

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS WORK/VOTING SESSION
Blackhawk High School Library
November 17, 2016**

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Mr. Pander called the meeting to order at 7:37PM. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken. Those in attendance were:

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

Mr. Schaefer arrived at 7:51PM

Also in attendance were:

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

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mr. Yonkee to approve the minutes from the meetings held on September 8th, 15th, October 4th and 20th. Receipt of an Abstention Memorandum from the October 4th meeting was received.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the agenda:

A motion was made by Mrs. Helsing and seconded by Mrs. Kaszer to approve the agenda with addendum.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

PUBLIC REATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

2.1 Congratulations to the following high school students for being selected Student of the Month for October:

- a. Adrienne Warden – Little Beaver Lions Club
- b. Aubrey O'Leary – Rotary Club
- c. Haley Holsinger – Chippewa Lions Club

Public Comment

Bob Clendennen, Patterson Township, spoke on agenda item 3.7 (Authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds).

Greg Woods, Chippewa Township, also spoke on agenda item 3.7 as well as items 4.1 (Approval of Harris Solution Employee #1756 for FMLA) and 6.1 (Letter of Intent between BSD and Timothy J. Davis regarding the Stadium Project).

Mr. Schaefer arrived at this time.

Bob Clendennen, Patterson Township, spoke again regarding the BAAG account balance, construction fund and contract / letter of intent.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

3.1 Informational Item: Monthly Insurance Report for October.

- a. UPMC Health Fund: \$276,919.21
- b. UPMC Dental: \$13,157.60
- c. UPMC Vision: \$2,636.95

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

3.3 It is recommended to approve the payment of bills.

- a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$536,874.89
- b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund: \$0
 - BAAG: \$0
- c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$36,506.72
- d. Fund 66 – Health Fund: \$0
- Payroll: \$1,161,935.16

3.4 It is recommended to approve participation in Allegheny Intermediate Unit Joint Purchasing Agreement on an optional basis.

3.5 It is recommended to approve CSM for e-rate services for the 2017-2018 school year at approximately \$4,000 for category 1 funding and 6% of category 2 applications submitted not to exceed \$10,000.

3.6 It is recommended to approve the Hawley Consulting Group to complete the 2016 Tax Year IRS Form 1095-C for Blackhawk School District at a cost of \$5,000.

3.7 It is recommended to approve the Resolution, provided by bond counsel, authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$11,760,000, in order to refund all or portions of the School District's outstanding General Obligation Bonds Series of 2012, all in accordance with the Local Government Unit Debt Act. Mr. Fleischman made a motion to amend the motion to include a minimized 2% savings. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Helsing.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

4.1 It is recommended to approve Harris Solution Employee #1756 for FMLA beginning on or about February 20, 2016. (Motion made to reflect February 20, 2017 – See below)

4.2 It is recommended to approve Harris Solution Employee #1186 for FMLA beginning on or about February 27, 2016. (Motion made to reflect February 27, 2017 – See below)

4.3 It is recommended to approve the resignation of Nancy Knallay, Paraprofessional, effective November 8, 2016.

4.4 It is recommended to approve Campbell Durrant Beatty Palombo & Miller, P.C. to provide Blackhawk School District legal representation as special labor counsel limited to collective bargaining and arbitration.

4.5 It is recommended to approve Alicia Phillips as Paraprofessional, at a rate corresponding to the Blackhawk Education Support Personnel Agreement beginning November 18, 2016.

4.6 It is recommended approve Ian Taylor as Paraprofessional, at a rate corresponding to the Blackhawk Education Support Personnel Agreement beginning November 18, 2016.

4.7 It is recommended to approve Employee #1274 request for Parental Leave per the Blackhawk Education Association Agreement for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year.

4.8 It is recommended to approve Brenda Dillan at her per diem rate not to exceed 15 days for the purpose of training the Blackhawk High School Head Cook.

