

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS SEPTEMBER VOTING SESSION  
Blackhawk High School Library  
7:30PM  
Thursday, September 21, 2023**

**AGENDA**

**1. BOARD ORGANIZATION**

1.1 Call to Order

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Roll Call

1.4 The purpose of videotaping a meeting is for public information. The opinions expressed by any member of the public do not necessarily reflect the view or opinion of the Blackhawk School District Board of School Directors and are solely that of the speaker. The Blackhawk School District Board of School Directors hereby expressly disclaims any and all responsibility or liability for any false, defamatory or slanderous statements expressed by the speaker. Any unauthorized re-broadcasting of any video, audio or still image of the video recording of the meeting is strictly forbidden without the written permission of the Blackhawk School District Board of School Directors.

\*1.5 Approval of August Minutes

1.6 Administrative Report

1.7 Student Representative Report – Andrew Woods

**2. PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Rachel Cline (Chairperson)

2.1 Blackhawk is very proud of our student's achievements and we encourage the extracurricular activities that happen in each grade. Please visit each school's website for updates and happenings in our buildings including holiday events and concerts.

Presentation: Best Buddies by Lily Sproull

**THE PUBLIC HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD AT THIS TIME.**

**Discussion on non-consent agenda items added following Work Session:**

- \*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.
- \*4.5 Motion to approve \_\_\_\_\_ as substitute cafeteria.
- \*4.6 Motion to accept the resignation of Kay English, Paraprofessional effective September 18, 2023.
- \*4.7 Motion to approve \_\_\_\_ as temporary Cafeteria Secretary at a rate of \$18.15 per hour, per BESP.A.
- 6.1 Discussion regarding Facility Rental Charges.
- \*7.4 Motion to approve Michelle Stewart, band volunteer, to drive district vehicles.
- \*10.1 Motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the BESP.A through June 30, 2027, as presented.
- 11.1 Informational: non-voting policy meetings will be advertised for and held on September 27, October 4, and October 11, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Blackhawk High School Library to read and discuss the following policies:
  - a. Policy 109 (Resource Materials)
  - b. Policy 109.1 (Request for Reconsideration of Resource Materials)
  - c. Policy 218 (Student Discipline)
  - d. Policy 218.1 (Weapons)
  - e. Policy 218.2 (Terroristic Threats/Acts)
  - f. Policy 218.3 (Use of Physical Restraint)
  - g. Policy 218.4 (Violent and Aggressive Behavior)
  - h. NEW PROPOSED POLICY – “Use of Social Media.”
  - i. NEW PROPOSED POLICY – “Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries.”

NO BOARD ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AT THE POLICY MEETING. THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

**\*Motion to approve non-consent agenda items 3.5, 3.6, 4.5, 4.6, 4.7, 7.4 and 10.1 above, as presented.**

**\*Motion to approve the consent agenda for all items in section 3 through 12 below, as presented.**

- 3. FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
Dr. Frank Makoczy (Chairperson)

### **Motion to approve items 3.1 through 3.4**

- \*3.1 Motion to approve the Financial Report. (Exhibit)
- \*3.2 Motion to approve payment of bills: (Exhibit)
  - a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$1,323,011.83
  - b. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$34,226.34Payroll: \$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. (Exhibit)

### **4. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Kathy Helsing (Chairperson)

#### **Motion to approve item 4.1 through 4.9**

- \*4.1 Motion to approve Prosoft employee #2201 for FMLA beginning October 2, 2023 until November 28, 2023.
- 4.2 Motion to approve \_\_\_\_\_ as custodian, at a rate of \$18.98 per hour and all benefits according to the BESPAs beginning \_\_\_\_\_ pending clearances.
- 4.3 Motion to approve \_\_\_\_\_ as custodian, at a rate of \$18.98 per hour and all benefits according to the BESPAs beginning \_\_\_\_\_ pending clearances.
- \*4.4 Motion to approve Jordan Merry for tenure.

### **5. EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Lynn Kalcevic (Chairperson)

#### **Motion to approve item 5.1 through 5.7**

- \*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 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, March 14<sup>th</sup> and May 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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**

John Battaglia (Chairperson)

### **Motion to approve 6.1 through 6.3**

- \*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**

Dr. Frank Makoczy (Chairperson)

### **Motion to approve item 7.1 through 7.3**

- \*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**

John Battaglia (Chairperson)

**Motion to approve items 8.1 and 8.2**

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

\*8.2 Motion to approve updates to McCarter's bus schedule.

**9. FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE**

Lynn Kalcevic (Chairperson)

No Report

**10. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE**

Roberta Mansell (Chairperson)

10.1 as presented above.

**11. POLICY COMMITTEE**

Lynn Kalcevic (Chairperson)

11.1 as presented above.

**12. BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT**

Rachel Cline (Chairperson)

**Motion to approve item 12.1**

\*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, no expense

**13. BEAVER COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY**

Dan Jones (Chairperson)

No Report

**14. INTERMEDIATE UNIT**

Kathy Helsing (Chairperson)

No Report

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

- A. Administration
- B. Solicitor
- C. School Directors
- D. Visitors
- E. Comment
- F. Next Meeting—October 12, 2023 7:30PM.
- G. Adjournment
- H. Executive Session following the meeting, if needed.