

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' REORGANIZATION AND VOTING  
MEETING**

**Blackhawk's High School Library  
December 3, 2013**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

Mr. Richard Oswald, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was answered by 8 members. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Fleischman	Mr. Heckathorn	Mrs. Helsing	Mr. May
Mr. Oswald	Mr. Pander	Dr. Rose	Mr. Yonkee

Absent were:  
None

Also attending was:  
Dr. Miller- Superintendent

Mr. Oswald read the videotaping policy information.

The invocation was given by Pastor Bettencourt, Pastor of Champion Life Church.

Dr. Rose moved and Mr. Fleischman seconded a motion to accept the November 14 and 21 Board meeting minutes as presented.

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

Mr. Fleischman moved and Mr. Heckathorn seconded a motion to accept the resignation of John Salopek, Blackhawk School District Solicitor, effective immediately.

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

Mr. Oswald informed the Board that Dr. Miller will be the acting School Board Secretary for tonight's meeting.

Mr. Oswald recessed the Voting meeting and opened the reorganization meeting.

Mr. Oswald called the meeting to order for the purpose of organization under the appropriate sections of Article IV of the School Laws of Pennsylvania, as amended.

Mr. Oswald asked for nominations for a Temporary President. Mr. Oswald nominated Mr. Fleischman.

**Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Oswald declared Mr. Fleischman as Temporary President.

Temporary President Mr. Fleischman presided and asked for nominations for President for the ensuing year. Mr. Pander nominated Dr. Rose.

**Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Fleischman declared Dr. Rose as President for the ensuing year.

President Dr. Rose presided and asked for nominations for Vice President for the ensuing year. Mr. Yonkee nominated Mr. Pander.

**Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Dr. Rose declared that Mr. Pander as Vice-President for the ensuing year.

Mr. Fleischman moved and Mr. Pander seconded a motion to appoint attorney John Petrush as interim school solicitor effective immediately at a rate of \$750 retainer and \$125 per hour for other matters. Attorney Petrush joined the Board members for the remainder of the meeting.

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

Mr. Fleischman moved and Mr. Yonkee seconded a motion to appoint Dr. Kalenak, as school Physician, to provide or oversee the student physical examinations for the coming year. He will be compensated at the rate of \$10.00 per student physical examination and \$30.00 per pre-employment physical. A discussion took place regarding who would be providing the physicals.

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

Mr. Fleischman moved and Mr. Oswald seconded a motion to appoint Dr. Daniel L. Frattaroli be elected to the position of school dentist for the coming year. He will be compensated at the rate of \$1.00 per student examination.

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

In discussing the work session dates, Mr. Yonkee recommended that the Board not have Work Sessions unless necessary.

Mr. Yonkee moved and Mr. Pander seconded a motion to approve the following dates, times, and sites are recommended for public Voting Meetings of the Board of School Directors, when deliberations will occur. These meetings will be advertised as voting meetings and all voting meetings will be held in the High School Library at 7:30PM

December 19, 2013

January 16, 2014

February 20, 2014

March 20, 2014  
April 24, 2014  
May 15, 2014  
June 19, 2014  
July 17, 2014  
August 21, 2014  
September 18, 2014  
October 16, 2014  
November 20, 2014  
December 2, 2014 (Reorganization Meeting)

Dr. Rose asked for increase signage around the building so that the public knows the location of the meetings.

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

Mr. Pander moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to designate The Beaver County Times as the newspaper of general circulation to be used for official notices.

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

Mr. Fleischman moved and Mr. Yonkee seconded a motion to authorize the Solicitor to file with the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania a request for permission to use facsimile signatures.

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

Mr. Oswald moved and Mr. Fleischman seconded a motion to fill the following positions for the ensuing year, unless otherwise indicated, by School Directors appointed by the President of the Board of School Directors:

- A. Committee Chairpersons:
  - Finance/Insurance
  - Personnel
  - Education
  - Buildings, Grounds and Real Estate
  - Athletics
  - Administrative Liaison
  - Transportation
  - Food Service
  - Policy
  - Public Relations & Communications
  - Negotiations
  - Intermediate Unit
  - Vocational-Technical School
  - Board/Staff Enrichment
  - P.S.B.A. Liaison
  - Council of Governments
  - Beaver Valley Joint School
  - Vo-Tech Citizens Advisory

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

Dr. Rose announced that the Executive Sessions and Open Committee Meetings will be scheduled as needed and will be announced on the Board agenda.

Mr. Yonkee moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to utilize the following depositories for school funds:

- a. ESB Bank
- b. Wells Fargo
- c. PLGIT
- d. PSDLAF
- e. Citizens Bank
- f. Bank of America
- g. Blackhawk Credit Union
- h. PNC Bank

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

Mr. Fleischman moved and Mr. Oswald seconded a motion to adjourn the reorganization meeting and resume the regular meeting.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dr. Rose asked if there were any public comments on agenda items or other matters.