Mrs. Helsing made a motion to adjust the dates in items 4.1 and 4.2 to reflect February 20, 2017 and February 27, 2017. Mrs. Kaszer seconded this motion.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

It is recommended to approve Damon Rizzone as Paraprofessional, at a rate corresponding to the Blackhawk Education Support Personnel Agreement beginning December 12, 2016.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

5.1 It is recommended to approve the following field trips:

- a. Expressions (30), Jayne McDonald, Community Outreach Programs, various locations throughout the month of December (no expense).
- b. Seventh and Eighth Grade Chorus (10), Jayne McDonald, Junior High District Chorus, Lakeview School District, January 20, 2017 (no expense).
- c. Sixth Grade Chorus (45), Jayne McDonald, Schooltime Concert Pittsburgh Symphony, Heinz Hall, January 26, 2017 (no expense).
- d. Gifted Support (15), Jeff Tripodi, Academic Games, Center Stage, November 29, 2016 (\$50 expenses budgeted).
- e. Gifted Support (15), Jeff Tripodi, World Events, Ambridge High School, January 24, 2017 (no expense).

f. Gifted Support (7), Tim Linkenheimer, PantherX Pharmacy Tour, Robinson, November 23, 2016 (no expense)

5.2 It is recommended to approve Brandon Payne as intern to Kelley Engle, Guidance Counselor for the Spring semester, 2017.

5.3 It is recommended to approve the following student teacher for the Spring semester:

a. Jenna Rosenfeld to be placed with Heather Pastor and Dianne Sarver.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE

6.1 It is recommended to approve the terms of the Letter of Intent between Blackhawk School District and Timothy J. Davis as presented regarding the Stadium Project.

Mr. Yonkee expressed interested to amend his vote on the Toshiba Contract to “No – not approve” and made a motion to this affect. Mr. Schaefer seconded this motion.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

7.1 The winter sports season begins with mandatory practice on Friday, November 18. All physicals and or re-certification forms must be submitted by the 18th for students to participate in practice.

7.2 Start times for the home boys’ and girls’ basketball games have changed. Junior Varsity will begin at 6:00PM and Varsity will begin at 7:30PM. Tickets will be sold at the games only, adult \$5.00 and students \$2.00.

7.3 Blackhawk High School Walking Program will begin on Tuesday, December 1, 2016. The high school will be open Monday through Friday, December through March on days that school is in session for community members to walk from 6:00PM – 8:00PM. Walkers should us Entrance #3 and sign the clipboard on arrival.

7.4 Informational Item: The Freshman basketball schedule has been cancelled. Freshmen will be participating with the Junior Varsity due to a decline in numbers.

7.5 It is recommended to approve the athletic activities account for October.

7.6 It is recommended to accept the resignation of Anna Wargo as Assistant Middle School Track Coach.

7.7 It is recommended to accept the resignation of Heath Calhoun as Assistant Swim Coach.

7.8 It is recommended to accept the resignation of Katie Singletary as Middle School Cross Country Coach.

7.9 It is recommended to award the following supplemental contracts for the 2016-17 school year:

a. Jarrod McCowin – Track Coordinator, \$6,162.00

b. Deanne Eppihimer – Music Director, \$1,800.00

c. Stephanie Hartle – Assistant Swim Coach, \$3,365.40

- d. David Parr – Bowling Team, Volunteer
- e. Timothy Denman – Boys Basketball, volunteer, pending clearances
- f. Lexi Lopez – Swim Team, volunteer, pending clearances

7.10 It is recommended to approve Cheryl Patterson as Blackhawk School District's representative and coach for her daughter, Karen Patterson who will be competing with Center High School's gymnastic team.

ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON

No Report

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No Report

FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

No Report

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

No Report

POLICY COMMITTEE

No Report

BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT

13.1 It is recommended to approve the following conferences:

- a. Jim Cox, Pennsylvania Education Technology Conference, Hershey, February 13, 2017 (\$1200 expenses budgeted).
- b. Christina Ford, Catie Virgin, Dr. Jean's Active Learning Adventure, Pittsburgh, November 30, 2016 (\$550 expenses budgeted).
- c. Eric Brandenburg, PASBO Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, March 21-24, 2017, (\$375 expenses budgeted).
- d. Christina DiClaudio, Christina Ford, Shawn Terry, Joi Snyder, Gary Koch, SAP Training, Gateway Rehab, December 7, 8 and 14, 2016 (\$85 expenses budgeted).

BEAVER COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER

No Report

PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

No Report

BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

No Report

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Visitors

Jarrold McCowin, Yearbook Sponsor, acknowledged the copies of the Yearbook presented to the Board Members.

