

BLACKAHWK SCHOOL DISTRICT
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BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS OCTOBER VOTING SESSION
Blackhawk High School Library
October 19, 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	Mr. Jones	Mrs. Mansell	Mr. Huzyak
Dr. Makoczy	Mrs. Helsing	Mrs. Kalcevic	Mrs. Cline	

Also in attendance:

Jordan Shuber- Solicitor

Andrew Woods – Student Representative

Not in attendance: Dr. Pettigrew – Acting Superintendent

Andrew Woods commented on The Miller Test which allows guidelines for literary as a whole.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Amy Rorick asked the board for clarification and to reconsider voting on section 11.1

Matt Shope commented on parental control of resources and banning books

Adam VanZalinge commented on policy change, procedure, and board member roles

Barb Brown read a letter from the Education Law Center regarding policies

Tracy Shaffer commented on policy change

Anita Mensch commented on policy change, and timely teachable moments

Michele Hiler requested the policies be tabled and re-evaluated

Melissa Greene commented on Policy 109

Brett Allmond commented on books in the library with no educational value and read a portion of Me and Earl and a Dying Girl.

Laura Gibson commented on attending the public policy committee meeting and asked the board to slow the process of voting on the policies

Pam Hupp commented on community involvement and policy procedure

Dr. Makoczy made a motion, Mrs. Mansell seconded to approve non-consent agenda items 5.3 and 6.2 through 6.3

*5.3 Motion to approve agreements with students #30400 and #29065.

*6.2 Motion to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2023, Building and Grounds Committee Meeting.

*6.3 Motion to approve the substitute custodian rate of \$15 per hour.

*6.4 Motion to approve the deed dated October 11, 2023, between the Blackhawk School Building Authority and Blackhawk School District, and to authorize the Solicitor to record the Deed with the Beaver County Recorder of Deeds Office.

*6.5 Motion to approve the Blackhawk High School Stadium Instrument for the Declaration of Restrictions and Covenants and to authorize the Solicitor to record it with the Beaver County Recorder of Deeds Office.

*6.6 Motion to approve the Permit Termination Certification for the Blackhawk High School Stadium project, to authorize the Superintendent to sign it, and to authorize the Solicitor to record it with the Beaver County Recorder of Deeds Office.

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

9 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

Mr. Battaglia made a motion, Mrs. Cline seconded to table 4.5 until next meeting

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

No, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell

7 yes 2 no, Motion Carried

Mr. Huzyak made a motion, Mr. Jones seconded to table 11.1

Roll Call Vote yes, Mr. Huzyak, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Cline

No, Mrs. Kalcevic, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Deluca, Mrs. Helsing

3 yes, 6 no Motion Failed to table.

Dr. Makoczy made a motion, Mrs. Kalcevic seconded to approve the consent agenda for all items in section 3 through 12 as presented

*3.1 Motion to approve the Financial Report. (Exhibit)

*3.2 Motion to approve payment of bills: (Exhibit)

a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$925,945.52

b. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$46,984.65

Payroll: \$1,952,725.22

*3.3 Motion to authorize the solicitor to participate in commercial real estate tax appeals as needed.

*3.4 Motion to approve the Repository of Unsold Properties for tax parcel #52-001-1009.000-01-1.

4. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

*4.1 Motion to accept the retirement of Pam Thellman, Paraprofessional effective August 16, 2024.

*4.2 Motion to approve Amber Aley as Paraprofessional at a rate of \$15.00 per hour and all benefits according to the BESPAs pending clearances.

*4.3 Motion to approve Prosoft Employee #1926 FMLA beginning October 2, 2023 until December 29, 2023.

*4.4 Motion to approve the retirement of Marianne LeDonne, Curriculum Director, effective January 5, 2024.

~~*4.5 Motion to approve the Director Compensation Plan effective October 12, 2023 through June 30, 2028. (Exhibit)~~

*4.6 Motion to approve Daniel Honneffer as Custodian at a rate of \$19.23 per hour and all benefits according to the BESPAs pending clearances.

*4.7 Motion to approve Curtis Covert for tenure.

5. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

*5.1 Motion to approve the following field trips:

a. Highland Middle School Math Club (8), Tim Linkenheimer, Math 24 Competition, Penn State Beaver, March 6, 2024 \$300 expenses budgeted

b. BHS Choir (40), Maura Saint, Old Economy and Heinz Chapel, December 2, 2023, Ambridge and Pittsburgh, \$1,124 expenses budgeted

c. BHS Choir (15), Maura Saint, PMEA Jr. High District Chorus, January 19, 2024, Blackhawk High School, \$750 expenses budgeted.

d. BHS Choir (7), Maura Saint, PMEA District Chorus, January 25-27, Mercer High School, \$2,079 expenses budgeted.

e. BHS Choir (3), Maura Saint, PMEA Region Chorus, Mars, March 6-8, 2024, \$1,350 expenses budgeted.

f. BHS Choir(2), Maura Saint, PMEA All-State Chorus, April 17-20, 2024, Erie \$2,250 expenses budgeted.

