

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' VOTING MEETING
Blackhawk Middle School Auditorium
June 16, 2011**

MEETING MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Mr. Richard Oswald, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:30PM. Roll call was answered by eight members. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Clendennen	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Fleischman
Mr. Heckathorn	Mr. Inman	Mr. May
Mr. Oswald	Mrs. Pander	

Absent was: Mr. Calabria

Also attending were:

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

Mr. Oswald announced that there will be a Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting held prior to the July 14, 2011 working meeting at 6:30PM in the Blackhawk High School library.

Mr. Oswald announced that the July 14, 2011 meeting will be a combined Work Session and Voting Session and will be held in the Blackhawk High School library at 7:30PM. (This was later revised to be July 21, 2011)

The invocation was given by Reverend Scott Graham of the Chippewa United Methodist Church.

PUBLIC RELATIONSANDCOMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Fleischman introduced the Middle School Principal, Mrs. Nancy Bowman, who presented the Middle School's May students of the month. Mr. Fleischman complimented the students and expressed his appreciation for their efforts on behalf of the Board. Mr. Oswald congratulated the students and their parents also.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Oswald asked if there were any public comments on agenda items or other matters. There were none.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to accept the Financial Report for May as submitted.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Inman moved and Mrs. Pander seconded a motion to approve bills from the various Funds as submitted.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

The Board was directed to the exhibits within their packets for the May Monthly Insurance Report.

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to adopt the 2011- 2012 Blackhawk School District General Fund, Food Service Fund, Health Fund and Dental Fund proposed budgets as previously approved by the Board for review. General Fund expected expenditures total \$29,671,585 and expected revenues total \$29,745,796. Food Service Fund expected expenditures total \$1,044,942 and expected revenues total \$1,054,302. Health Fund expected expenditures total \$4,075,490 and expected revenues total \$4,084,930. Dental Fund expected expenditures total \$156,029 and expected revenues total \$156,139.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Inman moved and Mrs. Pander seconded a motion to accept the A-H detailing the District's tax levies, tax collectors, tax collection procedures, and compensation rates for tax collectors:

A. REAL ESTATE LEVY: Resolved that the Board of School Directors does hereby levy and impose a tax upon all taxable real estate property for the 2011-2012 fiscal year at a rate of 53.76 mills based upon the assessed valuation of the properties in the District's municipalities located in Beaver County; and, at a rate of 17.96 mills based upon the assessed valuation of the properties in Enon Valley Borough in Lawrence County. This equates to \$5.376 per \$100 of assessed value for properties in Beaver County and \$1.796 per \$100 of assessed value for properties in Lawrence County.

B. SCHOOL CODE PER CAPITA TAX: Resolved that pursuant to the authority granted under Section 679 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949, as amended, the School Board of Directors does hereby levy and impose a Per Capita Tax of \$5 for the 2011- 2012 fiscal year on each resident or inhabitant of the School District 18 years of age or older. The determination of those taxable and the assessment, collection and enforcement of the tax shall conform to the provisions of the standing Act 511 Per Capita Tax Resolution adopted by the School Board of Directors heretofore.

C. PAYMENT PERIOD FOR REAL ESTATE AND PER CAPITA TAXES: Resolved that in compliance with statutes the Real Estate and Section 679 Per Capita taxes for fiscal year 2011- 2012 shall be payable at a 2% discount during

the months of July and August, at face the months of September and October at an additional 10% of the face value penalty after November 1, 2011. The taxes may be paid at face without discount or penalty in three equal installments if the same are paid on or prior to August 31, 2011, October 21, 2011, and December 31, 2011, respectively as provided by law. The payment of the first installment prior to or on August 31, 2011 shall be conclusive evidence of intent to pay the tax by installments. If such installments become delinquent, the full face amount plus an added 10% of the face amount penalty shall become immediately due.

D. COMMISSION FOR COLLECTION OF SECTION 679 PER CAPITA TAXES: Resolved that for the 2011- 2012 fiscal year collectors of the Section 679 Per Capita Tax will be paid either per contracted amount or at a 4% commission based upon the Per Capita List for their municipality.

E. DELINQUENT SECTION 679 TAXES: Resolved that Centax is hereby appointed the collection agency during fiscal year 2011- 2012 for delinquent Per Capita Taxes levied. Charges will be as contracted.

F. APPOINTMENT OF EIT, LST, AND MECHANICAL DEVICES COLLECTORS: Resolved that during the 2011- 2012 fiscal year collectors for EIT, LST and Mechanical Devices Tax will be appointed to be in compliance with Act 32 of 2008 and agreements with the municipalities comprising the District. Rates will be as per existing agreements or follow on contracts.

G. APPOINTMENT OF AMUSEMENT TAX COLLECTOR: Resolved that the District Business Manager be appointed as interim Amusement Tax Collector for those taxes authorized under Act 511 pending any contractual arrangement subsequently approved by the Board.

