

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS WORK/VOTING SESSION  
Blackhawk High School Library  
April 20, 2017**

**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 There was an executive session held prior to tonight's meeting for personnel matters.
- \*1.6 Approval of March minutes. (Exhibit)
- \*1.7 Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the Agenda.

**2. PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS  
Dean Fleischman, Chairperson**

- 2.1 Congratulations to the following high school students for being selected Student of the Month for March:
  - a. Taylor Davis – Little Beaver Lions
  - b. William Kostial – Chippewa Lions
  - c. Dawson Merry – Rotary Club

- 2.2 Congratulations to Freshmen, Hailey Joslin and Autumn Schiemer for representing Blackhawk at the PMEA District 5 Junior High Band Fest at Mercer Area High School.

Presentation of plaques

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

**3. FINANCE COMMITTEE  
Doug Schaefer, Chairperson**

- 3.1 Informational Item: Monthly Insurance Report for March. (Exhibit)
- a. UPMC Health Fund: \$386,643.73
  - b. UPMC Dental: \$13,610.81
  - c. UPMC Vision: \$2,318.99

**It is recommended to approve items 3.2 through 3.9 as presented. Motion made by\_\_ seconded by \_\_.**

- \*3.2 It is recommended to approve the Financial Report for March. (Exhibit)
- \*3.3 It is recommended to approve the payment of bills. (Exhibit)
- a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$495,804.91
  - b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund: \$0  
BAAG : \$0
  - c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$47,542.47
  - d. Fund 66 - Health Fund: \$0  
Payroll: March \$1,128,962.28
- \*3.4 It is recommended to approve the athletic activity account for March. (Exhibit)
- \*3.5 It is recommended to approve the following Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit consortium articles of agreements.
- a. RWAN and Commodity Internet at an approximate pre E-rate cost of \$1,045 per month (\$478 per month after 60% E-rate discount on eligible components of the agreement) for a 5 year contract.
  - b. Internet 2 Service at an approximate yearly cost of \$2,000
  - c. PAIUnet Transport service at an approximate pre E-rate cost of \$331.33 (\$191.33 per month after a 60% E-rate discount on eligible components of the agreement) for a 3 year contract.
  - d. Block of 64 IP addresses at an approximate yearly cost of \$64
- \*3.6 The Superintendent recommends approval to accept the RFP submitted by Sunesys LLC to renew the district managed lit fiber connections between Blackhawk High School/Highland Middle School and Blackhawk High School/Blackhawk

Intermediate for a 5 year term at a pre E-rate cost of \$3,150 per month (\$1,260 after an approximate 60% discount).

- \*3.7 The Superintendent recommends approval to accept the proposal submitted by Interstate Communications for expanding and updating of the district's 2-way emergency radios at an approximate cost of \$6,168. The proposal will add 17 additional radios, new batteries for existing radios, updating of our current FCC license, and reprogramming of frequencies required for district emergency communication.
- \*3.8 The Superintendent recommends approval to accept the following Category 2 E-rate applications for 2017-2018 school year pending E-rate application approval. Note: Items purchased under E-rate category 2 are items that are scheduled for replacement but can be obtained with a discount through the E-rate program.
  - a. CDWG for a new district firewall at a pre E-rate cost of \$11,000 (\$4400 after an approximate 60% discount)
  - b. Dagostino Electronic Services for wireless equipment and licensing at a pre E-rate total cost of \$9,746. (\$3,898 after an approximate 60% discount)
  - c. Greybar for cabling at a pre E-rate total cost of \$1,704 (\$681 after an approximate 60% discount)
- \*3.9 The Superintendent recommends to enter into a direct contract with Matrix Quality Care, Inc. (dba) Araya to manage our prescription benefit plan for district employee's effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020. Analysis for savings through direct contract is attached. There will be no change in benefits. (Exhibit)

