

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' WORK SESSION
Blackhawk's High School Library
November 14, 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 six members, a quorum. Those in attendance were:

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

Absent were:

Mr. Fleischman	Mr. May	Dr. Rose
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Also attending were:

Dr. Miller- Superintendent	Mr. Salopek- Solicitor	Mr. Wessel- Board Secretary
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Mr. Oswald read the meeting videotaping disclaimer and prohibitions.

(Note: Dr. Rose arrived at this point 7:34 PM)

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the October 10 and 17, 2013 meetings.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Oswald announced that the re-organization meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2013 and will be the only meeting held in December.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Miller reviewed the items in this area planned for the November 21, 2013 meeting and she recognized military veterans on the Board, the staff and in the audience.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Oswald asked if there were any public comments.

Mr. Perry Pander asked about the security cameras proposal on the agenda.

Mr. Rick Sabona asked about the schedule for lights to be on at the tennis courts and parking lots at the High School.

Student Matt Young commented on the videoing of meetings and asked for an apology from Mr. Inman for comments made in a prior meeting. Mr. Oswald said that an apology was a personal issue, not a Board issue.

Mrs. Jodi Weister asked about the security camera proposal and the switch for the Middle School LGI.

Mr. Fred Vicznesky, President of the Quarterbacks Club, discussed the need for a new sports complex for District use.

(Note: Mr. Fleischman arrived at this time, 8:00 PM.)

Mrs. Melissa Tweed discussed the curriculum.

Mrs. Bonnie Goehring asked about a charge on the bill list for a fine by the IRS, payment to the District's e-rate consultant, the security camera proposal and discussed Matt Young's request for an apology.

Mr. Jon Kaszer asked about the IRS fine and asked for a camera demonstration.

Mr. Steve Brutout discussed the need for a new District sports complex.

Mrs. Jeannie Porter discussed the IRS fine issue.

Mrs. Missy Kaszer discussed the IRS fine issue and the camera RFP.

Mr. Ken Yonkee discussed the security camera proposal.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Wessel reviewed the items in this area being proposed for the November 21, 2013 Voting Meeting and which will be submitted to the Board prior to the meeting.

Mr. Wessel and Mr. Jim Cox, the technology director, discussed the security camera proposal. A discussion followed.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Dr. Miller reviewed the Personnel Committee items proposed for this meeting and the November 21, 2013 Voting Meeting.

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to approve the following substitutes for the 2013 – 2014 school year:

- a. Kelly Lofink
- b. Nancy Burket
- c. Raquel Rugani
- d. Nancy Haddad
- e. Robert Aitken

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Helen Brown as Northwestern cafeteria monitor effective immediately.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to employ Nicole Alexander as Northwestern cafeteria monitor pending receipt of clearances at a rate of \$7.25 per hour with no benefits (approximate annual salary \$2,700.)

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to allow Veronica Wood FMLA leave for child bearing beginning on or about February 8, 2014 and returning on or about March 22, 2014.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to accept the retirement request from Michael McManus, maintenance employee, effective November 4, 2013.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to approve the following field trips:

- a. BHS Expressions (18), Jayne McDonald, Expressions Performances, Hopewell Township, December 11 and 13, 2013 (\$141 expenses budgeted).
- b. BHS Expressions (16), Jayne McDonald, Expressions Performances, New Castle, December 5, 2013 (\$141 expenses budgeted).
- c. 7th -9th Chorus (10), Jayne McDonald, Junior High District Chorus, Laurel High School, January 17, 2014 (\$141 bus, \$43 per participant, expenses budgeted).
- d. STEM/TSA (16), Tim Linkenheimer, High School TEAMS State Competition, Pine Richland, February 19, 2014 (\$169 expenses budgeted).
- e. TSA (16), Tim Linkenheimer, Pittsburgh Pirates Education Days, PNC Park, May 7, 2014 (\$428 student funded).
- f. STEM/TSA (16), Tim Linkenheimer, MS TEAMS State Competition, Pine Richland, February 17, 2014 (\$169 expenses budgeted).
- g. Gifted Support, Honors History 9 (60), Philip Mackin, Ashley Biega, Joy Winters, Pittsburgh 1892: Industry Society and Conflict, Pittsburgh, November 27, 2013 (\$770, expenses funded by Foundation grant).
- h. Grades 10-12 (35), Leah Lindemann, YSU English Festival, Youngstown State, April 9, 2014 (\$280 expenses budgeted, \$280 collected from student).
- i. 8th Grade (225), Mrs. Engle, Mr. Arbogast, 8th grade teachers, Its Almost Your Time. Penn State Beaver, November 21, 2013 (no expense).
- j. Music Academy (20), Maura Underwood, Dave Zaccari, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra Open Rehearsal, Heinz Hall, January 31, 2014 (\$200 expenses budgeted).
- k. Music Academy Band (8), Dave Zaccari, Honors Band Auditions, Westminster College, November 19, 2013 (\$50 expenses budgeted).