H. APPOINTMENT OF ACT 511 PER CAPITA TAX COLLECTORS: Resolved that during the 2011- 2012 fiscal year the collector appointed by each municipality to be Act 511 Per Capita Tax Collector shall be utilized by the District to collect its portion of the Act 511 Per Capita Tax.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. May seconded motion for the assessment settlement with Alliance Tubular Products Co. as presented and recommended by the Solicitor. (Exhibit D)

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Pander moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to employ Rachel Diehl and Sarah Fabiani as summer clerical support at Blackhawk High School Athletic Department. They will share a maximum of 30 hours per week for 10 weeks at a rate of \$7.25 per hour pending clearances.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mrs. Pander moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to employ Emily Barnes as summer clerical support for the Blackhawk School office at a maximum of 35 hours per week at a rate of \$7.25 per hour.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mrs. Pander moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to approve conference attendance by Ken Moser to the Summer Poetry Institute for Educators at Boston University July 11-15, 2011.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mr. May moved and Mrs. Pander seconded a motion to approve one field trip: BHS Band, Bob Barthen, Orlando, FL, April 27- May 2, 2012.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. May moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to reserve two seats with CLASS Academy services for the 2011-2012 school year.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. May moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to utilize the Glade Run Special Education Services for the 2011-2012 school year.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. May moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to approve the following curriculum documents for the 2011-2012 school year:

- a. AP Physics C: Mechanics
- b. AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
- c. Kindergarten ELA Curriculum
- d. Grades 3-5 School Counseling Curriculum
- e. Computer Science 2
- f. Information Technology 4
- g. 8th grade Related Arts: Personal Finance
- h. Accounting I
- i. Accounting II

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. May moved and Mr. Inman seconded approval of a field trip by the Technology Student Association, Mr. Linkenheimer and Mr. Moll to Dallas Texas June 28- July 2, 2011.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/ REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

Mr. Clendennen reported that all the summer construction projects have started.

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Mr. Heckathorn congratulated Coach Bob Amalia, the coaching staff, and the boy's baseball team who were Section 1-AAA Champs.

Mr. Heckathorn congratulated Angelica Peck, Jasmine Campbell and Philip Pritchard who qualified for the PIAA State Track Championships.

Mr. Heckathorn congratulated Angelica Peck who placed 6th in the State in the 1600 meter run.

Mr. Heckathorn congratulated Kellie Bellia who was selected as an All WPIAL selection and WPIAL Division 2 All Star for Girl's Lacrosse.

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to accept the fall sports schedules as presented.

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. May was assigned to be the Chairperson of this committee, replacing Mrs. Perri, who resigned from the Board.

BOARD/ STAFF ENRICHMENT

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to approve conference attendance by Korin McMillen to the 2011 Special Education Leadership Summer Academy at Bedford Springs, PA , July 25-29, 2011.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

INTERMEDIATE UNIT

Mr. Fitzgerald reported that the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit is furloughing one administrator and negotiating a pay freeze to reduce costs as result of budget reductions by the State.

VOCATIONAL- TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Mr. Fitzgerald reported that the Vocational- Technical School is furloughing one automotive teacher and one teachers' aide to reduce costs.

PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

No report

BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

No report

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

School Directors: Mr. Fitzgerald questioned the selection of 12 cheerleaders for next fall's football season when 16 were used the prior year. Dr. Miller said the guidelines says up to 16 and that less have been used in the past. The selection procedure is very structured and there was a significant gap between the scores of the 12th and 13th girls. Dr. Miller was directed to report to the Board the process, criteria, and rationale for the decision to reduce the number to 12. She was also directed to provide the guidelines to the Board in order for the Board to review in order to make it clearer that the number of cheerleaders can be less than or equal to 16, not always exactly 16.

Mr. Fitzgerald read an article written by a superintendent that was titled, "Please Make My School a Prison" which stated that more is spent on a prisoner than on a child in school and the facilities, etc. are better. The writer said that if more was spent on schools, we might have fewer prisoners to deal with.

Administrators: Dr. Miller informed the Board that she received a thank you from Dora Powers for the appreciation dinner.

Dr. Miller introduced Anthony Mooney, the new High School Dean of Students to the Board members.

Dr. Miller informed the Board that the new, more handicapped friendly, door handles were installed at the High School.

Dr. Miller said that graduation went well and credited the High School staff's efforts for its success.

Dr. Miller informed the Board that she attended the Planning and Supervisor's meetings at Chippewa Township the previous two days and all township permits needed for the Middle School project were approved.

Visitors: Mrs. Barbara Brown asked if the TSA trip to Texas that was approved was self funded and Dr. Miller told her that it was funded in part by the District through the budget (66 %), by the Blackhawk Foundation (33%) and by the students (33%). Mrs. Brown expressed her opinions about cheerleading; and, said she felt the CDC should have discussed changes to the computer curriculum. Dr. Miller informed her that the computer position was a staffing decision, not a curriculum issue the CDC should be involved in. Computer skills will be integrated into instruction at the Kindergarten level by the classroom teachers.

Mrs. Jody Wiester expressed her opinions about the cheerleader selection, change to the way kindergarteners will be introduced to computers, and Board member behavior during meetings.

Next Meeting: July 14, 2011 in the High School library at 7:30PM, preceded by the Buildings and Grounds Meeting at 6:30PM. (Later changed to July 21, 2011)

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:07PM.

Submitted by Jerry Wessel
Board Secretary