

BLACKAHWK SCHOOL DISTRICT  
500 BLACKHAWK ROAD  
BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MAY VOTING SESSION  
Blackhawk High School Library  
May 18, 2023

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

Mr. Battaglia	Mrs. Deluca	Mrs. Mansell	Mr. Jones	Lynn Kalcevic
Mrs. Cline	Dr. Makoczy	Mrs. Helsing	Mr. Huzyak	

Also in attendance:

Dr. Postupac – Superintendent  
Tom Breth- Solicitor

Also in attendance: -- Aidan Thellman – (Student Representative)

### **BOARD ORGANIZATION**

Aidan Thellman commented on end of the year events throughout the district.

**Dr. Makoczy asked the audience to leave for an executive session for personnel matters at 7:45PM and then reconvened the meeting.**

**Dr. Makoczy made a motion, Mr. Battaglia seconded to amend the agenda and add:**

Motion to approve the hiring of Michael Witherel as Special Counsel and authorize Mr. Witherel to draft a Statement of Charges, as appropriate, based upon the State Ethics Commission’s Report and Order related to Dr. Postupac; to refer the State Ethics Commissions’ Report and Order to the Beaver County District Attorney; to refer the State Ethics Commissions’ Report and Order the United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania. Further, M. Witherel is authorized to take such other action as necessary to comply with the Public School Code, as amended.

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

**9 yes, 0 no Motion Carried**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mariah Brown commented on the hiring of a Boys Varsity Soccer Coach.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Dr. Makoczy made a motion, Mrs. Mansell seconded to approve items 3.1-3.5

\*3.1 Motion to approve the Financial Report.

\*3.2 Motion to approve payment of bills:

a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$814,984.57

b. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$50,337.11

Payroll: \$1,275,146.95

\*3.3 Motion to adopt the ACT I HOMESTEAD & FARMSTEAD EXCLUSION –RESOLUTION NO. 05182023 implementing the Act 1 Education informed the Blackhawk School District (“School District”) that its property tax reduction allocation under Act 1 for 2023-2024 is \$1,083,817.07; 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, 2023 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 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$227.08 (4,759 Homestead and 20 Farmstead)

\*3.4 Motion to adopt the 2023-2024 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 \$42,191,286 and expected revenues total \$40,241,356 (Expenditures exceed revenues by \$1,949,930) at a rate of 69.mils. Based on a 0 mil increase.

b. General Fund (Fund 10) expected expenditures total \$42,191,286 and expected revenues total \$40,484,356 (Expenditures exceed revenues by \$1,706,930) at a rate of 70. mils. Based on a 1 mil increase.

c. General Fund (Fund 10) expected expenditures total \$42,191,286 and expected revenues total \$40,727,356 (Expenditures exceed revenues by \$1,463,930) at a rate of 71 mils. Based on a 2. mil increase.

\*3.5 Motion 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 2023- 2024 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 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 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, 2023. 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, 2023 October 31, 2023 and December 31, 2023 respectively as provided by law. The payment of the first installment prior to or on August 31, 2023 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 2023- 2024 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 2023- 2024 for delinquent Per Capita Taxes levied. Charges will be as contracted.

G. APPOINTMENT OF EIT, LST, AND MECHANICAL DEVICES COLLECTORS: Resolved that during the 2023-2024 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. Deluca, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Huzyak, Mr. Jones (3.1-3.3)m Mrs. Kalcevic, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Battaglia (3.1-3.3), Mrs. Cline (3.1-3.3),

No (3.4, 3.5) Mr. Jones, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline

**9 yes, 0 no (3.1-3.3) Motion Carried**

**6 yes, 3 no (3.4, 3.5) Motion Carried**

**Mrs. Deluca made a motion to table item 5.2, no one seconded, Motion Failed.**

**Mrs. Helsing made a motion, Mrs. Kalcevic seconded to approve the consent agenda for all items in section 3 through 12.**

\*4.1 Motion to approve ProSoft employee #327 for intermittent FMLA beginning immediately.

\*4.2 Motion to approve the resignation and retirement of Sally Diehl, Secretary, effective immediately.

\*4.3 Motion to approve the resignation of Kathi Young, Cafeteria worker, effective May 2, 2023.

\*4.4 Motion to approve the following custodial substitutes at a rate of \$10 per hour pending clearances:

- a. Eric Franitti
- b. Justin Labasik
- c. Jawaun Witt

4.5 Motion to approve the following Summer School Teachers through Blackhawk School District and Kelly Educational Staffing:

- a. Andrew Rodenbeck
- b. Vanessa Potts
- c. MaryBeth George
- d. Megan Reeher
- e. Amy Rorick
- f. Heather McGee
- g. Dawn Kinger
- h. MaryKim Murtha
- i. Sarah Shuleski
- j. Derek Majors
- k. Sydney Migliore
- l. Carolyn Fisher
- m. Mary Beth George
- n. Meghan Detka
- o. Jocelyn Carr
- p. JoAnn Cox
- q. Amy Podbielski (Paraprofessional)
- r. Cassandra Majors (Paraprofessional)
- s. Stephanie Heckathorn (Paraprofessional)
- t. Lena Pitzer (Paraprofessional)
- u. Kelly Modzelewski (Paraprofessional)
- v. Ezra White (Paraprofessional)

4.6 Motion to approve the following summer help at a rate of \$10 per hour pending clearances:

- a. Cassandra Majors

b. Tanusia Trent

\*4.7 Motion to approve the resignation of Heather Pico, cafeteria worker, effective May 11, 2023.

\*5.1 Motion to approve the following field trip requests: (Exhibit)

a. Unified Special Olympic Bocce Team (6), Special Olympic Preview Information, Mariah Brown, Shenango Area High School, May 25, 2023 \$150 expense budgeted.

\*5.2 Motion to approve the addition of the novel Outliers (The Story of Success) by Malcolm Gladwell as an addition to the novels used in ELA 10 at a cost of \$3,194 (\$15.97 each).

\*5.3 Motion to approve the contract with Adelphoi Education Services on an as needed basis for the 23-24 school year.

\*6.1 Motion to approve Ray Hall Plumbing for the installation of a new water line at Patterson Primary School at a cost of \$9,335.00 (Exhibit)

\*6.2 Motion to approve The Fishel Company to dump spoils from their construction operation behind the maintenance/storage bays and along the track. The spoils could include, but not limited to the following: dirt, topsoil, sand, gravel, concrete and asphalt. There is no cost to the district

\*6.3 Motion to adopt Resolution 05182023-1 which authorizes the revival of the Blackhawk School Building Authority, an expired authority for the purpose of conveying the property described on exhibit "A" to the Blackhawk School District.

\*7.1 Approval is recommended for the resignation of Jeff McCurley as Assistant Football coach effective immediately.

\*7.2 Approval is recommended for the resignation of Maura Saint as the Producer of the Spring Musical effective immediately.

\*7.3 Motion to accept the Medic Rescue Ambulance Service Contract for the 2023-2024 school year subject to solicitor review.

\*7.4 Motion to accept the resignation of Perry Pander, Boys Varsity Soccer Coach, effective immediately.

\*8.1 Motion to approve the updated driver list from McCarter's. (Exhibit)

\*14.1 Motion to approve the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Joint Purchasing Program for the 2023-2024 school year.

Roll Call Vote yes, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Huzyak, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Kalcevic, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline, Mrs. Deluca (no, 5.2)

**9 yes, 0 no, items 4.1 through 14 (excluding 5.2) Motion Carried**

**8 yes, 1 no, item 5.2 Motion Carried**

**Dr. Makoczy adjourned the meeting at 8:58 PM**