

BLACKHAWK SCHOOL DISTRICT
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BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS WORK SESSION
Blackhawk High School Auditorium
October 8, 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. Heckathorn	Mr. Jones	Dr. Makoczy	Mrs. Goehring
Mrs. Ziegler	Mr. Morrison	Mr. Schaefer	Mrs. Helsing

Also in attendance:

Mr. Brandenburg – Business Manager	Dr. Postupac – Superintendent
Ms. Janet Burkardt– Solicitor	Molly Yowler – Student Representative

Not in attendance:

Mr. Battaglia

Mr. Jones made a motion, Mr. Morrison seconded to approve the September Minutes. Mrs. Goehring asked that her comment from the September Work Session be amended. Mr. Schaefer suggested the September Minutes be voted on at the October Voting Session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Barb Brown commented on meeting attendance, the cost of maintaining Northwestern, and renovations not worth the Plan Con A reimbursement.

Breanna Boyde commented on DEP violations at Northwestern and suggested lead and water testing in all of the schools.

Mrs. Goehring made a motion, Mr. Morrison seconded to approve item 4.1

4.1 Approval is recommended to contract with Liken Healthcare Staffing for Nurse Substitutes. (Exhibit-contract has been reviewed by district solicitor)

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

8 Yes, 0 no: Motion Carried

Mr. Morrison made a motion Mrs. Ziegler seconded to add item 6.4 for the Voting Session

6.4 Approval is recommended to authorize the Solicitor to develop an RFP for the sale of Northwestern Primary School.

Roll Call Vote: yes, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Schaefer, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Heckathorn, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Jones

No, Mrs. Goehring

7 Yes, 1 no: Motion Carried

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Rachel Cline commented on the attributes of a Board Member, questioned Perry Pander's write-in campaign, Dr. Makoczy votes for field trips, and the cost of unexpected increases with renovating Northwestern.

Dianne Sarver expressed appreciation for the Veteran's Bags, commented on Dr. Makoczy's comments on Maternity Leave, and out of the classroom activities that require substitutes. She clarified that Nutritional Counseling that was mentioned in a letter was inappropriate and that this service is needed to aid in controlling certain disease.

Dr. Makoczy commented that costs are extreme and costs need to be cut.

Anita Mensch commented on extending the classroom through fieldtrips, and a no vote is not educationally benefitting our students.

Dave Cunnan commented on how the board treated each other during the meeting.

Adam VanZalinge commented on the Community Advisory Committee doing what is best for the students.

Alberta Saunders asked about field use by non- district events, and commented on renovations at the Intermediate School and Northwestern.

Dayla Kelly asked about testing throughout the district specifically Radon every two years and commented on the CAC meetings, the behavior of the board, and the email she had sent to the board prior to the meeting.

Molly Yowler, Student Representative commented that field trips had the most impact on her education.

Mrs. Ziegler apologized for her behavior.

Mrs. Goehring asked about the Superintendents weekly updates and the building appraisals.

Mr. Morrison made a motion, Mr. Jones seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:34PM

Verbal Vote 8 yes, 0 no: Motion carried

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Blackhawk School Board Recording Secretary