

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' WORK SESSION
Blackhawk's High School Library
September 12, 2013**

MEETING MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Mr. Richard Oswald, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was answered by seven members, a quorum.

Those in attendance were:

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

Absent were:

Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Heckathorn
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Also attending were:

Dr. Miller- Superintendent	Mr. Salopek- Solicitor	Mr. Wessel- Board Secretary
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Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the August 8 and 15, 2013 meetings.

Note: Mr. Heckathorn and Mr. Fitzgerald arrived at this time.

Dr. Rose moved that approval of the minutes be separated into two actions and Mr. Clendennen seconded the motion.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Dr. Rose moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to approve the August 8, 2013 minutes as written.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

After a discussion Mr. Inman moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to approve the August 15, 2013 minutes with corrections to change the votes recorded under the Transportation Committee and the vote for the first motion under the Athletics Committee from “Motion To Amend Carried” to “Motion Carried.”

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Oswald announced that the meeting would be recessed for an Executive Session for personnel (7:34 PM).

Note: Mr. Heckathorn departed after the Executive Session.

Mr. Oswald called the meeting back to order at 7:59 PM.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Miller reviewed the items in this area planned for the September 19, 2013 meeting.

Mr. Fleischman recognized the recent passing of former teacher Shirley Tetemanza.

Mr. Fleischman recognized student Lexy Lopez for her Senior Project, which involved raising money through the sale of t-shirts to promote cancer awareness.

Mr. Fleischman asked for and Mr. Oswald approved a moment of silence in memory of Shirley Tetemanza.

Dr. Rose asked if the roll needed to be re-called after the executive session to reflect member attendance and Mr. Oswald stated that it was not necessary because the minutes reflect who arrived late and departed early.

Dr. Rose asked how the Blackhawk Foundation raised money and Dr. Miller told him. Mr. Fleischman added that employees also donate to the Foundation through payroll deductions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Oswald asked if there were any public comments.

Mrs. Jodi Weister asked why a high school Technology Facilitator was needed when the former teacher who was cyber coordinator and did those duties was replaced. Dr. Miller explained that the Facilitator is a supplemental position and not part of the cyber coordinator's duties. Mrs. Weister then asked if the paraprofessional position shown in the personnel section of the agenda was a new position and she was told yes.

Mrs. Bonnie Goehring asked about the Raptor System and the Pre-Kindergarten.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Wessel reviewed the items in this area being proposed for the September 19, 2013 Voting Meeting.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Dr. Miller reviewed the Personnel Committee items proposed for this meeting and the September 19, 2013 Voting Meeting.

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

- a. Judy Howard-Mack
- b. Christopher Shaffer
- c. Tiffany Pecora

- d. Margaret Fabri
- e. Jennifer Specht
- f. Kristen Hennessy
- g. Genevieve Lincheck
- h. Rose Dunkerley

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Marguerite Hunt, Paraprofessional, effective August 23, 2013.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to employ Ron Gonzalez as High School Paraprofessional at a rate of \$9.18 per hour (approximate annual salary \$12,700 with benefits).

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to employ the following teachers for Blackhawk's Alternative Education program for a total cost of 12 hours per week (\$25/hour).

- a. Dave Marker-Math
- b. Eileen Rhodes-English
- c. Dante DeNome-Social Studies
- d. Nathan Lowery-Science
- e. Natalie Nicolette-Health/PE
- f. Stephanie Dickinson-Counseling
- g. Lou Wolber – Drivers Ed

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Rick Migliore as volunteer assistant coach with the boys' varsity basketball program.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to appoint Kristie Bresz as the Color Guard/ Flag Sponsor at a salary of \$2,553.78.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to appoint Lauren Chappell as the Blackhawk High School Technology Facilitator at a supplemental salary of \$2,759.85 for the 2013- 14 school year. Mr. Fleischman requested and was granted an Executive Session for Personnel to discuss the recommendation (recessed 8:28 PM). The motion was voted upon after reconvening (8:45 PM).

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried (Mr. Clendennen out of the room)

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Dr. Miller reviewed the Education Committee items proposed for the current meeting and the September 19, 2013 Voting Meeting.

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

- a. Music Academy, Concert Choir (9-15), Maura Underwood, PMEA Honors Chorus Auditions, Westminster College, October 3, 2013 (expenses budgeted and collected from students).
- b. Music Academy, Concert Choir (9-15), Maura Underwood, PMEA Honors Chorus, Westminster College, November 31 – December 2, 2013 (expenses budgeted).
- c. Concert Choir Men (10-15), Maura Underwood, Penn State Men of Song, Penn State Main, October 19, 2013 (expenses collected from student).
- d. Select Choir Students (2), Maura Underwood, PMEA District Chorus, Sharon High School, January 8-10, 2014 (expenses budgeted).
- e. Select Choir Students (8), Maura Underwood, PMEA Region Chorus, Blackhawk High School, February 12-14, 2014 (expenses budgeted).
- f. Select Choir Students (2), Maura Underwood, PMEA All-State Chorus, Blackhawk High School, March 26-29, 2014 (expenses budgeted).
- g. BHS Concert Choir (48), Maura Underwood, Ashley Biega, Nicole Holiday, Kings Island, OH, May 16-17, 2014 (expenses collected from students).
- h. AP Chemistry (8), Kim Baker, Team Building in AP Chemistry, Geneva College, October 11, 2013 (expenses collected from student and other).
- i. Special Education Transition (30), Mariah Brown, Financial Fair, CCBC, October 18, 2013 (expenses budgeted).
- j. Special Education (25), Mariah Brown, National Disability Mentoring Day, FED EX, October 16, 2013 (expenses budgeted).
- k. 6th -8th Grade Chorus (138), Jayne McDonald, Pittsburgh Symphony Performance, Heinz Hall, January 22, 2014 (expenses collected from students).
- l. 6th Grade Chorus (56), Jayne McDonald, Musical, Moon High School, November 12, 2013 (expenses collected from students).
- m. 7th – 8th Grade Chorus (82), Jayne McDonald, Pittsburgh Musical Theater, The Byham, May 1, 2014 (expenses collected from students).
- n. 3rd Grade/Pride (197), Gretchen Hogue, Dianne Sarver, and Third Grade Teachers, Irons Mill Farmstead, New Wilmington, October 25, 2013 (expenses collected from other).

