

BLACKHAWK SCHOOL DISTRICT
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BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS VOTING SESSION
Blackhawk High School Auditorium
September 17, 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. Battaglia	Mr. Jones	Dr. Makoczy	Mrs. Goehring	Mr. Heckathorn
Mrs. Ziegler	Mr. Morrison	Mr. Schaefer	Mrs. Helsing	

Also in attendance:

Mr. Brandenburg – Business Manager	Dr. Postupac – Superintendent
Mr. Victor Kustra – Solicitor	Molly Yowler – Student Representative

**Mr. Jones made a motion, Mr. Battaglia seconded to accept the agenda and amendments.
Verbal Vote, 9 yes, 0 no, Motion Carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Esposito from Eckles Architecture presented a timeline for the Refinancing of Existing Debt

Dr. Makoczy made a motion, Mr. Morrison seconded to approve items 3.1 through 3.4

3.1 Approval is recommended for the Financial Report for August.

3.2 Approval is recommended for the payment of bills:

a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$71,156.06 (18-19), \$377,676.98 (19-20)

b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund: \$17,544.00

BAAG : \$0

c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$13,431.48

d. Fund 66 - Health Fund: \$

Payroll: August \$1,103,212.55

3.3 Approval is recommended for the athletic activity account.

3.4 Approval is recommended for the sale of property identified as Tax Parcel Number 57-033-0101.000 from the Repository of Unsold Property to Sherman Hostetter for balance and other fees.

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

9 Yes, 0 no: Motion Carried

Mrs. Goehring made a motion, Mr. Morrison seconded to approve items 4.1 through 4.5

4.1 Approval is recommended for Pro Soft employee # 237 to take intermittent FMLA.

4.2 Approval is recommended for Pro Soft employee #1338 to take unpaid leave.

4.3 Approval is recommended for tenure for the following teachers:

a. Courtney Fregel

b. Daniel Nolte

c. Vincent Scappe

4.4 Approval is recommended for the following substitutes:

a. Genevieve Lincheck (nurse)

4.5 Approval is recommended to accept the resignation of Dana Cummings, cafeteria worker, effective September 30, 2019.

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

9 Yes, 0 no: Motion Carried

Mrs. Ziegler made a motion, Mr. Jones seconded to approve items 5.1 through 5.4

5.1 Approval is recommended for the following field trips:

a. FFA (30), FFA Career Development Events, Lyndsay Wilcox, Lawrence County Fairgrounds, October 18, 2019, \$450, expenses budgeted.

b. Eighth Grade (178), Its' Almost Your Time, Kelley Engle, Penn State Beaver, November 4, 2019, \$1,098, expenses budgeted.

c. STEM Enrichment (8), Powering Pittsburgh, Meredith Oliver, October 28, 2019, BVIU, \$126, expenses budgeted.

d. Third Grade (163), Irons Mill Farmstead, Megan Anderson, New Wilmington, October 11, 2019, no expense.

e. Concert Choir (15), PMEA Honors Chorus Audition and Chorus, Maura Underwood, October 3, 2019, and October 31- November 2, 2019 Westminster College, \$1,550, expenses budgeted.

f. Writing and Math Class (30), Waterways Association of Pittsburgh Symposium Career Fair, October 3, 2019, Pittsburgh, \$500 expenses budgeted.

g. English Club (30), The Scarlet Letter, and A Christmas Carol, Anita Steppe, Pittsburgh, November 7, 2019, and December 12, 2019 \$500 expenses budgeted.

h. Tech Ed (5), Columbia Gas Career Day, Brandon Smith, Monaca Training Center, October 17, 2019, \$126 expenses budgeted.

i. Enrichment English (15), Forensics Competition, Meredith Oliver, Riverside High School, October 23, 2019, March 16, 2020 \$500 expenses budgeted.

j. Fifth Grade Enrichment (10), Who Wants to be and Engineer, Meredith Oliver, New Brighton, October 29, 2019, \$126 expenses budgeted.

k. Guidance (9), Youth Ambassadors Program, Leah Lindemann, CCBC, September 25, 2019, \$126 expenses budgeted.

5.2 Approval is recommended to allow Jan Schulz (Germany) to attend Blackhawk High School as a foreign exchange student for the 2019-2020 school year.

5.3 Approval is recommended for the Resolution regarding Flexible Instruction Day beginning with the 2019-2020 school year. The Flexible Instructional Day (FID) program allows for a school district to deliver instruction in an alternate manner when circumstances prevent the traditional delivery of instruction.

