

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' VOTING MEETING
Blackhawk's High School Library
November 21, 2013**

MEETING MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

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

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

Absent were
None

Also attending were:

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

Mr. Oswald read the videotaping policy information.

The invocation was given by Pastor Jeff McNichol from the Pathway Church.

Mr. Oswald announced that the reorganization meeting will be held December 3, 2013 and will be the only meeting held in December.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Bob Clendennen, Blackhawk Board of School Directors member effective November 30, 2013. Mr. Clendennen read the resignation letter he had submitted to the Board president to the public and was thanked for his efforts the past four years by Mr. Calabria, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Inman, Mr. Oswald and Mr. Heckathorn.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Miller thanked and bid farewell to the four Board members leaving Board service, Mr. Calabria, Mr. Clendennen, Mr. Fitzgerald and Mr. Inman.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Student Matt Young commented that Newsweek Magazine placed Blackhawk High School in the top 2,000 high schools in the nation at about number 1,575.

Mr. Jarrod McCowin congratulated the Board on the success of the Middle School project and low cost of change orders and reported that the Beaver County Times published an article saying the Blackhawk School District had the highest average for SAT scores in Beaver County.

Chippewa Police Chief Clint Berchtold commented on previous public comments about exterior lighting on District campuses and said lighting provides both safety and security and the cost of keeping lights on might well be exceeded by insurance deductibles for damages or injuries if they occurred.

Mr. Ken Yonkee commented that he felt Mr. Clendennen had saved the District a lot of money in his role as Chairperson of the Buildings and Grounds Committee the past four years.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to approve bills for October from the various Funds as submitted.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

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

Mr. Wessel briefed the Board that the administration recommended that the planned upgrades of video cameras and recording planned for Patterson Primary, Northwestern Primary, Blackhawk Intermediate and Blackhawk High Schools be done by formal bid rather than by a Request For Proposal to insure concerns voiced at the previous meeting were addressed. A discussion followed.

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to approve the athletic activities report as submitted.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to employ Misty Worst as a PCA paraprofessional at Patterson Primary School at a rate of \$9.18 per hour and with benefits per the collective bargaining agreement, approximate annual salary of \$12,700.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to employ Michelle Hiler as an instructional paraprofessional at Northwestern Primary School at a rate of \$9.18 per hour and with benefits per the collective bargaining agreement, approximate annual salary of \$12,700.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to grant medical leave to Jennifer Sharek beginning on or about May 8, 2014 for the remainder of the 2013- 2014 school year.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to approve the following substitute for the 2013-2014 school year: Taysa Rhone (custodial).

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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

a. Jr. Historians (40), Rich Oswald, Monroeville Mall, November 29, 2013 (expenses collected from students).

b. Jr. Historians (90), Rich Oswald, Annual Seven Springs Excursion, Seven Springs, January 19, 2014 (expenses collected from students).

c. FFA (25), Howard Leslie, PA State Farm Show, Harrisburg, January 6-8, 2014 (expenses budgeted and collected from students).

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

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

a. Elise Mann, to work with Krystal Kier, Speech

b. Chelsea Bendict, to work with GinaGordon, Blackhawk Intermediate School.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/ REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

No report.

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Mr. Calabria congratulated on behalf of the Board Noah Ross who qualified for the PIAA State Cross Country Championships in Hersey and placed 61st out of 226 runners.

Mr. Calabria congratulated on behalf of the Board Chandler Kincade (Football) who was named TribLive Radio's "Athlete of the Week" for the week of October 25, 2013.

Mr. Calabria congratulated on behalf of the Board to Nikki Beatty, Makenna Malinowski, and Haley Schramm who were named WPIAL Class AA, Section 1 Volleyball 1st Team.

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Cindy Guthrie as assistant Middle School track coach.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to appoint Crystal Waits as the Winter Guard Sponsor at a salary of \$2,553.78 pending clearances.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Heckathorn seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Bruce Fronk, assistant track coach.

Verbal Vote: 9 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

No report.

BOARD/ STAFF ENRICHMENT

No report.

INTERMEDIATE UNIT

Mr. Fitzgerald reported that the previous evening's Intermediate Unit's Board meeting was conducted at the New Horizon School and that he recommended to Board members and the public that they visit the New Horizon School if given the opportunity because the school does an excellent job with special needs children.

VOCATIONAL- TECHNICAL SCHOOL

No report.

PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

No report.

BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

No report.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Visitors: Mrs. Missy Kaszer asked why minutes were not approved at the start of the meeting and she was told that minutes are always approved at the work session or first meeting of the month, not at the second meeting.

Matt Young discussed Common Core testing.

Administration: Dr. Miller informed the Board that one application for the seat vacated by Mr. Clendennen had already been received and that she would advertise the vacancy as required to see if there are other interested parties. She also informed Matt Young that Pennsylvania has not adopted the Federal Common Core but uses its own standards called the PA Core Standards and that Blackhawk teachers do not teach the test but as professionals work to develop all students in all facets of education.

School Directors: Mr. Clendennen read a statement to correct misstatements he said were made by others.

Mr. Fitzgerald thanked administrators and the staff for their efforts during his term on the Board and said he feels the taxpayers are getting good value for their tax money.

Mr. Calabria added his thanks to the administration and also thanked the maintenance, custodial, cafeteria workers, secretaries, paraprofessionals and teachers for their efforts.

Mr. Inman thanked the administration, principals, solicitor and other Board members for their efforts during his term on the Board.

Mr. May praised all the members leaving the Board.

Mr. Fleischman reported that the High School Band won its latest competition and were very impressive. He also wished the departing Board members well.

Dr. Rose wished the departing Board members well and disagreed with some of Mr. Clendennen's misstatement items.

Mr. Oswald expressed his appreciation for the services rendered by the departing Board members.

Next Meeting: Mr. Oswald announced that the next scheduled meeting is December 3, 2013 in the Blackhawk High School Library at 7:30 PM and will be a reorganization and voting meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Submitted by Jerry Wessel
Board Secretary