- g. CHS AP Bio, Anatomy and Economics (46), Anita Mensch, November 9, 2023, Robert Morris, \$526 expenses budgeted.
- h. Marching Band (85), Brandon Tambellini, Cleveland Cavaliers Prime-time Performance January 17-18, 2024 Cleveland, \$900 expenses budgeted
- i. Tri-M and Music Academy (25), Maura Saint, PSO – The Nightmare Before Christmas, November 16, 2023, Heinz Hall, \$359 expenses budgeted.
- j. FFA (30), Lyndsay Wilcox, Fall Career Development Events, October 19, 2023, Pymatuning, \$550 expenses budgeted
- k. BHS Accounting (14), Kelli Ambler, Accounting Career Day, October 12, 2023, Duquesne, \$400 expenses budgeted.
- l. Orchestra (12), Lisa Orr, PMEA Jr High String Fest, November 2, 2023 \$722 expenses budgeted.
- m. English Club (40), Anita Steppe, Moby Dick Play, February 1, 2024, Byham Theatre, no expense
- n. BIS First Grade (130), Mrs. Dougherty, First Grade Trip, May 6, 2024, Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh, no expense
- o. Journalism Class (15), Joy Winter, PSPA Writing Contest, October 27, 2023, Slippery Rock, \$150 expenses budgeted.
- p. Jr. Historians, (80), Sami Hanna, Moundsville Penitentiary, November 8, 2023, West Virginia \$300 expenses budgeted
- q. Drone Pilot Girls Enrichment (9), Tour Your Future :Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics, November 16, 2023, West Mifflin, \$150 expenses budgeted.
- r. Tech Ed, Art, TSA (7), Student Sustainability Design Challenge, Dale Moll, October 25, 2023, Pittsburgh, \$300 expenses budgeted.
- s. Honors History (35), Pittsburgh 1892: Industry, Society, and Conflict, Jeff Tripodi, Frick Park, December 1, 2023 \$930 expenses budgeted.
- t. Blackhawk Travel Club (40), Titanic @ Carnegie Science Center, Carnegie Science Center November, 20, 2023 \$300 expenses budgeted.

*5.2 Motion to approve the agreement with Western Pennsylvania School For the Blind Children.

6. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE

*6.1 Motion to approve the Change Order from Blackhawk Neff in the amount of \$1,859 for the BIS entrance. (Exhibit)

7. ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

*7.1 Motion to hire Andrew Rodenbeck as Assistant Men's Tennis Coach - supplemental contract \$2,009.00.

*7.2 Motion to hire Mike Stoner as Head Middle School Softball Coach - supplemental contract \$1813.00 pending clearances.

*7.3 Motion to hire Doug May as Technical Director for the Musical - supplemental contract \$1,905.50 pending clearances.

*7.4 Approval to accept the resignation of Matt Puppich as Freshmen Basketball Coach effective immediately.

*7.5 Approval of Matt Puppich as a volunteer assistant coach for Boys Varsity Basketball pending clearances.

8. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

*8.1 Motion to approve the updated drivers list from McCarters. (Exhibit)

*8.2 Motion to approve updates to McCarter’s bus schedule.

11. POLICY COMMITTEE

*11.1 Motion to approve the following policies:

- a. 109 Resource Materials
- b. 109.1 Request for Reconsideration of Resource Materials
- c. Social Media

12. BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT

*12.1 Motion to approve the following conferences: (Exhibit)

- a. Andy Yuhaniak, High School Counselor Day, December 1, 2023, Slippery Rock University, no expense.

- b. Jeff Tripodi, PDEC/BCAGL Planning, one day per month, \$664.19 expenses budgeted.
 - c. Meredith Wilkinson, Artificial Intelligence Training, October 27, 2023, BVIU, \$115. expenses budgeted
 - d. Andy Yuhaniak, Beaver County Counselor Workshop, September 29, 2023, no expense
 - e. Amy Anderson, Meredith Wilkinson, Tim Linkenheimer, Sami Hanna, Build Fly Code Grant Year 1 Check In, October 23, 2023, HMS, No Expense.
- Roll Call Vote yes, Mr. Jones (excluding 11.1), Mrs. Kalcevic, Dr. Makoczy, Mrs. Mansell, Mrs. Deluca, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline (excluding 11.1), Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Huzyak (excluding 11.1)
No, Mr. Jones (11.1), Mrs. Cline (11.1), Mr. Huzyak (11.1)

9 yes, 0 no (Items in sections 3-12 excluding 11.1) Motion Carried

6 yes, 3 no (11.1) Motion Carried

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Pam Hupp commented on Library content and the educational value

Talya Pashuta commented on book content helping abuse victims

Adam VanZalinge spoke about consulting an author in Psychology Today and their opinion on certain books availability

John Cosky commented on student support and understanding the material content

Tracy Shaffer spoke about definitions in policy and taking things out of context

Michele Hiler and Amy Rorick commented that their request was not a political move

Sarah Burnour stated she was disappointed with the policy vote when so many requested more time

Emily Rodenbeck spoke out as a sexual abuse victim and thanked Blackhawk for helping her, and some of the resource materials through that time when she was a student

Rob Puskas asked about implementation of Policy changes

Jordan Shuber commented on duties of a solicitor

Pam Hupp commented on having conversations with your children

Rachel Davis commented on the publicity over the policies, and assignments with social media

Kaitlyn Veiock commented on violent predators and educating students regarding them

Mrs. Ursida commented on bad publicity, and teacher support

Mrs. Kalcevic commented on policies that were ongoing, and the request of administration to review certain policies.

Dr. Makoczy adjourned the meeting at 8:40PM