

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' VOTING MEETING  
Blackhawk High School Library  
March 21, 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 eight members, a quorum.

Those in attendance were:

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

Absent was: Dr. Rose

Also attending were:

Dr. Miller- Superintendent	Mr. Salopek- Solicitor	Mr. Wessel- Board Secretary
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Mr. Oswald introduced Pastor David Roddy from the Brush Run Methodist Church, who gave the invocation.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Fleischman offered the following congratulations on behalf of the Board to:

Barb Brown and Highland Middle School for being selected by Society for Analytical Chemistry of Pittsburgh to receive a grant in the amount of \$500 for 8 handheld microscopes.

Northwestern Primary School for being the recipient of a \$2000 Intermec Foundation Grant. Employees of Intermec and its subsidiaries have the opportunity to apply for these education grants. The applying employee must be also involved with the receiving organization through other volunteer or fundraising efforts. Our benefactor parent is Mr. Matt Shope who is an employee of Vocollect, a subsidiary of Intermec. Mr. Shope volunteers on a regular basis in his son's class.

Blackhawk High School's Rachel Denny and Eric Racan for being winners in the Chesapeake's Discovering Tomorrow's Leaders program. The school will receive six iPad minis in honor of the students.

Mr. Fleischman informed the Board and public that tickets for the 2013 School Picnic at Kennywood will be sold in all the schools on May 10, 2013 and that information on the sale will be announced in all the schools.

Mr. Fleischman introduced Mr. Scott Nelson High School Principal, who in turn introduced Mr. Tim Linkenheimer and Mr. Dale Moll who with TSA students, Mr. Allen Andrasik and alumni Russell Diehl, presented an informational briefing on the TSA program.

Mr. Fleischman then offered the following congratulations on behalf of the Board to:  
The Blackhawk staff and students for participating in “26 Acts of Kindness” in the month of February. Each act of kindness, ranging from thank you cards, to making bookmarks, to raising funds, is in memory of a student or staff member from Sandy Hook Elementary School. Gennifer Dusold and Kaylyn Kiser for being accepted into PMEA’s State Band. They were selected through an audition process. Gennifer plays the flute and Kaylyn’s instrument is the clarinet.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Oswald asked if there were any public comments on agenda items or other matters.

Mrs. Anita Mensch discussed keeping students as the Board members’ focus, setting a good example and working together.

Student Matt Young discussed taping Board meetings.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to accept the Financial Report for the month of March 2013 as submitted.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills as presented.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

The Board was directed by Mr. Inman to the exhibits within their packets for the February Monthly Insurance Report.

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Heckathorn seconded a motion to enroll in Energy Curtailment Specialists, Inc. (ECS) PowerPay! Programs.

**Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No; 1 Abstention (Mr. Fitzgerald) - Motion Carried**

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to accept a bid provided by Lawrence County Tax Claims Bureau for a property previously exposed to upset tax sales and judicial sales, but not sold and which is currently in a category known as the “Repository of Unsold Properties.”

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to accept the 2013- 2014 Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit General Operating Budget as presented.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to accept fees as quoted by UPMC to provide continued administrative services for the District’s health plan for the 2013-14 and 2014-15 fiscal years (\$59.51 per member per month or approximately \$229,947 per year).

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to renew stop loss coverage (Option 1) as quoted by UPMC Health Benefits, Inc. for renewal for the 2013-14 fiscal year (approximately \$228,478 per year).

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to accept the UPMC Cobra Advantage renewal fee quotation for the 2013-14 fiscal year.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to accept the UPMC Vision Advantage quote to provide administrative services for a self-funded vision plan for the 2013-14 fiscal year (approximately \$3,864 per year).

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to accept, pending acceptance by the District's bargaining units, a change of dental insurance administrator from Delta Dental to UPMC Dental Advantage beginning July 1, 2013.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to employ Marilyn Zoretich as part time cafeteria worker at a rate of \$7.25 per hour (approximate annual salary of \$3,915, prorated at \$1,196 for 2012-13 with no benefits).

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to employ Michelle Hiler, Paraprofessional, as a substitute for the remainder of the 2012- 2013 school year.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Mr. May moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to accept the 2013- 2014 academic calendar as submitted.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/ REAL ESTATE**

No report.

**ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Calabria offered the following congratulations on behalf of the Board to:

Alexis Lopez who placed first in the 50 freestyle, Adam Rastatter who placed 4th in the breaststroke, Dewey Fry who placed 3rd in diving, and the 400 Free Relay team (Marissa Camp, Casey Cerbus, Alexis Lopez and Alaina Marshall) who placed 4th in the WPIAL Championship meet.

Marissa Camp, Casey Cerbus, Alexis Lopez, Alaina Marshall, Caitlyn Peace, Josh Bergfelt, Corbin Fry, Dewey Fry, Ryan Hart, Adam Rastatter and Chris Vogler who qualified for the PIAA State Swimming and Diving Championships on March 13, 14 & 15.

Jake Braddock and Lamar Taft who advanced to the WPIAL/PIAA Southwest Regionals for wrestling on February 28 through March 2 at Norwin.

The Blackhawk Hockey team who were section champions and qualified for the PIHL playoffs.

the following Blackhawk students who were selected by the Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame for the Student Athlete Award: Clint Davies and Juliana Lapek.

Leah Hornfeck and Cole Chiappialle for being recognized as student athletes at the MAC banquet.

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Bill Sedlak as the Varsity Men's Soccer Assistant Coach.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to appoint Bruce Fronk as the Varsity Assistant Track Coach at a salary of \$2,917.62 for the 2012- 2013 school year.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to appoint Kelly Franitti as a volunteer coach for the Varsity Track team pending receipt of clearances.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to allow the administration to award contracts to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications for the 2013- 2014 athletic supplies.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to allow for a "Learn to Swim" program being offered April 8 through May 1, 2013.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE**

No report.

#### **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

No report.

## **FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE**

No report.

## **NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE**

No report.

## **POLICY COMMITTEE**

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Heckathorn seconded a motion to adopt revised Policy 622, GASB Statement 34.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to adopt revised Policy 610, Purchases Subject to Bid/ Quotation.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

## **BOARD/ STAFF ENRICHMENT**

No report.

## **INTERMEDIATE UNIT**

No report.

## **VOCATIONAL- TECHNICAL SCHOOL**

Mr. Fitzgerald informed the Board members that the Vo- Tech budget is expected to be adopted at its March 26, 2013 meeting.

## **PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

No report.

## **BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

No report.

## **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

School Directors: Mr. Fleischman informed the Board that Mr. Sabona called him and stated that he had to miss the meeting but would watch a video if meetings were recorded.

Mr. Heckathorn commented that the cast and crew of the musical did a great job and recognized the participants who were in the audience.

Mr. Oswald commented that the Girls Basketball Team had a great season and should be commended for their great efforts.

Administrators: No comments.

Visitors: Mrs. Barb Brown asked for the fund balances for the Health and Dental Funds and Mr. Wessel gave them to her.

Ms. Goehring spoke about Vocational Agriculture.

Mr. Pander discussed security upgrade plans.

Mrs. Weister discussed the mold spore problems at Northwestern Primary School.

Mr. Fleischman discussed the mold spore issues at Northwestern Primary School and a general discussion followed.

Next Meeting: Mr. Oswald announced that the next scheduled meeting is April 11, 2013 at 7:30 PM in the Blackhawk High School Library. A Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting will be held prior to the meeting at 6:30 PM and will be open to the public.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 PM.

Submitted by Jerry Wessel  
Board Secretary