Mr. Jarrod McCowin congratulated new Board members, thanked Dr. Miller for her leadership, and submitted a letter to the Board requesting that representatives from BEA provide input in the Superintendent's search.

Mrs. Anita Mensch thanked Dr. Miller for her service and leadership.

Mrs. Deb Daquila thanked Dr. Miller, wished her luck, and commented on the respect she has for Dr. Miller.

Mrs. JaneAnn Fucci welcomed new Board members and remarked about forwarding an email to a Board member requesting that the Board review the matter.

Mr. Anthony Mooney recognized Becky Arbogast, HMS nurse, for collecting 3,288 canned food items this year for needy families. This project has occurred for the past 20 years with over 93,000 canned food items being collected under her leadership.

Mrs. Laura Gibson welcomed new Board members and thanked Dr. Miller for her service and leadership as well as being a mentor.

Mr. Bob Clendennen thanked Dr. Miller for her service.

Mr. Don Inman welcomed new Board members and thanked Dr. Miller for her years of service to the District.

Mrs. Jodi Weister thanked Dr. Miller for her service and inquired as to whether she will participate in the Forum for Western Pennsylvania Superintendents.

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

No report.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Fleischman moved and Mr. Oswald seconded a motion to approve bills for November from the various Funds as submitted.

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

Mr. Yonkee moved and Mr. Pander seconded a motion to adopt the Act 1 Resolution No. 12032013, which certifies the Board will not increase the 2014-2015 millage at a rate to exceed the index (2.2%) as calculated by PDE (1.21 mills).

**Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

## **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Mr. Oswald moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to approve the following substitute for the 2013-2014 school year: Stephen Yount.

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

Mr. Oswald moved and Mr. Yonkee seconded a motion to approve to accept the resignation of Dr. Michelle Miller, Superintendent, with her last day of work being December 11, 2013 with the use of remaining vacation days to follow. The Board held an executive session at this time for personnel matters and resumed the meeting at 8:40.

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

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

No report.

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

No report.

## **ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**

No report.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. Oswald seconded a motion to appoint Tory Aquino as Board member to replace the vacancy created by the resignation of Bob Clendennen for Region 3.

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

## **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

No report.

## **FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE**

No report.

## **NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE**

No report.

## **POLICY COMMITTEE**

**No report.**

## **BOARD/ STAFF ENRICHMENT**

Mr. May moved and Mr. Oswald seconded a motion to approve the following conferences:

- a. Scott Nelson, Danielle Bailey, PA Principals Leadership Academy, BVIU 3 (January 10, 2014), BVIU 4 (February 14, 2014), BVIU 27 (March 14, 2014), BVIU 7 (April 11, 2014), (\$1,350 expensed budgeted).

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

## **INTERMEDIATE UNIT**

No report

## **VOCATIONAL- TECHNICAL SCHOOL**

No report.

## **PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

No report.

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

No report.

## **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

Dr. Rose asked if there were any public comments at this time. There were none.

Dr. Rose asked if there were any administrative comments at this time. There were none.

Dr. Rose asked if there were any Board member comments. The following comments ensued:

Mr. Yonkee made a motion and Mr. Pander seconded the motion to authorize not more than four members of the Blackhawk School Board to meet with the District's auditing firm, Cottrill, Arbutina & Associates, to discuss estimated costs to conduct a limited budget analysis that focuses on specific line items that detail expended revenues that subsequently establishes a baseline for the Board to know exactly, when they, as of today, accept responsibility for expenditures. A discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Fleischman made a motion and Mr. May seconded the motion to implement and institute an agriscience curriculum with science credit in the Blackhawk School District for students in grades 9-12 to begin with the 2014-2015 school term to continue there on.

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

Dr. Rose welcomed Mrs. Aquino to the Board and asked her to join the Board members and asked if anyone had further comments.

Mr. Bob Clendennen, resident, commented on the vote for Vo-Ag including the cost and transparency.

Mr. Don Inman, resident, commented that he was surprised by the actions of the Board to spend approximately \$150,000 with the motions for Vo-Ag and the audit.

Ms. Jenny Goehring thanked the Board for offering Vo-Ag to the students.

Mr. Matt Young discussed the cost for Vo-Ag and thanked the Board for reinstating the program.

Mr. Fleischman commented that he is a graduate of this District and that Blackhawk is about the people, not the money. He commented that Blackhawk belongs to the students and Vo-Ag is not about the money. It is the Board's responsibility to make this happen and find the money.

Next Meeting: Dr. Rose announced that the next scheduled meeting is December 19, 2013 in the Blackhawk High School Library at 7:30 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by  
Dr. Michelle Miller  
Acting Board Secretary