**4. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**  
**Kathy Helsing, Chairperson**

**It is recommended to approve items 4.1 through 4.3 as presented. Motion made by \_\_\_seconded by\_\_\_.**

- \*4.1 It is recommended to approve the resignation of lunch monitor, Linda Sullivan effective March 28, 2017.
- \*4.2 The Superintendent recommends approval to employ Deanna Bonomo as lunch monitor at a rate corresponding to the Blackhawk Education Support Personnel Agreement.
- \*4.3 The Superintendent recommends approval to employ the following substitute:
  - a. Catherine Couch – cafeteria

**5. EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
**Kathy Helsing, Chairperson**

**It is recommended to approve items 5.1 through 5.4 as presented. Motion made by \_\_\_seconded by\_\_\_.**

- \*5.1 The Superintendent recommends the approval of the following field trips: (Exhibit)
  - a. Student Ambassador (8), Youth Ambassador Program, Mariah Brown, Penn State Beaver, May 2, 2017 (no expense).
  - b. Workplace Writing (20), Waterways Association of Pittsburgh Symposium, Joy Winters, Pittsburgh, April 20, 2017 (no expense).
  - c. Northwestern Primary Second Grade (100), Trip to Wagon Trails, Jodi Borroni, Vienna Ohio, May 5, 2017 (no expense).
  - d. Fourth Grade (206), Wetlands, Mindy Furda, Hopewell, May 11, 18, 25, 26, 2017 (no expense).
  - e. AP English (40), Pitt College in High School Forum, Jarrod McCowin, North Allegheny, April 28, 2017 (no expense).
  - f. Tri-M Music Academy (25), Memorial Day Parade, Maura Underwood, Beaver Falls, May 29, 2017 (no expense).
  - g. HMS Orchestra, Seventh and Eighth Grade Band (122), High Notes Festival, George Hoydich, Carnegie Mellon University and Kennywood Park, May 24, 2017 (no expense).
  - h. Invention Convention (53), Meredith Oliver, Beaver Falls Middle School, May 16, 2017 (no expense).
  - i. Sixth Grade Children’s Picture Book Project (180), Barb Mallozzi, BIS and Patterson, (no expenses).
  - j. Fifth Grade K’Nex Team (4), K’Nex State Design Challenge, Meredith Oliver, Harrisburg, May 17<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (\$720)
  - k. AP Art Studio (11), Art and Architecture, Ashley Biega, Farmington, May 22, 2017 (no expense)
  - l. Ninth – Twelfth Grade Students (52), Cedar Point, Missy Bender, Sandusky, May 13, 2017 (no expense)
  
- \*5.2 The Superintendent recommends approval of the following student teacher for the Fall semester:
  - a. Brianna Meder, with Susan Hullihen
  - b. Abby Preston, with Krystal Kier
  
- \*5.3 The Superintendent recommends approval of the 2017-2018 Academic Calendar. (Exhibit)
  
- \*5.4 The Superintendent recommends approval of the class of 2017 request for a mural painting inside the high school building. (Exhibit)

**6. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE**  
**Bonnie Goehring, Chairperson**

**It is recommended to approve items 6.1 through 6.3 as presented. Motion made by \_\_\_seconded by \_\_\_.**

- \*6.1 The Superintendent recommends approval to place a “Little Free Library” on Patterson Primary School property in honor of Mrs. Jane Hetche.
- \*6.2 The Superintendent recommends approval to accept the proposal submitted by Simplex Grinnell for the districts security and freezer monitoring services at an approximate total yearly savings of \$240.
- \*6.3 The Superintendent recommends approval to accept the COSTARS proposal submitted by Simplex Grinnell for the installation of freezer monitoring equipment at Highland Middle School, Blackhawk Intermediate School, and Patterson Primary at an approximate cost of \$3,618.64.

