

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS WORK SESSION  
MINUTES  
Blackhawk High School Library  
March 11, 2010**

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

Rich Oswald, President of the Board of Directors, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.. Roll call was answered by eight members. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Calabria	Mr. Clendennen	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Inman
Mr. May	Mr. Oswald	Mrs. Pander	Mrs. Perri
Dr. Kasunich	Mr. Belczyk	Mr. Salopek	
Visitors: 16	Press: 1		

Mrs. Burger was absent

Motion (Mr. Fitzgerald; seconded by Mr. Inman) to approve of Minutes from February 11, 2010 (including the Architect Selection meeting) and February 18, 2010 with the following change:

**Motion (Mrs. Pander; seconded by Mr. Calabria) to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Blackhawk Education Association to settle the grievance filed on September 28, 2009.**

**Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Inman; seconded by Mr. May) to accept the letter of resignation from Cynthia Burger as a member of the Board of Directors effective on the date of receipt of her letter of resignation.

**Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Inman; seconded by Mr. Calabria) to appoint Dean Fleischman to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Cindy Berger as a member of the Board of Directors effective immediately.

**Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No Comments from the Public were made at this time.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Health Insurance Presentation-** Mr. Jack Bonus presented information on the health insurance rates anticipated for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

**Vision Benefits-** Mr. Jack Bonus presented information on the Vision Benefits rates. Rates would be set at \$2.59 for single and \$6.98 for family coverage for the 2010 through 2012 fiscal years.

## **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE**

**Owner Architect Agreement-** Mr. Tom Durkin presented information on his agreement with the district and reviewed the schedule of work to be performed at the District.

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Motion (Mrs. Perri; seconded by Mr. Inman) to approve the following field trips:

- a. Advanced Science Students (BHS) – Kim Baker, Penn State Beaver, March 19, 2010.
- b. First Grade (PPS) – Mrs. Terry, Carnegie Science Center, May 7, 2010.
- c. First Grade (NWP) – Karla Campagna, Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh, May 24, 2010.
- d. Gifted Support (HMS/BIS) – Mr. Alan Davidson, CLO Musical “Pioneers of Flight”, Beaver Falls Middle School, March 24, 2010.
- e. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade GATE (BIS) – Mr. Alan Davidson, Equations Tournament – Economy Elementary School, March 17, 2010.
- f. Select GATE Students (K-7) – Mr. Alan Davidson, Invention Convention, Central Elementary School, Beaver Falls, May 18, 2010.
- g. Gifted Support/Academic Games (BHS) – Mrs. Sue Anne Linnebom, Academic Games Competition, Cincinnati, OH, April 22<sup>nd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 2010.
- h. Mandarin Chinese Classes (BHS) – Lauren Flurie, AW Beattie Career Center, Allison Park, PA, March 18, 2010.
- i. Football Club (BHS) – Mr. Nardone & Mr. Feeley, Pro Football Hall of Fame, Canton, OH, March 11, 2010.
- j. BHS Band – Bob Barthen, Waynesburg Central HS – PMEA Region I Band Festival, Waynesburg, PA, March 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 2010.
- k. Kindergarten (NWP) – Jen Brown, Amy Thompson, Donald Bunney, Tom Nulph, Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium, Pittsburgh, PA, June, 2, 2010.
- l. English Club (BHS) – Roberta Bannon, Robert Morris University, March 25, 2010.
- m. Future Farmers of America (BHS) – Howard Leslie, Lawrence County Fair Grounds, April 16, 2010.

**Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried**

## **BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT**

Motion (Mr. Calabria; seconded by Mr. Inman) to approve the following conferences:

- a. Kim Steffanina, Barb Brown, Darlene Martin – BVIU Intel Teach Program, BVIU, March 30, 2010, May 6, 2010, May 20, 2010.
- b. Bill Bacu – 27<sup>th</sup> Annual In-Service Seminar for Business Educators, Robert Morris University, April 27, 2010.
- c. Susan Alviani, LuAnne Maginness, Peggy Graham, Carol Sprinker, Carol McMillan, Steve Lodovico, Kyleigh Squicquero, Gina Gordon – Olweus Bullying Workshop, Churchill, PA, March 22, 2010.
- d. Rebecca Arbogast , Susan Hullihen, Karen Fritzley, Sue Alviani – “What Do You Really Know About Head Injuries”, BVIU, March 19, 2010.
- e. Gina Gordon – Olweus Bullying Prevention Program National Training for Certification, Washington, D.C., June 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010.
- f. Kelley Engle –Ethics and Boundaries for Counselors, Youngstown, OH, March 12, 2010.
- g. Mandie Cline – Quality after School and Summer Programs Webinar, Blackhawk Intermediate School, March 19, 2010.
- h. Vince Belczyk—PASBO HR Conference, Mars, April 8, 2010

**Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jane Ann Fucci and Jake Barsottini-Priorities of the building projects to be completed-why not consider renovation and improvements to educational buildings instead of athletic facilities.

Russ Couch-Have the coaches of the softball and tennis teams been consulted as well as the Stage Manager for timelines of construction.

Mike Emanuel- Risk Management assessment of the district facilities-Do we have any software to track improvements and maintenance performed on the district machinery, equipment, and facilities.

**The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 9:18 p.m. to discuss personnel matters with no further action to be taken.**

**Vincent M. Belczyk**

**Board Secretary**