

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' WORK SESSION
Blackhawk's High School Library
October 10, 2013**

MEETING MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Mr. Richard Oswald, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM. and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was answered by five members, a quorum. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Clendennen Mr. Fleischman Mr. Inman
Mr. May Mr. Oswald

Absent were:

Mr. Calabria Mr. Fitzgerald Mr. Heckathorn
Dr. Rose

Also attending were:

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

Mr. Oswald read the meeting videotaping disclaimer and prohibitions.

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the September 12 and 19, 2013 meetings.

Verbal Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Miller reviewed the items in this area planned for the October 17, 2013 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Oswald asked if there were any public comments.

Mr. Jon Kaszer asked about change orders 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.

Mrs. Melissa Tweed discussed the curriculum in regards to Accelerated Reader and writing.

Mrs. Jodi Weister asked about the recently approved teachers' contract.

Mrs. Bonnie Goehring asked about the cursive writing program.
(Note: Dr. Rose arrived at this point (7:55 PM.))
Mrs. Goehring asked about introduction to CDL training in Drivers Education classes, and discussed Penn Watch and Vocational Agriculture.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Wessel reviewed the items in this area being proposed for the October 17, 2013 Voting Meeting.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/ REAL ESTATE

Mr. Oswald directed that the Buildings and Grounds items on the agenda be discussed at this time so the architect could leave earlier.

Mr. Tom Durkin from VEBH discussed the change orders on the agenda and answered questions from the Board members and the public. He also discussed masonry restoration at the Middle School.

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to authorize the approval of a Change Order to Allegheny City Electric, Inc. to provide a concrete foundation for three site light fixtures type S05, for the additional cost of \$2,787.05. Cost in accordance with Allegheny City's correspondence dated October 3, 2013.

Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No – 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 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; 0 No – 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 a video switcher for the projection system in the LGI, for the additional cost of \$2,815.20. Cost in accordance with Allegheny City's verbal quote in the course of the September 19, 2013 Progress Meeting (but with OH&P added to the printed cost).

Dr. Rose moved and Mr. Fleischman seconded a motion to table the original motion.
Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes; 2 No (Mr. Clendennen, Mr. Inman) – Motion to Tabled Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to authorize the approval of a Change Order to Yarborough Development, Inc. to replace missing, stained, or loose ceiling tile in all areas of the project, for the additional cost of \$5,935.00, and a deduct Change Order to other Contractors to result in a net cost of zero dollars to the Owner. Resolution of the cost changes are in accordance with VEBH's email of the Yarborough proposal and as discussed in the Progress meeting. The related change orders that will be prepared for each Prime Contract are:

- a. Yarborough Development: \$ 5,935.00 add;
- b. Yarborough Development: \$ -300.00 deduct;

- c. Shipley Plumbing: \$ -595.00 deduct;
 - d. ClimaTech / Commissioning agent: \$-2,160.00 deduct;
 - e. Allegheny City: \$ -2,880.00 deduct
- Net added cost \$ 0

Verbal Vote: 6 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 temporary dehumidification in the Gymnasium, for the additional cost of \$5,905.39, and a deduct Change Order to Shipley Plumbing in the deduct amount of \$-2,952.70 to reimburse the Owner for 50% of the added cost. Added cost in accordance with the Yarborough proposal dated September 18, 2012. The related change orders that will be prepared for each Prime Contract are:

- a. Yarborough Development: \$ 5,905.39 add;
- b. Shipley Plumbing: \$-2,952.70 deduct.

Verbal Vote: 6 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 exterior metal wall panels in two locations, for the additional cost of \$15,134.40. Cost and scope in accordance with the Yarborough proposal dated September 13, 2013. A discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes; 1 No (Mr. Fleischman) – Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to authorize the approval of a deduct / credit Change Order to Yarborough Development, Inc. to delete one of the five pipe sleeves added by a previous change order, for the deduct / credit cost of \$-220.97. Cost and scope in accordance with the Yarborough proposal dated September 13, 2013.

Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Oswald seconded a motion to authorize the approval of a Change Order to Yarborough Development, Inc. to provide an exterior single handrail at the access walkway to the football field from the visitor's parking lot, for the additional cost of \$7,280.00. Cost in accordance with the Yarborough proposal dated October 7, 2013. This change is submitted at the request of the District. A discussion followed.

