

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS VOTING MEETING
Blackhawk High School Auditorium
July 16, 2009**

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Richard Caputo, President of the Board of School Directors, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll call was answered by eight members. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Barsottini	Mr. Klein	Dr. Kasunich
Mr. Caputo	Mrs. Lambert	Dr. Miller
Mr. Emge	Mr. Oswald	Visitors - 104
Mr. Fitzgerald	Mrs. Wagoner	

Mr. Gabauer and Mr. Young were absent.

The opening prayer was given by Pastor C. F. Hoffman, 1st U. P. Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion (Mr. Emge, seconded by Mrs. Lambert) to approve the minutes of the meeting on July 9, 2009.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Congratulations to the following students who placed at the National Technology Student Association (TSA) conference at the Sheraton Hotel in Denver, Colorado: Crystal Glover, Matt Pulleo and Dan Warnaka – 1st place Team Event Technology Bowl Challenge; Dan Warnaka 2nd place Individual Event Electrical Applications, Matt Pulleo, 1st place Individual Event Technical Design Challenge.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments were made by Jim Ross, Cindy Burger, Bob Clendennen, Frank Matsukas, Kathy (unable to hear last name), Dean Fleischman, Randy Cosgrove, Mike Oravitz, Dori Oldaker

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion (Mr. Barsottini, seconded by Mr. Emge) for the Financial Report as submitted.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Barsottini, seconded by Mrs. Lambert) for the Insurance Report as submitted.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Barsottini, seconded by Mr. Oswald) for the Student Activity Accounts as submitted.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Barsottini, seconded by Mr. Oswald) for the execution of the Contribution Agreement between the Blackhawk School District and Starting Gate, formerly known as Corporation for

Owner-Operator Projects, providing for voluntary contributions to the School District in lieu of the seven (7) year extension previously granted by Resolution of this Board.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Barsottini, seconded by Mrs. Lambert) for the payment of bills as submitted.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Mr. Phil Colavincenzo presented information on behalf of Starting Gate.

Dr. Miller presented an educational summary of the past school year. Her presentation can be viewed on the district website.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Barsottini) to accept the resignation of Tracy Mastalski, library aide at Patterson Primary School.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mrs. Lambert) to amend the salary for Krystal Gaudino, long term substitute for the speech clinician position for the 2009-2010 school year, to \$35,280, Masters Step 1.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Oswald) for the following Pitt interns for Blackhawk High School: Katy Smith, Lindsay Romigh, Jennifer Mikula, Doreen Cameron

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Barsottini) to accept the resignation of Jeff Jackman as Varsity Swim Coach.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Oswald) to execute the settlement agreement of arbitrator assigned PA 7903 as outlined to the Board in Executive Session on April 23, 2009.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mrs. Lambert) for the administrative ratings/salary increases for the 2009-2010 school year.

Roll Call Vote: 4 – Yes, Mr. Caputo, Mr. Oswald, Mr. Barsottini, Mrs. Lambert; 4 – No, Mr. Emge, Mr. Klein, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Wagoner; Motion failed.

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Oswald) for individual salary increases for the following employees: George Trombulak, Jim Perlik, Sue Lukacs, and Jeff Cienik.

Roll Call Vote: 3 - Yes, Mr. Caputo, Mr. Oswald, Mr. Barsottini; 5 - No, Mr. Emge, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Klein, Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. Wagoner; Motion failed.

