

ADBLACKHAWK SCHOOL DISTRICT  
500 BLACKHAWK ROAD  
BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS WORK SESSION  
Blackhawk High School Library  
September 10, 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
Mrs. Ziegler	Mr. Morrison	Mr. Schaefer	Mrs. Helsing

Also in attendance:

Mr. Brandenburg – Business Manager	Dr. Postupac – Superintendent
Mr. Victor Kustra – Solicitor	

Not in attendance:

Mr. Heckathorn

**Mr. Morrison made a motion, Mr. Battaglia seconded to approve August Minutes  
Verbal Vote: 8 Yes, 0 no, Motion Carried**

Molly Yowler was introduced as Senior Student Representative and Alaina Cline as the alternate, Junior Representative.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Barb Brown asked Mr. Schaefer if comments not related to agenda items would be permitted at this time. Mr. Schaefer said he would make an exception.

Barb Brown, Dianne Sarver, and Jesse Kier commented on health issues in students and teachers when Northwestern Primary was open and asked for permanent closure.

Melissa Greene commented on the health of her children when they attended Northwestern.

Breanna Boyde commented on DEP reports regarding Northwestern water.

Leslie Benedetto commented on closing Northwestern and moving forward as well as the lack of state funding for our schools.

Heather Lilley commented on moving forward as a district.

Perry Pander commented on testing that was done at Northwestern.

Dr. Postupac presented information regarding Flexible Instruction Days.

**Mrs. Goehring made a motion, Mr. Morrison seconded to approve items 4.1 through 4.7**

4.1 Approval is recommended to appoint Erica Shildt as Acting Assistant Elementary Principal beginning August 26, 2019 at her contractual per diem rate with an additional of \$25.00 per day.

4.2 Approval is recommended to employ the following as Paraprofessionals at a rate of \$12.19 per hour and all benefits according to the BESP.A.

a. Cameron Boggs

b. Sherry Stear

4.3 Approval is recommended to employ Sarah Sobota (currently Long Term Substitute) as Special Education Emotional Support Teacher , at a rate of \$52,282, Bachelors Step 19 with all benefits according to the BEA, effective for the 2019-2020 school year.

4.4 Approval is recommended to employ the following cafeteria workers at a rate of \$9.38 per hour and all benefits according to the BESA:

- a. Deanna Hall
- b. Lucy Oshop

4.5 Approval is recommended for the following secretary substitutes pending clearances:

- a. Peggy McCullough
- b. Marie Johnston
- c. Tammy Duespohl
- d. Nancy Shebish

4.6 Approval is recommended for the following nurse substitutes pending clearances:

- a. Paula Garen
- b. Kim Brunson
- c. Pam Adiutori
- d. Shelby Beck
- e. Mary Buffalini
- f. Debra Knight
- g. Karen Fike

4.7 Approval is recommended to accept the resignation of Deanna Bonomo, cafeteria monitor, effective August 27, 2019

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

**8 Yes, 0 no: Motion Carried**

**Mr. Battaglia made a motion, Mrs. Ziegler seconded to approve item 6.1**

6.1 Approval is recommended to purchase the following Maintenance items at a combined cost not to exceed \$45,000. The cost is based on Co-Star pricing, and availability:

- a. Ford F-350 XL 4X4
- b. Striker Spreader
- c. Snowplow

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

No, Mrs. Goehring

**7 yes, 1 no: Motion Carried**

## **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

Trace Benetti commented on the handicap accessibility at the high school stadium and asked for attention to the ramps for wheel chairs.

Dr. Postupac commended the staff for the opening of the 2019-2020 school year, announced that the bound refinance total was \$2.3 million in which \$790,000 would need to be spent within a specific period of time. Eckles Architect would be at the next meeting to go over options for the bond refunding cash portion.

Mrs. Goehring encouraged people to contact Harrisburg, suggesting Pennsylvania come up with three or four state mandated school building plans and too do away with the Taj Mahal school buildings that put a burden on the average taxpayer.

Mr. Jones commended the start of the school year.

Mr. Battaglia asked about the length of lunch periods.

**Mr. Morrison made a motion, Mr. Jones seconded to adjourn the Work Session at 8:35PM  
Verbal Vote 8 yes, 0 no, motion carried**

Missy Delmonico  
Blackhawk School Board Recording Secretary