

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' WORK SESSION
Blackhawk's High School Library
April 11, 2013**

MEETING MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Mr. Richard Oswald, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was answered by seven members, a quorum.

Those in attendance were:

Mr. Calabria	Mr. Clendennen	Mr. Fleischman	Mr. Fitzgerald
Mr. Heckathorn	Mr. May	Mr. Oswald	

Absent were: Mr. Inman Dr. Rose

Also attending were:

Dr. Miller- Superintendent Mr. Salopek- Solicitor Mr. Wessel- Board Secretary

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the March 14 and 21, 2013 meetings. A discussion followed.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Miller reviewed the items in this area being proposed for the April 18, 2013 Voting Meeting as reflected by the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Oswald asked if there were any public comments.

Mr. John Ridding discussed public comment time being limited and Vocational Agriculture.

Several students who did not identify themselves discussed Vocational Agriculture.

Mr. Ron Stidmon discussed Vocational Agriculture, and asked about the status of the anti-nepotism policy and videotaping meetings.

Mrs. Jodi Weister discussed funding past and current projects.

Mr. James Malone discussed Vocational Agriculture.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Wessel reviewed the items in this area being proposed for the April 18, 2013 Voting Meeting.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to approve the following substitutes for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year:

- a. Kim Brunson, Nurse
- b. Morgan Singletary, Math

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to accept the following Notices of Retirement:

- a. Don Connors, HMS teacher
- b. Marian Moore, BHS teacher
- c. Mary Mudge, HMS teacher
- d. Loraine Sharp, Special Education secretary
- e. Cindy Hupp, Northwestern custodian

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to approve Sarah Kelley utilizing sick leave for child bearing on or about May 2, 2013 for the remainder of the 2012-13 school year.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to approve Jeri Carver, Northwestern Paraprofessional, utilizing two unpaid days off in May 2013.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to employ Julie Ludwig as a part time cafeteria worker at a rate of \$7.25 per hour (approximately \$3,915 per year, prorated at \$1,196 for the remainder of the 2012- 2013 school year) with no benefits.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to employ Melinda Saxton as a part time cafeteria worker at a rate of \$7.25 per hour (approximately \$3,915 per year, prorated at \$1,196 for the remainder of the 2012- 2013 school year) with no benefits.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Lindsay Kudritz, Northwestern Primary School teacher effective June 30, 2013.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mr. May moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to approve the following field trips:

a. AP Science Students (4), Kim Baker, Science Competition, Penn State Beaver April 12, 2013 (expenses budgeted).

b. High School Band (2), Dave Zaccari, PMEA State Conference, Erie Bayfront Convention Center, April 17-20, 2013 (expenses budgeted).

c. 6th and 7th grade Chorus (80), Jayne McDonald, PMT Tarzan Musical, Byham Theater, May 9, 2013, (expenses collected from students).

d. Transition Students(5), Mariah Brown, IPSCO Tour, Koppel, April 12, 2013, (expenses budgeted).

e. Transition Students (50), Mariah Brown, Youth and Energy Career Day, CCBC, April 30, 2013 (expenses budgeted).

f. AP English 12 (9-20), Jarrod McCowin, Pitt Debate Forum, North Allegheny High School, April 25, 2013 (expenses budgeted).

g. 8th Grade Chorus and Musical Members (50), Maura Underwood, Pittsburgh Musical Theater, Byham Theater, May 9, 2013 (expenses budgeted and collected from students).

h. FFA (20), Howard Leslie, Career Development Events, New Castle, April 18, 2013 (expenses budgeted).

i. NAHS/Art Classes (40), Laura Kahler, Ashley Biega, National Gallery of Art, Washington D.C., April 29, 2013 (expenses collected from students).

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Dr. Miller introduced Mr. Anthony Mooney and Mr. James Cox who presented a briefing on a proposed initiative to implement BYOT (Bring Your Own Technology) at the Middle School and to pilot BYOT at the High School next year.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/ REAL ESTATE

Dr. Miller informed the Board that the administration plans to recommend approval of purchases of door hardware district wide and a replacement roof at BIS at the voting meeting as discussed in the earlier Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting.

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Dr. Miller reviewed the items in this area proposed for the April 18, 2013 Voting Meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE

No report.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No report.

FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

No report.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

No report.

POLICY COMMITTEE

No report.

BOARD/ STAFF ENRICHMENT

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to approve attendance at the following conferences:

a. Dave Zaccari, PMEA State Conference, Erie Bayfront Convention Center, April 17-20, 2013 (expenses budgeted).

b. Michelle Miller, Nancy Bowman, Carol Sprinker, Strategically Confronting Today's Leadership Challenges, Pittsburgh, April 18, 2013 (expenses budgeted).

c. Natalie Nicolette, SRUAHERD Mini-Convention, April 17, 2013 (expenses budgeted).

d. Anita Steppe, AIU Summer Institute (AP Lit/Lang), Allegheny I.U., June 24, 2013 (expenses budgeted).

e. Nancy Bowman, Carol Sprinker, Scott Nelson, Rigor and Relevance – Common Core, Churchill, May 9, 2013 (expenses budgeted).

f. Jim Cox, Kim Boggs, Technology for K-12 Education, Cranberry, April 30, 2013 (expenses budgeted).

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

INTERMEDIATE UNIT

Mr. Fitzgerald informed the Board that he would request approval of the Intermediate Unit budget at the next meeting. He discussed the basic numbers in the budget and the District's share.

VOCATIONAL- TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Dr. Miller presented the item in this area on the agenda for the April 18, 2013 meeting.

PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Clendennen informed the Board that the PSBA has proposed resolutions concerning rental reimbursement for construction projects, cyber school funding, and pension reform that will be presented for the Board's consideration at the April 18, 2013 meeting.

BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

No report.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

School Directors: Mr. Fleischman requested that a motion be placed on the April 18, 2013 agenda to reinstate Vocational Agriculture in the curriculum. The Board agreed by consensus.

Mr. Clendennen discussed respecting professionals hired by the District, cameras for security, and Vocational Agriculture.

Mr. Fleischman discussed Vocational Agriculture.

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed Keystone exams. Some discussion followed.

Administrators: Dr. Miller pointed the Board to invitations received for members to attend the Senior Class Awards ceremony on May 17, 2013 and Graduation on June 14, 2013. She informed the Board that tickets remain for the Coaches Against Cancer fundraiser raffle for use of a Myrtle Beach condo. Dr. Miller informed the Board that a longtime supporter of the District, Mr. McDaniel passed away this week.

Visitors: Several students discussed Vocational Agriculture.

Mr. Ron Stidmon discussed Vocational Agriculture.

Mr. John Ridding discussed Vocational Agriculture.

Mrs. Bonnie Goehring discussed Vocational Agriculture and security upgrades.

Matt Young discussed videotaping meetings.

Mrs. Jeanie Porter discussed Vocational Agriculture.

A man who did not identify himself spoke about mold spores at Northwestern Primary School.

Mr. John Kaszer discussed budget cuts, student scheduling, the program of study, and security systems

Mr. Billy Warner discussed Vocational Agriculture.

An unidentified student asked about CDL training and drivers education.

Ms. Goehring commented about scheduling classes for next year at the High School.

Mr. Perry Pander discussed public comments at the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting and Vocational Agriculture.

Mr. Bill Brightwell discussed Vocational Agriculture.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 PM.

Submitted by Jerry Wessel
Board Secretary