5.4 Approval is recommended to reserve 3 seats at Class Academy for the 2019-2020 school year.

Roll Call Vote: yes, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Schaefer, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Goehring, Mr.

Heckahron, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Jones, Dr. Makoczy (5.2-5.4)

No, Dr. Makoczy (5.1)

8 Yes, 1 no (5.1) Motion Carried

9 Yes, 0 no (5.2-5.4) Motion Carried

Mr. Jones made a motion, Mr. Battaglia seconded to approve item 7.1

7.1 Approval is recommended to contract with Medic Rescue Ambulance Service for the 2019-2020 school year at an annual cost of \$3,400.00.

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

9 Yes, 0 no Motion Carried

Mr. Battaglia made a motion, Mr. Jones seconded to approve items 9.1 and 9.2

9.1 Approval is recommended for the updated McCarter's bus and van driver list.

9.2 Approval is recommended to accept the MOU between Blackhawk School District and McCarter Coach and Tour on behalf of student #29999.

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

Abstain: Mrs. Goehring

8 Yes, 0 no, 1 abstain, Motion Carried

Mr. Jones made a motion, Mr. Morrison seconded to approve item 13.1

13.1 Approval is recommended for the following conference:

a. Eric Baker, American Strings Teacher Association National Conference, Orlando FL, February 29, - March 8, 2020 \$630 substitute expense.

b. Amy Anderson, Kyle Braddock, Sarah Shuleski, Jodi Borroni, Scott Nelson, Marianne LeDonne, PVAAS, BVIU, November 4, 2019, \$252.00 expenses budgeted.

c. Dale Moll, National TSA Competition, National Harbor, MD, October 19-22, 2019, no expense.

d. Mariah Brown, Christina Chesno, Rachele DeFrank, Dianne Sarver, The Autism Spectrum Brain and Hidden Curriculum, BVIU, October 4, 2019 \$525, expenses budgeted.

e. Sarah Sobota, Jennifer Gibbons, Tiffany Jury, Non-Violent Crisis Intervention, BVIU, October 2-3, 2019, \$429 expenses budgeted.

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

No, Dr. Makoczy

8 Yes, 1 no, Motion Carried

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Abby Seymour commented on her son being sick while attending Northwestern.

Melissa Greene presented 10 letters from district families and asked the board to add the closing of Northwestern to the October agenda.

Dave Sutton commented on the 2016 mold testing at Northwestern, and the renovations the Intermediate School needs.

Sue Alviani commented on the radon testing levels in the gymnasium office, mold testing and asbestos levels at Northwestern, as well as health issues when the building was open.

Dave Cunnane spoke about renovation costs for Northwestern increasing.

Rachel Cline commented on moving forward and the future of the district.

Deb Sans commented on the district commitment to excellence and Northwestern health issues.

Dean Fleischman commented on the 2016 bond refinancing

Barb Brown commented on health issues at Northwestern, the savings incurred by consolidating staff, and asked the closing of Northwestern be added to the October agenda.

Melanie Todorich commented on health issues that weren't related to Northwestern, and all schools having health issues that would need to be addressed.

Adam VanZalinge commented about the Citizens Advisory Committee with the goal being what is best for students.

Kim Brunson commented on health issues when substituting at Northwestern.

Dr. Makoczy commented on cancer related health issues and Northwestern.

Mr. Battaglia commented on the Plan Con reimbursement for Northwestern, and asked Dr. Postupac about comments made regarding safety of the school.

Dr. Postupac gave his opinion regarding opening a building that may cause people to be sick, and reiterated his goals upon being hired at Blackhawk.

Mrs. Ziegler commended Dr. Postupac for his efforts and direction. She asked Mr. Esposito to summarize their 2016 conclusion of Northwestern.

Mr. Esposito explained that all systems at Northwestern would need to be addressed and or replaced.

Mrs. Ziegler commented that through the Citizens Advisory Committee process, smaller footprint would benefit the district.

Mrs. Goehring commented regarding DEP violations.

Mr. Battaglia asked about the condition of Northwestern, and was answered that it was in decent condition.

Sonny Borrelo asked if Northwestern was needed, and if the district had \$20 million to spend on renovation, and was answered no to both questions.

Mr. Morrison made a motion, Mr. Jones seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:06PM

Verbal Vote: 9 yes, 0 no Motion Carried

Missy Delmonico

Blackhawk School Board Recording Secretary