Mr. May moved to table the original motion and Dr. Rose seconded.

Roll Call Vote: 3Yes; 3 No (Mr. Clendennen, Mr. Inman, Dr. Rose) – Motion Failed to Table

Roll Call Vote on the Original Motion: 1 Yes; 5 No (Mr. Fleischman, Mr. Inman, Mr. May, Mr. Oswald, Dr. Rose) – Motion Failed

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Dr. Miller reviewed the Personnel Committee items proposed for this meeting and the October 17, 2013 Voting Meeting.

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

- a. Matt Shaffer

- b. Jaclyn Gulish
- c. Sean Hunt
- d. Megan Chevalier
- e. Denise Liptak
- f. Martin Cunniff (custodial)

Verbal Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No (Mr. Clendennen Out of the Room) – Motion Carried

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Lauren Bartoe as Middle School volleyball head coach.

Verbal Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No (Mr. Clendennen Out of the Room) – Motion Carried

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to appoint Josh Gumbert as a volunteer coach for the Grade 8 Boys Basketball Team pending receipt of clearances.

Verbal Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No (Mr. Clendennen Out of the Room) – Motion Carried

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Dr. Miller reviewed the Education Committee items proposed for the current meeting and the October 17, 2013 Voting Meeting.

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

- a. Pre-K (18), Lisa Brown, Pumpkin Patch Learning, Janoski's Farm, October 18, 2013 (expenses collected from students).
- b. Gifted Class (10), Jeff Tripodi, Academic Games Presidents, Geneva College, February 27, 2014 (\$189 expenses budgeted).
- c. Gifted Class (10), Jeff Tripodi, Academic Games Linguistics, Center Stage, February 6, 2014 (\$193 expenses budgeted).
- d. Gifted Class (10), Jeff Tripodi, Academic Games World Events, Ambridge High School, January 30, 2014 (\$205 expenses budgeted).
- e. Gifted Class (10), Jeff Tripodi, Academic Games Propaganda & Equations, Geneva College, November 14, 2013 (expenses budgeted).
- f. 11th and 12th Grade (10), Lou Wolber, Fatal Awareness Conference, CCBC, November 1, 2013 (no expense).
- g. 8th Grade Martin CATS (44), Darlene Martin, Computer Science Roadshow, CMU, Pittsburgh, October 30, 2013 (expenses collected from students).
- h. TSA/Gifted (10), Tim Linkenheimer, Invention Convention, Beaver Falls Elementary School, May 14, 2014 (expenses collected from students).
- i. TSA/Gifted (10), Tim Linkenheimer, Math 24 Competition, Midland Middle School, January 23, 2014 (expenses collected from students).
- j. TSA/Gifted (10), Tim Linkenheimer, Robocup Competition, Ambridge High School, April 8, 2014 (expenses collected from students).
- k. TSA/Gifted (10), Tim Linkenheimer, Future City Competition, Carnegie Music Hall, January 18, 2014 (expenses collected from students).
- l. TSA/Gifted (10), Tim Linkenheimer, Lego Mindstorms Exhibition, BVIU, November 22, 2013 (expenses collected from students).
- m. TSA (30), Tim Linkenheimer, Dale Moll, Ashley Biega, TSA Middle School Regional Conference, Pittsburgh Technical Institute, January 14, 2014 (\$646 expenses budgeted).