Bob Clendennen, Patterson Township, spoke on the change in the district's bond rating and the bid process for the district's copiers. During the comments, Mr. Brandenburg noted that the district has received \$1.028M from PlanCon.

Melissa Ziegler, Chippewa Township, spoke on the AFR in relationship to the PlanCon \$1.028.

JaneAnn Fucci, spoke on the difference between Track Coordinator and Track Coach and the Retirement ERI documentation required from Board.

Rob Puskas, Chippewa Township, inquired as to the status of the Superintendent Search.

Administration

No Comments

Solicitor

No Comments

School Directors

No Comments

A motion was made by Mrs. Kaszer to adjourn the Work Session. This motion was seconded by Mr. Schaefer.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

The Work Session was adjourned at 8:39PM.

Mr. Pander called the meeting to order at 8:39PM. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Fleischman
Mr. Pander

Mrs. Goehring
Mr. Schaefer

Mrs. Helsing
Dr. Smith

Mrs. Kaszer
Mr. Yonkee

Mrs. Jones

Also in attendance were:

Mr. Eric Brandenburg – Business Manager

Mr. Hobie Webster – District Solicitor

Dr. Rob Postupac – Acting Superintendent

FINANCE COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Mr. Schaefer and seconded by Mr. Yonkee to approve items 3.2 through 3.7 as presented.

A Roll Call Vote was taken to approve items 3.2 through 3.7

Yes – Approve	No – Not to Approve
Mrs. Goehring	
Mrs. Helsing	
Mrs. Jones	
Mrs. Kaszer	
Mr. Pander	
Mr. Schaefer	
Dr. Smith	
Mr. Yonkee	
Mr. Fleischman	

9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Helsing motioned to approve items 4.1 through 4.9 as presented. Mr. Schaefer seconded this motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken to approve items 4.1 through 4.9

Yes – Approve	No – Not to Approve
Mrs. Helsing	
Mrs. Jones	
Mrs. Kaszer	
Mr. Pander	
Mr. Schaefer	
Dr. Smith	
Mr. Yonkee	
Mr. Fleischman	
Mrs. Goehring	

9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

A motion to approve items 5.1a-f through 5.3 as presented was made by Dr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Helsing.

A Roll Call Vote was taken to approve items 5.1 through 5.3

Yes – Approve	No – Not to Approve
Mrs. Jones	
Mrs. Kaszer	
Mr. Pander	
Mr. Schaefer	
Dr. Smith	
Mr. Yonkee	
Mr. Fleischman	
Mrs. Goehring	
Mrs. Helsing	

9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE

Mr. Fleischman made a motion to approve item 6.1 presented. Mrs. Kaszer seconded the motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken to approve items 7.5 through 7.10

Yes – Approve	No – Not to Approve
Mr. Pander	
Mr. Schaefer	
Dr. Smith	
Mr. Yonkee	
Mr. Fleischman	
Mrs. Goehring	
Mrs. Helsing	
Mrs. Jones	
Mrs. Kaszer	

9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

A motion to approve items 7.5 through 7.10 as presented was made by Mr. Schaefer and seconded by Mr. Yonkee.

A Roll Call Vote was taken to approve items 7.5 through 7.10

Yes – Approve	No – Not to Approve
Mr. Schaefer	
Dr. Smith	
Mr. Yonkee	
Mr. Fleischman	
Mrs. Goehring	
Mrs. Helsing	
Mrs. Jones	

Mrs. Kaszer	
Mr. Pander	

9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT

Mrs. Kaszer made a motion to approve item 13.1, a-d as presented. Mr. Schaefer seconded this motion.
A Roll Call Vote was taken to approve item 13.1, a-d

Yes – Approve	No – Not to Approve
Mr. Schaefer	
Dr. Smith	
Mr. Yonkee	
Mr. Fleischman	
Mrs. Goehring	
Mrs. Helsing	
Mrs. Jones	
Mrs. Kaszer	
Mr. Pander	

9 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Administration

No Comment

Solicitor

No Comment

School Directors

Mrs. Jones addressed the figures on the stadium; these should rise every month with donations such as the Brick Purchasing fundraiser.

Mr. Yonkee expressed appreciation to the staff for completion of PlanCon.

The next scheduled meeting will be December 5, 2016 at Blackhawk High School Library, at 7:30PM.

The Voting Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Kaszer
Blackhawk School District Board Secretary