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Emge) for the supplemental contract positions for the 2009-2010 school year.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Oswald) to employ Susan Badzik, 241 McMillen Avenue, Beaver Falls, PA 15010, for a first grade position at Northwestern Primary School for the 2009-2010 school year. Her salary will be \$38,000 Step 2 Bachelors.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Emge) to employ Lindsay Bocek, 2904 Darlington Road, #603, Beaver Falls, PA 15010, for a second grade position at Northwestern Primary School for the 2009-2010 school year. Her salary will be \$38,000 Step 2 Bachelors.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Oswald) to employ Laurel Brest, 159 Fox Road, New Castle, PA 16101, for a learning support position at Northwestern Primary School for the 2009-2010 school year. Her salary will be \$41,500 Step 3 Bachelors.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Emge) to employ Anna Bretch, 619 Maple Street, Coraopolis, PA 15108, for a fifth grade position at Blackhawk Intermediate School for the 2009-2010 school year. Her salary will be \$38,000 Step 2 Bachelors.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Barsottini) to employ Donald Bunney, 807 California Avenue, Ellwood City, PA 16117, for a kindergarten grade position at Northwestern Primary School for the 2009-2010 school year. His salary will be \$38,000 Step 2 Bachelors.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Emge) to employ Michelle Daniels, 614 13th Avenue, New Brighton, PA 15066, for a fourth grade position at Blackhawk Intermediate School for the 2009-2010 school year. Her salary will be \$38,000 Step 2 Bachelors.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald) to employ Chelsea Abbot Haight, 692 Georgetown Road, Darlington, PA 16115, for a second grade position at Patterson Primary School for the 2009-2010 school year. Her salary will be \$38,000 Step 2 Bachelors.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald) to employ Cara Jackson, 912 Plymouth Lane, Ellwood City, PA 16117, for a Title I position at Northwestern Primary School for the 2009-2010 school year. Her salary will be \$38,000 Step 2 Bachelors.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Emge) to employ Matthew Merulli, 153 Dillon Street, Beaver Falls, PA 15010, for a sixth grade position at Highland Middle School for the 2009-2010 school year. His salary will be \$41,500 Step 3 Bachelors.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Emge) to employ Amy Muslin, 146 Winterburn Road, Beaver Falls, PA 15010, for a second grade position at Patterson Primary School for the 2009-2010 school year. Her salary will be \$38,000 Step 2 Bachelors.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald) to employ Heather Pastor, 457 Washington Avenue, Bridgeville, PA 15017, for a second grade position at Northwestern Primary School for the 2009-2010 school year. Her salary will be \$38,000 Step 2 Bachelors.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald) to employ Megan Roperti, 1231 Sharon Road, Beaver, PA 15009, for a first grade position at Northwestern Primary School for the 2009-2010 school year. Her salary will be \$38,000 Step 2 Bachelors.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Emge) to employ Erin Runco, 944 Squaw Run Road, Ellwood City, PA 16117, as an intervention specialist at Northwestern Primary School for the 2009-2010 school year. Her salary will be \$38,000 Step 2 Bachelors.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald) to employ Amy Winner, 138 Rockland Drive, Beaver Falls, PA 15010, for a second grade position at Northwestern Primary School for the 2009-2010 school year. Her salary will be \$38,000 Step 2 Bachelors.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Emge) for Kim Boggs to serve as Women’s Golf Coach at a salary of \$2,536.56.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE

Motion (Mr. Emge, seconded by Mrs. Lambert) to authorize Mr. Barsottini to appoint a committee, who will study the infrastructure and building needs of the district based on current information available and provide options for consideration to this board not later than November 30, 2009 (tentative). The committee will include newly nominated representatives as well as community volunteers. Mr. Barsottini will serve on the committee as the facilitator and liaison with the current board. No funds may be spent by this committee to accomplish their task without the direct approval of the current board which must occur at a public meeting. This committee is subject to the PA Sunshine Act and must advertise their meetings and open them to the public. All records of the meeting will be maintained in accordance with the PA Open Records law.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Emge, no second) for the creation of specification documents by Burt Hill for specified high school renovations.

Motion failed due to lack of second.

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Barsottini) to contribute \$1000 to the Blackhawk Area Youth Baseball Association toward the purchase of field maintenance supplies per Administrative Guideline #9.13.

Roll Call Vote: 7 – Yes, Mr. Caputo, Mr. Oswald, Mr. Barsottini, Mr. Emge, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Klein, Mrs. Wagoner; 1 – No, Mrs. Lambert; Motion Carried

FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

Motion (Mr. Emge, seconded by Mr. Klein) for the food service report as submitted.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT

Approval is recommended for the following workshops/conferences/seminars:

A. Scott Nelson, PAESSP Summer Institute, Wyndham Gettysburg Hotel, July 27 – 29, 2009

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Mrs. Lambert presented an update from the Wellness Committee.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:40 PM to discuss personnel issues.

The Board returned at 9:25 PM for voting action.

Mr. Caputo stated that Mr. Fullen is under contract as Athletic Director. There had been an investigation and corrective action would be handled administratively.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Caputo stated that under contract, the District is obligated for a 3% raise for the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent.

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mrs. Lambert) for the administrative ratings/salary increases for the 2009-2010 school year

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Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Emge) for individual salary increases for the following employees: George Trombulak, Jim Perlik, Sue Lukacs, and Jeff Cienik.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments were made by Don Inman, Joyce Perri, Dean Fleischman, Bob Clendennen, and Cindy Burger.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Terri Francis

Interim Board Secretary