

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' WORK SESSION
Blackhawk's High School Library
February 14, 2013**

MEETING MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Mr. Richard Oswald, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:44 PM. and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was answered by eight members, a quorum.

Those in attendance were:

Mr. Calabria	Mr. Clendennen	Mr. Fleischman	Mr. Fitzgerald
Mr. Heckathorn	Mr. Inman	Mr. Oswald	Dr. Rose

Absent was:

Mr. May

Also attending were:

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

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the January 10 and 17, 2013 meetings. Dr. Miller requested guidance from the Board concerning Mr. Stidmon's request that his written comments from the previous meeting be included in the minutes. Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion that they not be included. A discussion followed.

Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 2 No (Dr. Rose, Mr. Fleischman) - Motion Carried (to not include comments)

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried (to approve the minutes)

Mr. Oswald announced that the February 21, 2013 voting meeting will be held at 7:30 PM in the Blackhawk Intermediate School.

Mr. Oswald announced that there was a Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting prior to this meeting which was open to the public.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Miller reviewed the items in this area being proposed for the February 21, 2013 Voting Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Oswald asked if there were any public comments and reminded the public of the District policy addressing such comments at Board meetings, which was available at the door.

Mrs. Barbra Brown asked about the elevated spore levels at Northwestern Primary School.

Mrs. Bonnie Goehring discussed vocational agriculture.

Matt Young discussed recognition of band students, video recording Board meetings, the State budget, and sound proofing at the Middle School. He also announced that he will bring other students to the next Board meeting to discuss video recording of Board meetings.

Mr. Perry Pander discussed the elevated spore count at Northwestern Primary School.

Mr. Oswald announced that the time for public comment was exhausted; however he then said he would allow two more speakers.

Mrs. Jodi Weister discussed the elevated spore count at Northwestern Primary School.

Mr. John Kaszer discussed the elevated spore count at Northwestern Primary School.

Mr. Oswald directed that the agenda be modified so that the Buildings and Grounds/ Real Estate Committee addressed their issues next.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/ REAL ESTATE

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to approve a change order for the Highland Middle School Renovation project to Yarborough Development to provide underground pipe sleeves from the existing annex, under the new concrete and asphalt pavement, to the lawn area of the east recreational fields, for the additional cost of \$7,264.55 per Yarborough Development correspondence dated July 24, 2012.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No (Mr. Fleischman out of the room)- Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to accept the Date of Substantial Completion for the Highland Middle School Phase 1 and Phase 2 as delineated on the Certificate of Substantial Completion for each contract.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No (Mr. Fleischman out of the room)- Motion Carried

Dr. Miller informed the Board that a safety and security assessment has been completed and that she will report to the Board its outcome at a future time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Wessel introduced Mr. Joel Martin from the auditing firm of Cottrill Arbutina and Associates who briefed the Board on the results of the audit of the 21011- 2012 Fiscal Year.

Mr. Wessel reviewed the items in this area being proposed for the February 21, 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. Jamie McIntosh, Social Studies
- b. Cristie LaPearle, Elementary
- c. Sarah Shaffer, Para
- d. Peter Mawanda, Latin

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Judy Hague, food service worker, effective February 28, 2013. Judy has worked for the District since 1978.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion for Joy Winters to use her sick days beginning on or about May 6, 2013, for the birth of her child.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Katie Phelps as the Assistant Varsity Track and Field Coach.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Heckathorn and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to appoint Kim Baker as the MS Track Head Coach at a salary of \$2,377.32 for the 2012-2013 school year.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to appoint Mark Taylor as the Girl's Lacrosse Assistant Coach at a salary of \$1,512.84 for the 2012- 2013 school year.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to appoint Jake Anderson as the Assistant MS Volleyball Coach at a salary of \$1,577.68 for the 2012- 2013 school year.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Dr. Rose moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to approve the following field trips:

- a. BHS Orchestra (3), Nate Goodrich, Western Region Orchestra, Holidaysburg, February 20-22, 2013 (expenses budgeted and collected from others).
- b. Grade 5 (189), Wes Chismar, Jesse Kier, Outdoor Education, Camp Kon-OKwee/ Spencer, April 22-26, 2013 (expenses budgeted and collected from students and others).
- c. PPS Kindergarten (73), Christina Ford, Jenn Sharek, Erin Krut, Catie Delcroix, Children's Museum, May 23, 2013 (expenses collected from others).

