ACT I HOMESTEAD & FARMSTEAD EXCLUSION – RESOLUTION NO. 05142019 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 \$179.63 (4,772 Homestead and 20 Farmstead)

- 3.6 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: (Exhibit)
- 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.*
 - b. *General Fund (Fund 10) expected expenditures total \$39,064,118 and expected revenues total \$37,630,337 (Expenditures exceed revenues by \$1,433,781) at a rate of 69. mils. Based on a 1 mil increase.*
 - c. *General Fund (Fund 10) expected expenditures total \$39,064,118 and expected revenues total \$37,860,337 (Expenditures exceed revenues by \$1,203,781) at a rate of 70. mils. Based on a 2 mil increase.*

- 3.7 Approval is recommend 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 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 Business Manager be appointed as interim Amusement Tax Collector.

4. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Kathy Helsing, Chairperson

- 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.

5. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Ken Yonkee, Kathy Helsing, Co-Chairperson

- 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. (Exhibit)

6. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE

John Battaglia, Chairperson

- 6.1 Informational Item: Bid Report on High School Entrance

7. ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Ken Yonkee, Paul Heckathorn, Co-Chairperson

- 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. (Exhibit)
- 7.4 Congratulations to the following Boys Varsity Basketball members for their post season recognition:
 - a. Ryan Heckathorn – Pittsburgh Post-Gazette All Section Team, Beaver County Times Top 20, Beaver County Times All Section, and Round Ball Classic All Star
 - b. James Darno – Beaver County Top 20 and Round Ball Classic All Star
 - c. Marco Borello – Round Ball Classic All Star
 - d. Coach Roorback – Beaver County Time Section 4 Coach of the Year and Round Ball Class Coach
- 7.5 Congratulations to the following Girls Varsity Basketball members for their post season recognition.
 - a. Mackenzie Amalia – 4A All State Team, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Feb 5, 4A All WPIAL Team, Trib Live Top 10 Girls All Star, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette All Section Team, Beaver County Times Player of the Year, Beaver County Times Section Co-MVP, Beaver County Times Top 20, and Round Ball Classic All Star
 - b. Sierra Richard – Round Ball Classic All Star
- 7.6 Congratulations to the following student athletes for receiving the following scholarships.
 - a. Jack Aulbach – WPIAL James Collins Scholar Athlete Award
 - b. Ryan Heckathorn – Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame Award

8. ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON

Paul Heckathorn, Chairperson

No Report

9. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Neil Morrison, John Battaglia, Co-Chairperson

No Report

10. FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

Rachel Cline, Chairperson

No Report

11. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

Dan Jones, Chairperson

No Report

12. POLICY COMMITTEE

Melissa Ziegler, Chairperson

- 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.

13. BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT

Kathy Helsing, Chairperson

14. BEAVER COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY

Dan Jones, Chairperson

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

15. INTERMEDIATE UNIT

Dan Jones, Chairperson

16. PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Rachel Cline, Chairperson

No Report

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- A. Visitors
- B. Student Representative
- C. Administration
- D. Solicitor
- E. School Directors
- F. Next Meeting – May 14, 2020 Virtual meeting with Zoom platform,
7:00PM.
- G. Adjournment
- H. Executive Session if needed.