

BLACKHAWK SCHOOL DISTRICT  
500 BLACKHAWK ROAD  
BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS SEPTEMBER VOTING SESSION  
Blackhawk High School Library  
September 21, 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. Huzyak	Mr. Jones	Mrs. Mansell
Dr. Makoczy	Mrs. Helsing	Mrs. Kalcevic	Mrs. Cline	

Also in attendance:

Dr. Pettigrew – Acting Superintendent  
Jordan Shuber- Solicitor  
Andrew Woods – Student Representative

#### **BOARD ORGANIZATION**

**Dr. Makoczy made a motion to approve the August Minutes**

**Verbal vote 9 yes, 0 no Motion Carried**

**Dr. Makoczy made a motion to add item 5.8 to the agenda**

5.8 Motion to approve Best Buddies

**Verbal Vote 9 yes, 0 no Motion Carried**

**Dr. Makoczy made a motion to add item 3.7 to the agenda**

3.7 Motion to approve the Technology buy back by AGI with proceeds going back into the General Fund.

**Dr. Makoczy made a motion to add “pending clearances” to item 4.5, 4.7 and 7.4**

**Verbal Vote 9 yes, 0 no Motion Carried**

**Dr. Makoczy made a motion Mrs. Mansell seconded to approve the non-consent agenda items 3.5-3.7, 4.5-4.7, 5.8, 7.4, and 10.1**

\*3.5 Motion to approve Lancaster Tech Law to assist with electronic discovery matters, as needed.

\*3.6 Motion to approve bit-x-bit, LLC to assist with a confidential personnel matter, as needed.

\*3.7 Motion to approve the technology buy back by AGI with all proceeds going back to the General Fund.

\*4.5 Motion to approve Christy Long as substitute cafeteria at a rate of \$10 per hour pending clearances.

\*4.6 Motion to accept the resignation of Kay English, Paraprofessional effective September 18, 2023.

\*4.7 Motion to approve Laura Houk as temporary Cafeteria Secretary at a rate of \$18.15 per hour, per BESPA pending clearances.

\*5.8 Motion to approve Best Buddies.

\*7.4 Motion to approve Michelle Stewart, band volunteer, to drive district vehicles pending clearances.

\*10.1 Motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the BESPA through June 30, 2027, as presented.

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

**9 yes, 0 no Motion Carried**

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

**3. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

\*3.1 Motion to approve the Financial Report.

\*3.2 Motion to approve payment of bills:

a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$1,323,011.83

b. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$34,226.34

Payroll: \$1,161,974.60

\*3.3 Motion to approve Mark Turnley to complete the districts Independent Audit for the 2022-2023 school year at a cost of \$22,000.

\*3.4 Motion to approve the Repository of Unsold Properties for tax parcel #77-121- 0145.945.

**4. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

\*4.1 Motion to approve Prosoft employee #2201 for FMLA beginning October 2, 2023 until November 28, 2023.

\*4.2 Motion to approve Ryan Stratton as custodian, at a rate of \$18.98 per hour and all benefits according to the BESPAs beginning September 22, 2023 pending clearances.

\*4.3 Motion to approve Susan Minehart as custodian, at a rate of \$18.98 per hour and all benefits according to the BESPAs beginning September 25, 2023 pending clearances.

\*4.4 Motion to approve Jordan Merry for tenure.

**5. EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

\*5.1 Motion to approve the following field trips:

a. Eighth Grade (180), It's Almost Your Time, Sami Hanna, Penn State Beaver, October 31 and November 1, 2023 \$800 expenses budgeted.

b. Concert Choir and Musical Students (50), New York City, Maura Saint, April 25-27, 2024 \$300 expenses budgeted

c. First Year FFA Members (9), FFA Fall Leadership Conference, Lyndsay Wilcox, October 3, 2023 \$185 expenses budgeted.

d. Third Grade BIS (175), Iron Mills Farmstead, Megan Anderson, October 6, 2023 no expense.

e. Guidance (15), Youth Ambassadors Program, Mia Gantz, September 27, 2023, \$335 expenses budgeted

f. Eighth Grade Students(30), Pathways Connecting Students, Sami Hanna, October 17, 2023, \$200 expenses budgeted.

g. BHS and HMS Life Skills (12), Curriculum Based Instruction, Tracy Yowler, Various dates and locations in Beaver County. No cost to the district

h. CHS chemistry (6), CHS Chem Course Requirement, Kim Baker, University of Pitt, December 13th, 2023, March 14th and May 16th, 2023, \$450 expenses budgeted

i. HMS Youth Ambassador Program (20), Ambassador Program, Sami Hanna, October 4, 2023, \$400 expenses budgeted.

j. Academic Games (10), Mock Trial, Meredith Wilkinson, Riverside High School, October 30, 2023, \$150 expenses budgeted

k. Academic Games (35), Propaganda, Meredith Wilkinson, Geneva College, November 14, 2023 \$673 expenses budgeted

l. Fifth Grade Gifted (10), Science on the Road, Meredith Wilkinson, Rochester High School, November 17, 2023 \$150 expenses budgeted

m. Robotics Enrichment and Fourth Grade Gifted (24), Lego Mindstorm, Meredith Wilkinson, BVIU, December 15, 2023 \$400 expenses budgeted

n. Enrichment English and Oratory (12), Forensics/Public Speaking, Meredith Wilkinson, Riverside High School, October 17, 2023 and March 22, 2024 \$300 expenses budgeted.

o. Fourth Grade Gifted (4), Propaganda, Michael Simon, Rochester Elementary, November 20, 2023 no expense.