d. BHS Orchestra (22), HMS Band and Orchestra (60), Nate Goodrich and George Hoydich, High Notes Festival, Carnegie Mellon, May 24, 2013 (expenses collected from students).

e. Chemistry Connections (40), Kim Baker, Science Tech Days at Carnegie Science Center, March 7, 2013 (expenses collected from students).

f. 7th Grade Social Studies (45), Ryan Hardesty, Jared Slimm, Medieval Times Trip, Hanover MD, May 18, 2013 (expenses collected from students).

g. Multimedia Club (8), Don Diehl, BVIU PA High School Computer Fair, BVIU, April 5, 2013 (expenses budgeted).

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Dr. Rose moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to approve participation in the 2013 Beaver County Summer Academy at a cost of \$500. This week long camp provides educational opportunities to interested students who attend Blackhawk.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Dr. Miller reviewed the items in this area proposed for the February 21, 2013 Voting Meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE

Dr. Miller directed the Board members to their packets for information about the Midpoint Review of 2012- 2013 District Goals.

Dr. Miller told the Board members that their packets contained a recommendation for videotaping Board meetings for their review and future discussion.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No report.

FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

No report.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

No report.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Mr. Wessel discussed a proposed change to Policy 622, GASB Statement 34, which was included in the Board packets for review.

Mr. Wessel also discussed a proposed change to Policy 610, Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation, which was included in the Board packets for review.

BOARD/ STAFF ENRICHMENT

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

a. Nate Goodrich, Western Region Orchestra, Holidaysburg, February 20-22, 2013 (expenses budgeted).

b. Nancy Bowman, Rick Ford, Ryan Hardesty, PAMLE/PASAP Annual Conference, Penn State, February 23-26, 2013 (expenses budgeted).

c. Gina Gordon, PA School Counselors Assoc. Regional Workshop, Oakdale, April 5, 2013 (expenses budgeted).

d. Krista Goodzinski, PA School Library Association Annual Conference, Hershey, May 2-4, 2013 (expenses budgeted).

e. Jamie Planitzer, Certified Pool Operator Course, Homestead, March 26, 2013 (expenses budgeted).

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

INTERMEDIATE UNIT

No report.

VOCATIONAL- TECHNICAL SCHOOL

No report.

PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Clendennen informed the Board that the State budget proposed by the Governor would be discussed at great length by the Legislature and parts would probably be changed. He also let the Board know that as a part of PSBA's efforts to develop advocates for Public Schools, he, Dr. Rose and Mr. Inman plan to meet with Representative Jim Christiana to discuss rental subsidy payments.

BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

No report.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

School Directors: Mr. Clendennen thanked the administrators for moving forward with the District goals.

Mr. Fleischman asked about transitioning from PSSA to Keystone tests and Dr. Miller informed him that Keystones are just for grades 8- 12 and courses-specific. The PSSAs will remain for grades 3 through 8. He also asked about budget preparation, cardboard on a window at Northwestern. Mr. Fleischman asked if the problem with W-2 forms was corrected and Mr. Wessel said yes. He asked if teachers were being refused needed supplies and Dr. Miller replied that the requests go through the principal first and that she rarely refuses requests if the principal says it is needed.

Dr. Rose asked for an executive session for possible litigation after the meeting, why the policy for public participation in Board meetings was read by Mr. Oswald prior to public comments earlier in the meeting, discussed the proposed anti-nepotism policy language given to him by Dr. Miller, and discussed a positive article in the Beaver County Times.

Administrators: None

Visitors: Mrs. Goehring discussed Vocational Agriculture.

Mrs. Weister discussed the elevated spore readings at Northwestern, the presence of a police officer at recent meetings and inclusion of public statements in the minutes.

Matt Young discussed videotaping meetings, the District's grade on a Sunshine Act web site, and a school bus stop.

Mr. Perry Pander spoke on the elevated spore situation at Northwestern.

Matt Young got back up to discuss the recommendations made by Dr. Miller concerning videotaping meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 PM.

Submitted by Jerry Wessel
Board Secretary