

**BLACKHAWK SCHOOL DISTRICT  
500 BLACKHAWK ROAD  
BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010**

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS VOTING SESSION  
Blackhawk High School Library  
September 15, 2016**

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

Mr. Pander called the meeting to order at 7:47PM. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Fleischman	Mrs. Goehring	Mrs. Helsing	Mrs. Jones
Mrs. Kaszer	Mr. Pander	Mr. Schaefer	Dr. Smith
Mr. Yonkee			

Also in attendance were:

Dr. Postupac – Substitute Superintendent  
Mr. Eric Brandenburg – Business Manager  
Mr. Hobie Webster – District Solicitor

There was an executive session for personnel matters held prior to this evening's meeting.

**Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the agenda:**

Mrs. Helsing made a motion to add items 4.2, 13.2, 13.3 and 13.4 (Below) to the agenda along with approving the agenda.

- 4.2 – It is recommended to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Blackhawk School District and the Blackhawk Educational Support Professionals Association regarding an Early Retirement Incentive, subject to ratification by the Association, as presented.
- 13.2 – It is recommended to approve the suspension of District policy 006 requiring two meetings per month until the Reorganization meeting in December 2016 at which time this suspension shall be reviewed.
- 13.3 – It is recommended to hold a joint Work Session and Voting Meeting on the third Thursday of October and November 2016. The Work Session will be held prior to the Voting Meeting and the Voting Meeting will commence immediately following the conclusion of the Work Session.
- 13.4 – It is recommended to authorize the Business Manager to advertise these meeting changes in the Beaver County Times and pay all associated costs.

Mrs. Goehring seconded this motion.

**Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

**PUBLIC REATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Public Comment**

Greg Woods, Chippewa Township, spoke on the following agenda topics:

- 4.2 – the proposed memorandum of understanding for an early retirement incentive (Blackhawk Educational Support Professionals)
- 13.2 – 13.4 – all topics regarding a joint Work Session and Voting Meeting in October and November 2016.
- 3.0 – Finance Committee

Deb Herman, inquired about the voting on spring musical positions during this meeting's agenda.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Informational Items: Monthly Insurance Report for August.

- a. UPMC Health Fund: \$275,613.22
- b. UPMC Dental: \$15,025.30
- c. UPMC Vision: \$4,145.95

***Mr. Schaefer motioned to approve items 3.2 through 3.8 as presented. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Jones.***

**Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

3.2 It is recommended to approve the Financial Report for August.

3.3 It is recommended to approve the payment of bills.

- a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$253,105.95
  - b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund: \$0  
BAAG: \$500.00
  - c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$21,639.73
  - d. Fund 66 – UPMC Health Fund: \$0
- Payroll: August \$1,043,725.85

3.4 It is recommended to approve Plan Con J audit by Cotrill Arbutina for the Highland Middle School Project and complete submission to PDE>

3.5 It is recommended to approve the Royalty Agreement from Ohiopyle Prints Inc. regarding royalties collected for spirit wear sold by participating vendors.

3.6 It is recommended to approve payment of \$355.58 to Scott Brunson for auto damage.

3.7 It is recommended to accept the Hawley Consulting Group proposal for Actuarial Services to comply with GASB 45 at a cost of \$3,500.

3.8 It is recommended to approve a \$500 payment to Dillon Trophy's for Brochure printing.

## **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

4.1 Mrs. Helsing moved to approve the following teachers for tenure:

- a. Kelli Ambler
- b. Charles Bauer
- c. Rachael Omogrosso

- d. Brooks Roorback
- e. Elizabeth Walkins
- f. Kristie Wilson

This motion was seconded by Mrs. Kaszer.

**Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

4.2 Mrs. Helsing motioned to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Blackhawk School District and the Blackhawk Educational Support Professionals Association regarding an Early Retirement Incentive, subject to ratification by the Association, as presented. Mrs. Kaszer seconded this motion.

**Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

***Dr. Smith made a motion to approve items 5.1 through 5.5 as presented. Mrs. Jones seconded this motion. Discussion was held regarding the field trips and any associated costs. The criteria will be reviewed by administration, teachers and support staff. Additional concern was expressed regarding the cost and that the majority of the activities are for secondary grades. Mrs. Anderson responded to (5.3) questions regarding the Socialize Right student survey.***

**Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

5.1 It is recommended to approve the following field trips:

- a. HMS PRIDE (6), Tracy Yowler, Community Based Instruction, locations throughout the community 2-3 times per month (no expense).
- b. BHS PRIDE (8), Mariah Brown, Community Based Instruction, locations throughout the community 2-3 times per month (no expense).
- c. TSA (35), Tim Linkenheimer, TSA Regional Conference, California University, February 9, 2017, (\$1,000 expenses budgeted).
- d. TSA (30), Tim Linkenheimer, TSA State Conference, Seven Springs, April 19-22, 2017 (\$4,050; expenses budgeted and collected from students).
- e. Fourth and Fifth Grade Orchestra (200), Krsten Neeley, Heinz Hall, November 16, 2016, (Expenses collected from PTO)
- f. FFA (9), Lyndsay Wilcox, ACES Leadership Conference Harrisburg, February 18-19, 2016 (\$120 expenses budgeted). (Please note this appears as 2016 but was meant as 2017)
- g. FFA (5), Lyndsay Wilcox, SLLC Leadership Conference, Harrisburg, March 12-14, 2016 (\$160 expenses budgeted and collected from students. (Please note this appears as 2016 but was meant as 2017)
- h. FFA (30), Lyndsay Wilcox, PA Farm Show, Harrisburg, January 8-11, 2016 (\$2,700 expenses budgeted and collected from students). (Please note this appears as 2016 but was meant as 2017)
- i. FFA (9), Lyndsay Wilcox, Fall Leadership Conference, Blairsville, October 4, 2016 (\$30 expenses budgeted)
- j. Accounting 1 & 2 (30), Kelli Ambler, Accounting Career Day, Duquesne University, November 9, 2016 (\$250 expenses budgeted).
- k. Music Academy (6), Maura Underwood, PMEA Honors Chorus, Westminster College, October 27-29, 2016 (expenses budgeted and collected from students).
- l. Music Academy (18), Maura Underwood, The Fantasticks, Pittsburgh, October 12, 2016 (\$350 expenses budgeted).

- m. Music Academy (12), Maura Underwood, PMEA Honors Chorus Auditions, Westminster College, September 29, 2016 (\$250 expenses budgeted and collected from students).
- n. Concert Choir Men (9), Maura Underwood, Penn State Main, October 15, 2016 (expenses budgeted and collected from students)
- o. Blackhawk High School Concert Choir (110), Maura Underwood, Old Economy Village, December 10, 2016 (\$1,050 expenses budgeted and collected from students).
- p. EIC Theater Project Group (TBD), Jeff Tripodi, EIC Theater Project, Energy Innovation Center, September 20, 2016 (\$250 expenses budgeted)
- q. BHS Band (61), Dave Zaccari, HMS Olweus Kick Off, September 20, 2016 (expenses budgeted)
- r. C3 Lab (5), Dale Moll, AIU STEAM Showcase, Pittsburgh, September 27, 2016 (no expenses)
- s. FFA (30), Nina Harper, Fall Regional CDE, Lawrence County Fairgrounds, October 13, 2016 (\$250 expenses budgeted)
- t. FFA (30), Nina Harper, Spring Regional CDE, Lawrence County Fairgrounds, April 6, 2017 (\$250 expenses budgeted)
- u. Concert Choir (10), Maura Underwood, Freedom High School, November 7, 22, 2016 (\$250 expenses budgeted)
- v. English Club (40), Joy Winters, CLO A Musical Christmas Carol, Pittsburgh, December 15, 2016 (no expense)
- w. Third Grade, Gretchen Hogue, Iron Mills Farmstead, September 30, 2016 (expenses paid by PTO)
- x. How Stuff Works (30), Brandon Smith, Beaver County Industrial Museum and Little Beaver Museum, Carnegie Science Center, October 6, 2016 (\$145 expenses budgeted).
- y. Applied Engineering and Technology (19), Brandon Smith, Chain Reaction Contraption Contest, Carnegie Science Center, December 9, 2016 (\$350 expenses budgeted).

5.2 It is recommended to approve the agreement for Occupational Services by Heritage Valley Rehab for the 16-17 school year.

5.3 It is recommended to approve the student survey and presentation by Socialize Right for Highland Middle School.

5.4 It is recommended to approve the agreement with Western Pennsylvania School for the Blind to provide vision services for Blackhawk students.

5.5 It is recommended to renew the Cyber Services Agreement with Seneca Valley School District for a term beginning with the 2016-17 school year through the 2019-20 school year.

## **BUILDING AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE**

Mr. Pander had a conversation with Sprint regarding the lease for the poles at the High School Track/Field. Sprint has offered the district \$122 – 135,000 to buy out their current lease now. Additionally, a bid has been received for LED lighting (\$199,000) which would provide 80% energy savings with the conversion to LEDs. The Board has been asked to consider taking the offer from Sprint and use it toward the lighting cost.

## **ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Jones made a motion to approve items 7.1 and 7.7 as presented. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Helsing.

**Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

Mr. Schaefer asked to clarify that this motion should be to approve items 7.1 through 7.7. A motion to amend the original motion to approve items 7.1 through 7.7 as presented was made by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mrs. Helsing.

**Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

7.1 It is recommended to appoint Don Diehl as middle School Head Track Coach for the 2016-17 school year (Supplemental Contract \$3,199.50).

7.2 It is recommended to appoint Shawn Haddox as Assistant Middle School Track Coach for the 2016-17 school year (Supplemental Contract \$2,310.75).

7.3 It is recommended to accept the resignation of Jamie Planitzer as Assistant Swim Coach effective immediately.

7.4 It is recommended to approve the Athletic Activity Report for August.

7.5 It is recommended to approve Brady Okon as the Co-Northwestern Bus Supervisor for the 2016-2017 school year (Supplemental Contract - \$294.00)

7.6 It is recommended to approve Scott Stiteler as the Co-Northwestern Bus Supervisor for the 2016-2017 school year (Supplemental Contract - \$294.00)

7.7 It is recommended to accept the resignation of Dan Hedglin as the Track Coordinator.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON**

No Report

## **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

No Report

## **FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE**

No Report

## **NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE**

No Report

## **POLICY COMMITTEE**

12.1 Informational Item: Second Reading of Policy 823, Naloxone

12.2 Informational Item: Second Reading of Policy 830, Breach of Computerized Personal Information

## **BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT**

***Mrs. Kaszer motion to approve items 13.1 through 13.4 as presented. Mrs. Goehring seconded this motion. Mrs. Kaszer clarified that the change in number of monthly meetings will be for October and November and evaluate during the reorganization meeting in December. At which point, the Board may choose to amend Policy 006. Mr. Yonkee also addressed concerns regarding the change in meetings for 2 months in relationship to policy. Mr. Webster addressed both. Mr. Fleischman noted that the Board retains the right to hold Special Meetings as needed and properly advertised.***

**Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried**

13.1 It will be recommended to approve the following conferences:

- a. Tim Linkenheimer, Ashley Biega, Dale Moll, PATSA Region 1 & 6 Conference Planning Meeting, California University, October 7, 2016 (\$90 expenses budgeted).
- b. Tim Linkenheimer, Dale Moll, TEEAP Conference, Lancaster, November 10-11, 2016 (\$900 expenses budgeted).
- c. Tim Linkenheimer, Jeff Tripodi, Beaver County Gifted Consortium Meeting, BVIU, September 2, 2016 (\$30 expenses budgeted)
- d. Christy Desselle, Childhood Apraxia of Speech, BVIU, October 14, 2016 (no expense).
- f. (e was omitted) Dale Moll, TSA National CRC, Virginia, November 5-7, 2016 (no expense).
- g. Brandon Smith, Chain Reaction Contraption Orientation, Carnegie Science Center, December 8, 2016 (\$60 expenses budgeted).
- h. Korin McMillen, Drew Bosco, Quality Indicators of Emotional Support Services and Programs, Pittsburgh, September 28, 2016.
- i. Andrew Yuhaniak, NCAA Update, University of Pitt, October 18, 2016 (no expense).
- j. Shawna Terry, LuAnne Maginness, Yoga and mindfulness in the Classroom, Monroeville, October 20, 2016 (\$425 expenses budgeted).
- k. Krystal Kier, Childhood Apraxia of Speech Therapy Strategies that Make a Difference, BVIU, October 14, 2016 (no expense).
- l. Becky Effert, Matt Merulli, Gina Lansberry, Lori Uslenghi, Erin Runco, Kristi Leiper, Student Assistance Program Training, Gateway Rehabilitation Center, October 5-12, 2016 (\$1,200 expenses budgeted).

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## **BEAVER COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY**

No Report

## **PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

No Report

## **BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

No Report

## **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

### **Visitors**

No Comments

### **Administration**

No Report

### **Solicitor**

No Report

### **School Directors**

Mr. Fleischman commented on the Memorandum of Understanding for the Early Retirement Incentive for the Blackhawk Educational Support Professionals Association.

Mr. Yonkee addressed several items:

- What musical has been selected for this year – The Little Mermaid
- Requested an update on the grub problem on the high school field
- Inquired as to the seating size of the stands for the revised stadium; number of seats and seat size
- Inquired as to the status with Eckles; No further commitment at this time

Mr. Fleischman noted that the work done by Eckles to date remains viable.

Mrs. Jones cautioned on the terminology used when referencing Northwestern. The school has been shut down but not closed. She also complimented the "B" that was added to the middle of the football field.

The next scheduled meeting will be October 20, 2016 at Blackhawk High School Library, at 7:30PM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Kaszer  
Blackhawk School District Board Secretary