- p. Fourth Grade Gifted (4), Equations, Michael Simon, New Brighton, March 26, 2024 no expense.
- q. Fourth Grade Gifted (4), Invention Convention, Michael Simon, Beaver Falls, May 14, 2024 no expense
- r. Fourth Grade Gifted (4), Gifted Consortium Scrabble, Michael Simon, BVIU, October 20, 2023 no expense
- s. Seventh and Eighth Grade Enrichment (10), Drama Day Workshop, Meredith Wilkinson, Beaver Falls, December 18, 2023 \$150 expenses budgeted
- t. English Club (30), A Christmas Carol, Joy Winters, Pittsburgh, December 14, 2023, \$300 expenses budgeted
- u. Transition (30), Who Works the River Career Fair, Brandon Smith, Gateway Clipper, October 24, 2023
- v. Gifted Support (6), Quiz Bowl, Power-Up, International Diplomacy, Jeff Tripodi, BVIU, October 11, 13, December 7, 2023 \$150 expenses budgeted per event
- w. BHS Choir (8), PMEA Honors Auditions, Maura Saint, Westminster, October 6, 2023 \$150 expenses budgeted
- x. BHS Band (10), PMEA Events, Brandon Tambellini, various locations and dates \$3.650 expenses budgeted (total)
- y. BHS Choir (5), PMEA Honors Chorus, Maura Saint, Westminster, October 26-28, 2023, \$1,050 expenses budgeted.

\*5.2 Motion to approve the continuation of the All Stars Program for the 23-24 school year at Highland Middle School for 6th grade students.

\*5.3 Motion to approve the agreement with Thiel College for Speech Therapist. (Exhibit)

\*5.4 Motion to approve the following student teachers:

- a. Carmen McDevitt with Brian Bain.
- b. Bria McChesney with Carley Brandon

\*5.5 Motion to approve the following Special Education Agreements:

- a. Key Solutions
- b. Hope Learning Center
- c. Behavior and Learning Solutions

\*5.6 Motion to approve the Youth Ambassador Program for Highland Middle School.

\*5.7 Motion to approve the following teacher grants funded by the Blackhawk Educational Foundation:

- a. Escape Room by Kim Baker and Leah Lindemann
- b. Clothes Closet Replenish by Joy Winters, Ashley Biega, Dianne Sarver, Lyndsey Wilcox and Shannon Parrish
- c. PA TSA Support by Tim Linkenheimer
- d. National TSA Support by Tim Linkenheimer
- e. Access to Period Products by Dana Cox
- f. Autistic Support Sensory Items by Amy Rorick
- g. Letter Tiles by Dawn Kinger
- h. Document Cameras by Jessica Dougherty, Vanessa Potts, Heather Pastor and Amy Thompson

## **6. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE**

\*6.1 Motion to approve Heritage Valley / Stanton Clinic to rent school facilities, at the schedule fee rate, to hold a Coping with Stressful Community Events program.

\*6.2 Motion to authorize the Superintendent to appoint members to the Blackhawk Building Authority Board of Directors.

\*6.3 Motion to approve the attached Deed for purposes of closing the open DEP Permit regarding the High School Stadium project.

## **7. ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**

\*7.1 Motion to accept the resignation of Nicole Greiner, Track coach effective immediately pending clearances.

\*7.2 Motion to approve the following volunteer pending clearances:

- a. Breanna Hoover – Girls Basketball

\*7.3 Motion to approve Halla Henry as Music Director for the High School Musical pending clearances. (Supplemental contract (\$2,478.35)

## **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.

## **12. BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT**

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

a. Ryan Ricciardi, AP Mentoring Program, Virtual, various 4 dates through December, \$340 expenses budgeted

b. Darren Fecich, National Science Teachers Conference, October 25-28, 2023, Kansas City, MO, \$650 expenses budgeted.

c. Dale Moll, National TSA Board Meeting, Reston VA, September 22-25, 2023 No expense.

d. Leah Lindemann, American Association of School Librarians, October 19-21, 2023 \$300 expenses budgeted

e. Leah Lindemann and Lauren Crow, Overdrive/Beaver County, BVIU, September 21, 2023 \$300 expenses budgeted.

f. Jeff Tripodi, BCEC/BCAGL 23-24 Planning Meeting, BVIU, September 6, 2023, \$160 expenses budgeted.

g. Drew Bosco, Fall Attendance Awareness, BVIU, September 22, 2023, no expense

h. Michael Simon, Computer Science Educator's Forum, AIU, October 9, 2023, expense

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

**9 yes, 0 no Motion Carried**

## **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

Sarah Selby commented on child protection and pro-active policies

Michelle Hiler commented on the BESPAC Contract

Dr. Vandercovering commented on parental controls for reading material and the policies that are in place

Tracy Shaffer and Kathy Steiner commented on the arrest of Mr. Andrews and the effects on the children

Kathy Steiner commented on Best Buddies, the arrest of Mr. Andrews and a chat website that is dangerous for children

Mrs. Deluca spoke on informing the public what's in the library followed by reading an excerpt from a library book pulled directly from a shelf.

Mrs. Helsing stated we need to know what's in the library for policy governance.

Mrs. Kalcevic stated it's the boards time to speak.

Katrina Knopp commented on Mr. Andrews and student safety

Adam VanZalinge commented on Facebook post regarding policies

**Dr. Makoczy adjourned the meeting 8:45PM**