**7. ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**  
**Doug Schaefer, Chairperson**

- 7.1 Congratulations to Emmanuel Hilton for being inducted into the WPIAL Hall of Fame on May 26, 2017. He is receiving the John Challis Award.
- 7.2 Congratulations to Madison Amalia and Mady Aulbach for being elected to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette All Section Team for Girls Basketball.
- 7.3 Congratulations to Madison Amalia, Mady Aulbach, and Mackenzie Amalia for being picked by the Beaver County Times for their Top 22 Girls Basketball Players.
- 7.4 Congratulations to Brianna Hoover and Madison Amalia for being chosen to participate in the Round Ball Classic.
- 7.5 Congratulations to Dawson Merry for being picked by the Beaver County Times for their Top 22 Boys Basketball Players and being selected to play in the Round Ball Classic.
- 7.6 Congratulations to Zack O’Connor – Zack signed with Geneva College. Zack will be playing soccer for Geneva.
- 7.7 Congratulations to Michael Turconi for being picked as the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette’s Athlete of the Week.
- 7.8 Congratulations to Natalie Fry and Colin Schaly for being Blackhawk’s MAC Banquet’s Spotlight Students. They were recognized at a diner held at The Fez on Wednesday, April 12, 2017.
- 7.9 Congratulations to Mady Aulbach for being named to the Class 4A 2nd Team All-State (Girls Basketball)
- 7.10 Congratulations to Mark Engel for being named the Tribune Review Athlete of the Week

7.11 Congratulations to Nathan Mensch for signing with Gannon University. Nathan will be running Cross Country.

**It is recommended to approve items 7.12 through 7.14 as presented. Motion made by \_\_ seconded by \_\_\_\_.**

\*7.12 It is recommended to appoint Gennifer Dushold as the Assistant Band Director for the 2017/2018 school year (Supplemental Contract \$3,224.20)

\*7.13 It is recommended to appoint Leslie Belia as the Cheerleading Sponsor for the 2017/2018 school year (Supplemental Contract \$3,724.00)

\*7.14 It is recommended to appoint Brett Alberti as the Assistant Freshman Football Coach for the 2017/2018 school year pending clearances (Supplemental Contract \$3,223.20)

**8. ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON  
Dr. Susan Smith, Chairperson**

No Report

**9. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
Ken Yonkee, Chairperson**

**It is recommended to approve item 9.1 as presented. Motion made by \_\_ seconded by\_\_.**

\*9.1 The Superintendent recommends approval of McCarters school bus drivers. (Exhibit)

**10. FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE  
Marian Jones, Chairperson**

No Report

**11. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE  
Bonnie Goehring, Chairperson**

No Report

**12. POLICY COMMITTEE  
Dean Fleischman, Chairperson**

No Report

**13. BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT**  
**Dr. Susan Smith, Chairperson**

**It is recommended to approve item 13.1 as presented. Motion made by \_\_ seconded by \_\_.**

- \*13.1 It is recommended to approve the following conferences: (Exhibit)
- a. Rachele DeFrank, Christina DiClaudio, Jordyn Shipley, Safety Care Training, BVIU, May 4 and 11, 2017 (\$30 expenses budgeted).
  - b. Krystal Kier, Christy Desselle, Language Sample Analysis: Assessment and Intervention Planning, BVIU, May 11, 2017 (no expense).
  - c. Susan Hullihen, Organ Tissue Donation Awareness, State College, May 11-12, 2017 (\$202 expenses budgeted)
  - d. Ken Moser, Ashley Biega, ECET2, Pittsburgh, April 29-30, 2017 (\$400 expenses budgeted)
  - e. Marianne LeDonne, Title 1 Federal Programing, Seven Springs, May 7-10, 2017 (\$1,160 Title 1 budgeted)
  - f. Korin McMillen, Mariah Brown, Tracy Yowler, Optimizing Inclusive Practices, PaTTAN, Pittsburgh, May 1, 2017 (no expense)

**14. BEAVER COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY**  
**Missy Kaszer, Chairperson**

No Report

**15. PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**  
**Ken Yonkee, Chairperson**

No Report

**16. BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**Missy Kaszer, Chairperson**

No Report

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

- A. Administration
- B. Solicitor
- C. School Directors
- D. Next Meeting—May 11, 2017 Blackhawk High School Library, 7:00PM.
- E. Adjournment
- F. Executive Session, if needed.