- l. Grades 7-8 (30), Sarah Shuleski, Dana Cox, YSU English Festival, Youngstown State, April 10, 2014 (\$340, activity fund, \$150 collected from students).
- m. Concert Choir (40), Maura Underwood, Old Economy Village Performance, Old Economy Village, December 7, 2013 (\$200 expenses budgeted).
- n. BHS (20), Amy Anderson, Sami Hanna, Europe Trip, June 19-29, 2013 (expenses collected from student).
- o. 9th Grade Academy (200), Amy Anderson, 9th grade teachers, Science Center, Carnegie Science Center, April 16, 2014 (expenses collected from students).
- p. College Prep 9 (20), Amy Anderson, BIS Reading, BIS, November 15, 2013 (\$230 expenses collected from students).
- q. AP Biology (18), Anita Mensch, Open Heart Surgery Observation, Allegheny General Hospital, February 25, 2014 (\$360 expenses budgeted).
- r. IT 1 (4), Naomi Equels, Guardian Information Technology, Cranberry, December 4, 2013 (no expense).
- s. Applied Engineering and Technology (12), Brandon Smith, Chain Reaction Contraption Contest, Carnegie Science Center, December 13, 2013 (\$50 expenses budgeted).
- t. Mechanical Engineering (44), Brandon Smith, Bruce Mansfield Power Plant, Shippingport, December 16, 2013 (\$129 expensed budgeted).
- u. BHS Band (32), Dave Zaccari, Side By Side Concert, Highland Middle School, December 17, 2013 (\$121 expenses budgeted).
- v. Gifted Support, Jeff Tripodi, Maura Underwood, Center for Theater Arts Drama Day, Beaver Falls High School, November 26, 2013 (\$110 expenses budgeted).
- w. BHS Chamber Players (7), Nate Goodrich, Elmcroft Assisted Living, December 19, 2013 (\$15 expenses budgeted).
- x. BHS Orchestra (8), Nate Goodrich, Indiana University, January 22-24, 2014 (\$750 expenses budgeted).
- y. Transition (40), Mariah Brown, Brandon Smith, STEM Career Tour, CCBC, December 4, 2013 (no expense).

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to approve the following Geneva College student teachers for the 2014 spring semester:

- a. Sarah Whalen, to work with Heather Pastor, Northwestern
- b. Curtis Covert, to work with Kristi Lieper, Mandi Payne, Northwestern
- c. Emily Mitchell, to work with Jodi Borroni, Northwestern
- d. Megan Eby, to work with Heather Ream, Highland Middle School
- e. Ian Barnes, to work with Katie Phelps, Highland Middle School
- f. Lindsee Clark, to work with Tona Recce, Blackhawk Intermediate School
- g. Danielle Getz, to work with Mary Beth George, Blackhawk Intermediate School

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/ REAL ESTATE

Mr. Tom Durkin from VEBH discussed the change orders on the agenda and answered questions from the Board members and the public.

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to authorize the approval of a Change Order to Allegheny City Electric, Inc. to substitute the location of the structured cabling in Area D-2 so that it is installed in a manner acceptable to the Owner, Architect, Engineer, and industry standards, but not installed in the cable tray as specified, for the deduct amount of \$-2,300. This is not a material and labor change and will not affect performance of the structured cabling system.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 1 No (Dr. Rose) – Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to authorize the approval of a Change Order to Allegheny City Electric, Inc. to accept the Record Drawings of underground conduit locations without detailed, dimensioned locations from building faces, for the credit amount of \$-2,000. provide a wireless access mounting bracket for the LGI, for the additional cost of \$557.18. Cost in accordance with Allegheny City's correspondence dated October 3, 2013.

Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 2 No (Mr. Fleischman, Dr. Rose) – Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to authorize the approval of a Change Order to Allegheny City Electric, Inc. to provide 24 data cabling and outlets in temporary spaces as delineated in the Horizon Information Systems Scope of Work dated June 14, 2013, and Allegheny City Electric correspondence dated November 11, 2013, for the additional cost of \$4,903.14.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 1 No (Mr. Fleischman) – Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to authorize the approval of a Change Order to Allegheny City Electric, Inc. to provide public address system components in temporary spaces as delineated in the Horizon Information Systems Scope of Work dated June 14, 2013, and Allegheny City Electric correspondence dated November 11, 2013, for the additional cost of \$3,690.26.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 1 No (Mr. Fleischman) – Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to authorize the approval of a Change Order to Allegheny City Electric, Inc. to provide access control system components in temporary spaces as delineated in the Horizon Information Systems Scope of Work dated June 14, 2013, and Allegheny City Electric correspondence dated November 11, 2013, for the additional cost of \$1,489.71.

Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 2 No (Mr. Fleischman, Dr. Rose) – Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to authorize the approval of a Change Order to Allegheny City Electric, Inc. to provide an emergency call button in the Middle School Office, for the additional cost of \$469.20.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to authorize the approval of a Change Order to Allegheny City Electric, Inc. to provide additional lighting circuits to the LGI light fixture type G31, for the additional cost of \$1,773.58.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to authorize a Change Order to Allegheny City Electric, Inc. to provide a video switch in the LGI for no additional cost.
Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 2 No (Mr. Fleischman, Dr. Rose) – Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to authorize the approval of a Change Order to Allegheny City Electric, Inc. to provide additional light fixtures G04, final connection of Family and Consumer Science appliances, and two additional fan switches for the additional cost of \$1,066.08.
Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to authorize the approval of a Change Order to Yarborough Development, Inc. to provide masonry restoration mockup samples, for the additional cost of \$1,744.43.
Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 2 No (Mr. Fleischman, Dr. Rose) – Motion Carried

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Dr. Miller reviewed the Athletics Committee items proposed for the November 21, 2013 agenda.

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to reintroduce a previously tabled motion on the October 17, 2013 agenda to extend the Athletic Director's contract by four years. A discussion followed.
Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes; 3 No (Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Fleischman, Dr. Rose) – Motion Carried

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to offer Jack Fullen, Blackhawk Athletic Director, a contract from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2018. A discussion followed. Mr. Clendennen asked that the meeting be recessed for an executive session since this topic is a personnel issue. Mr. Oswald recessed the meeting at 10:56 PM for executive session and the meeting was called back to order at 11:21 PM. Dr. Rose moved and Mr. Fleischman seconded a motion to allow amendment of the original motion with regard to the time frame specified.
Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes; 2 No (Mr. Calabria, Mr. Inman) – Motion to Amend Carried

Dr. Rose moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to offer Jack Fullen, Blackhawk Athletic Director, a contract from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016. A discussion followed.
Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes; 2 No (Mr. Calabria, Mr. Inman) – Motion Carried

ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE

No report.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No report.

FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

No report.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

No report.

POLICY COMMITTEE

No report.

BOARD/ STAFF ENRICHMENT

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

- a. Michelle Daniels, Megan Anderson, Angie Rolston, Jodi Snyder, Chelsea Haight, Sharry Peabody, Kristi Leiper, Christina Ford, Nonviolent Crisis Prevention Intervention Team Training, BVIU, November 18-19, 2013 (\$360 expenses budgeted).
- b. Anthony Mooney, Brian Bain, Heather McCowin, Nancy Bowman, PDE-SAS Institute, Hershey, December 8, 2013 (\$1,225 expenses budgeted).
- c. Anthony Mooney, Rick Ford, Ryan Hardesty, Nancy Bowman, PA Association for Middle Level Education Annual Conference, Penn State, February 23, 2104 (\$975 expenses budgeted).
- d. JaneAnn Fucci, Christina Ford, Carol Durham, Carol Sprinker, Jodi Borroni, Amy Thompson, Lower Elementary Math Intervention Workshop, Pittsburgh, December 9, 2013 (\$800 expenses budgeted).
- e. Bob Amalia, Joe Basile, Pennsylvania Baseball Coaches Clinic, Pittsburgh, January 10-11, 2013 (\$320 expenses budgeted)
- f. Anita Alberti, Jared Slimm, Pennsylvania Softball Coaches Clinic, Pittsburgh, (\$320 expenses budgeted).
- g. JaneAnn Fucci, Data Quality Certification Program, PATTAN, January 10, 2014 (\$50 expenses budgeted).
- h. Nate Goodrich, District 2,3,5 Orchestra Festival, Indiana, PA, January 22, 2014 (\$475 expenses budgeted).
- i. Ashley Biega, Dale Moll, Maura Underwood, Jeff Tripodi, Laura Kahler, 2013 Carnegie International Teacher Professional Development Workshop, Pittsburgh, November 15, 2013 (\$30 expenses budgeted).

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

INTERMEDIATE UNIT

No report.

VOCATIONAL- TECHNICAL SCHOOL

No report.

PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Oswald reminded the Board members that the PSBA newsletter will be in electronic format beginning next month. He also informed incoming and continuing members that PSBA

has training for new Board members that can be of benefit to any member and Mr. Oswald offered his materials from his attendance at the training to any member interested.

BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

No report.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Visitors: Matt Young discussed Robert's Rules and his desire that he be given an apology.
Mrs. Jodi Weister discussed the camera proposal.

Administrators: None.

School Directors: Mr. Inman stated that he stands by his statement concerning Matt Young's qualifications, discussed his own qualifications and said that no apology will be given by him to Matt.

Mr. Clendennen stated that the conduct and comments by two Board members at the Middle School were inappropriate, embarrassing and disrespectful toward the principal and superintendent.

Mr. Fleischman asked that video tapes of Board meetings be broken into segments for easier viewing by the public.

Mr. Fitzgerald asked if there was any provision for disposal of the meeting video tapes and he was told it is covered by the Board policy.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Oswald announced that the next meeting will be held at 7:30 PM in the Blackhawk High School Library on November 21, 2013 and that there will be a reorganization and voting meeting on December 3, 2013 at 7:30 PM in the High School Library.

The meeting was ended at 11:42 PM.

Submitted by Jerry Wessel
Board Secretary