- n. TSA (25), Tim Linkenheimer, Dale Moll, Ashley Biega, TSA State Conference, Seven Springs, April 9-12, 2014 (\$325 expenses budgeted).
- o. TSA (25), Tim Linkenheimer, Dale Moll, Ashley Biega, TSA High School Regional Conference, Pittsburgh Technical Institute, January 13, 2014 (\$646 expenses budgeted).
- p. FFA (15-20) Howard Leslie, Western PA FFA CDE, New Castle, October 17, 2013 (\$180 expensed budgeted).
- q. English Club (30), Roberta Bannon, A Musical Christmas Carol, Byham Theatre, December 13, 2013 (expenses collected from students).
- r. English Club (30), Roberta Bannon, Anita Steppe, The Importance of Being Earnest, New Hazlett Theatre, Pittsburgh, March 13, 2014 (expenses collected from students).
- s. English Club (30), Roberta Bannon, Anita Steppe, Candida, The O'Reilly Theatre, April 23, 2014 (expenses collected from students).
- t. CP English 11 (28), Anita Steppe, Joy Winters, The Crucible Play, Carnegie Mellon, October 11, 2013 (expenses collected from students).
- u. Musical (8), Maura Underwood, High School Musical Theater Workshop, Central Valley High School, October 29, 2013 (no expense).
- v. Accounting 1&2 (19), Kelli Ambler, Accounting Career Day, Duquesne University, November 13, 2013 (expenses collected from Blackhawk Foundation).
- w. 8th Grade Chorus (8), Jayne McDonald, Musical Theater Workshop, Central Valley, November 12, 2013 (no expense).
- x. NW 2nd Grade (95), Jodi Borroni, Cara Pertile, Jeanne Herr, Lori Uslenghi, Marburger Dairy, Evans City, October 30, 2013 (expenses collected from Blackhawk Foundation).
- y. BHS Cheerleaders (30), Michaleen Ensworth, Pitt "Cheer Day", Heinz Field, November 16, 2013 (\$300 expenses budgeted and collected from student).
- z. Journalism Class (35), Joy Winters, Jim Cox, Washington D.C., November 8, 2013 (\$1,175 expenses are budgeted and collected from students).
- aa. Jr. Historians (90), Rich Oswald, Johnstown Flood/ Shanksville, November 7, 2013 (expenses collected from students).

Verbal Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No (Mr. Clendennen Out of the Room) – Motion Carried

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Dr. Miller reviewed the Athletics Committee items proposed for the October 17, 2013 agenda.

ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE

Mr. Oswald moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to permit Dr. Miller's involvement in The Forum for Western Pennsylvania School Superintendents based upon her being nominated as a member. A discussion followed.

Verbal Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No (Mr. Clendennen Out of the Room) – Motion Carried

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No report.

FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

No report.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

No report.

POLICY COMMITTEE

No report.

BOARD/ STAFF ENRICHMENT

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to approve attendance at the following conferences:

- a. Dr. Michelle Miller, PSBA Leadership. Service. Advocacy. Hershey, October 16-17, 2013 (\$279 expenses budgeted).
- b. Leslie Kunkel, PAEA State Conference, Bethlehem, October 18, 2013 (\$662 expenses budgeted).
- c. Andy Yuhaniak, Financial Aid Workshop, Butler County Community College, November 15, 2013 (no expense).
- d. Carol Sprinker, Danielle Bailey, Ashley Costello, Lauren Weinheimer, Kyleigh Squicquero, KSRA Conference – iREAD, Penn State, October 18, 2013 (\$2,360 expenses budgeted).
- e. LuAnne Maginness, Beaver County Early Care & Education Council, BVIU, December 4, March 12, June 11, 2014 (no expense).
- f. Gina Gordon, PA School Counselors Association State Conference, Lancaster, December 4-6, 2013 (\$920 expenses budgeted).
- g. Christy Desselle, Krystal Kier, Dianne Sarver, Technology Expo, Cranberry, November 5, 2013 (no expense).
- h. Christy Desselle, Krystal Kier, Stuttering Teleconference, BVIU, November 1, 2013 (no expense).
- i. Theresa Bollinger, Leslie Bellia, Terry Taylor, CPR/First Aid training, Medic Rescue, October 28, 2013 (\$16 expenses budgeted).

Verbal Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No (Mr. Clendennen Out of the Room) – 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

Visitors: Matt Young thanked the Board for tabling the motion concerning a Video switcher under the Building and Grounds Committee. He also discussed his credentials in the area of technology.

Mrs. Melissa Tweed discussed the appointment of members in the Comprehensive Plan's Professional Educators Plan proposed for the October 17, 2013 agenda.

Mrs. Missy Kaszer discussed the role of the committee working on the Professional Educators Plan.

Administrators: None.

School Directors: Mr. Fleischman discussed the teachers' contract. (Note: Mr. Clendennen returned at 10:21 PM) A discussion followed. Mr. Clendennen departed the meeting before the discussion ended at approximately 10:45 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Oswald announced that the next meeting will be held at 7:30 PM in the Blackhawk High School Library on October 17, 2013.

The meeting was ended at 10:51 PM.

Submitted by Jerry Wessel
Board Secretary