Mr. Clendennen returned prior to the vote.

Dr. Rose requested that the budgeted amounts be included on the agenda in the future and not just be included in the back up information.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/ REAL ESTATE

Dr. Miller informed the Board that Mr. Tom Durkin from VEBH Architects will attend the voting meeting on September 19 to discuss potential change orders for the Middle School Project.

Mr. Oswald reminded the Board that tours of the Middle School will be conducted on Monday the 16th and Tuesday the 17th of September for parents and interested residents.

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to approve a “Learn to Swim” program and Family Night Swimming, Masters Swimming, and American Red Cross Lifeguarding programs beginning September 16, 2013 through May 31, 2014.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Calabria informed the Board that the information from the Blackhawk Hockey Association which was requested from the Association when their request for funding was tabled at a previous meeting has been received. The funds requested will be used for Blackhawk students and therefore Mr. Calabria plans to put the funding motion back on the agenda for the next meeting in order for it to be voted upon.

ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE

No report.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No report.

FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

No report.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

Dr. Miller reviewed two Memorandums of Understanding with the BEA proposed for the September 19, 2013 meeting.

Mr. Inman informed the Board and public that the committee met with the BEA to discuss an “Early Bird” contract, approval which will be placed on the agenda for the September 19, 2013 meeting.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Dr. Rose presented a second reading of Policy 006.2 regarding Video Taping of Board Meetings.

BOARD/ STAFF ENRICHMENT

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

- a. Nancy Bowman, Anthony Mooney, Scott Nelson, Legal and Policy Issues Facing School Administrators, Westminster College, September 24, 2013 (expensed budgeted).
- b. Danielle Bailey, Dianne Sarver, Steve Lodovico, Pat Warnaka, Lauren Grossman, Theresa Bollinger, Crisis Prevention Intervention, BVIU, September 19, 2013 (expenses budgeted).
- c. Brandon Smith, Orientation for Chain Reaction Contest, Carnegie Science

Center, September 25, 2013 (expenses budgeted).

d. Dale Moll, Tim Linkenheimer, PATSA Regional Planning Meeting, Pittsburgh, October 4, 2013 (expenses budgeted).

e. Dale Moll, Tim Linkenheimer, TEEAP Conference, Camp Hill, PA, November 7-8, 2013 (expenses budgeted).

f. Mariah Brown, County Wide Transition Coordinators Meeting, BVIU, September 27, 2013 (expenses budgeted).

g. Andrew Yuhaniak, Annual NCAA Update, University of Pittsburgh, October 3, 2013 (no expense).

Dr. Rose requested that costs be shown on the agendas in the future.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

INTERMEDIATE UNIT

No report.

VOCATIONAL- TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Mr. Fitzgerald reported that attendance at the Vo-Tech was about 600 students, which is down slightly from the prior year.

PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Wessel presented the slate of candidates for PSBA positions and explained that a simple majority voting for the candidates for each open position would determine the Board's vote under the PSBA's new voting procedure. Mr. Oswald led discussion of the candidates.

Mr. May moved and Dr. Rose seconded a motion to vote for Mr. William S. LaCoff for the position of President Elect.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to vote for Mr. Charles H. Ballard for the position of Vice President.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. May moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to vote for Mr. Norman G. Hasbrouck for the position of Treasurer.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Dr. Rose moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to vote for Ms. Stacey Thompson for the position of At-Large Representative for the West Region.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

No report.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Visitors: Mrs. Jodi Weister asked about a policy for handling persons identified as predators by the Raptor system.

Mrs. Bonnie Goehring asked about the cost of the Raptor program.

Mr. Jon Kaszer asked about potential change orders for the Middle School project.

Mr. Perry Pander asked if blue prints were available for the Middle School project.

Administrators: None.

School Directors: Mr. Inman discussed a possible modification of the proposed Policy 006.2, Videotaping of Board Meetings.

Mr. Fitzgerald asked the solicitor to research the rights of those identified as predators by the Raptor program.

Dr. Rose discussed the Raptor program and asked about the new mortar joints at the Middle School which do not match the old work.

Mr. Clendennen discussed the local paper's coverage of Board meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Oswald announced that the next meeting will be held at 7:30 PM in the Blackhawk High School Library on September 19 2013.

The meeting was ended at 9:24 PM.

Submitted by Jerry Wessel
Board Secretary