

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS VOTING MEETING
MINUTES
Blackhawk High School Library
January 21, 2010**

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Rich Oswald, President of the Board of Directors, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.. Roll call was answered by all nine members. Those in attendance were:

Mrs. Burger	Mr. Calabria	Mr. Clendennen	Mr. Fitzgerald
Mr. Inman	Mr. May	Mr. Oswald	Mrs. Pander
Mrs. Perri	Dr. Kasunich	Dr. Miller	Mr. Belczyk
Mr. Salopek	Visitors: 98	Press: 0	

President's Comments: An executive session was held from 7:00-7:30 to discuss personnel matters. Mr. Oswald stated the Board and Association are working together to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding to resolve the Cindy Moore issue.

Motion (Mrs. Fitzgerald; seconded by Mr. Inman) to approve of Minutes from December 7, 2009.
Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried

The Board took a five minute recess at 7:55 and reconvened the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Frank Matsukis, eliminating mandatory testing and having the parents pay for the test.

Ron Stedman, three fourths of the students fail-why make them take the test.

Jim Wesolowski, teachers evaluating those that will be able to take the test to analyze their needs, indirect punishment for those that will not get to take the test due to financial restraints, colleges rate high schools based on established AP testing procedures.

Rick Belcastro & Barb Brown, the Athletic department sending tapes to colleges for athletes.

JaneAnn Fucci, free and reduced may not get the opportunity and should be provided the help, athletic uniforms are provided for all athletes.

Anita Mensch, the AP test is very valuable tool for evaluating students for college.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion (Mr. Inman; seconded by Mr. Calabria) to approve the financial report as submitted.

Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Inman; seconded by Mrs. Perri) to place a hold on the following invoices until clarification on bidding can be discussed with the solicitor:

Invoice #	Invoice date	Vendor	Amount
3225	11/13/09	Gumpf Garden Ct.	\$3,150.00
3226	11/13/09	Gumpf Garden Ct	\$2,250.00
3870	11/23/09	Rain-Tec Inc	\$4,085.00
53603	12/16/09	C&K Petroleum	\$5,155.00
0116418	01/08/10	Guttman Oil	\$17,487.69
516186	11/30/09	Office Depot	\$6,029.48
574281	12/31/09	Office Depot	\$7,720.07
121109	12/11/09	Powerhouse	\$6,940.00
121509	12/15/09	Univ. of Pitt	\$5,250.00

Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Inman; seconded by Mr. May) to approve the payment of bills as submitted minus the above invoices that are tabled:

December

- a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$363,624.87
- b. Fund 50 – Cafeteria Fund: \$96,194.01
- c. Fund 66 – UPMC/Delta Dental: \$4,108.25

January

- a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$431,997.95
- b. Fund 50 – Cafeteria Fund: \$42,361.85
- c. Fund 66 – UPMC/Delta Dental: \$6,334.25

Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Inman; seconded by Mrs. Burger) to approve the Budget Transfers as indicated

Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Inman; seconded by Mr. May) to approve the bank resolution with First Commonwealth Bank Trust Division, for the deposit of the Herbert Lunt Trust Fund balances.

Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Inman; seconded by Mr. May) to approve the resolution for the Tax Collection Committee Start-up Funds of \$10,000.00, the Blackhawk's share is \$519.79.

Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Inman; seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald) to approve the resolution in accordance with Special Session Act 1 of 2006 thereby limiting the increase in real estate taxes to the state calculated index of 3.8% for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Motion (Mrs. Pander; seconded by Mr. Inman) to approve the following substitutes for the 2009-10 school year:

- a. Stephanie Lynn Skiles, 1042 McClelland Street, Monaca, PA 15061, Health & Physical Education.
- b. Sarah Kistic, 2932 Darlington Rd., Beaver Falls, PA 15010, Secretary
- c. Lynn E. Coffman, 108 Valley Drive, Wampum, PA 16157, Elementary
- d. Kelli L. Ambler, 301 Pine Drive, Aliquippa, PA 15001, K-12 Technology
- e. Holly Cline, 234 Oakville Road, Beaver Falls, PA 15010, Music
- f. Daniel DeLuca, 912 Rock Ave., Beaver Falls, PA 15010, Social Studies
- g. Julianne Brandenstein, 130 Elmhurst Drive, Moon Township, PA 15108, Elementary
- h. Christina Reitz, C68 Colonial Oaks Apartments, Beaver Falls, PA 15010, Elementary

Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried

Motion (Mrs. Pander; seconded by Mr. Calabria) to appoint Christopher Herman as a volunteer coach for the Men’s junior varsity baseball team pending approval of clearances.

Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried

Motion (Mrs. Pander; seconded by Mrs. Burger) to appoint Drew Bosco as a volunteer coach for the Men’s varsity baseball team pending approval of clearances.

Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried

Motion (Mrs. Pander; seconded by Mr. Inman) to approve for Denise Stein to move from Highland Middle School to fill the open custodial position on 1st shift at BHS effective date to be determined.

Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried

Motion (Mrs. Pander; seconded by Mrs. Perri) to table the contract of the Business Manager for further review.

Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 2 No (Fitzgerald & Oswald): Motion Carried

Motion (Mrs. Pander; seconded by Mr. Inman) to accept the resignation of Suzanne Schlack as Patterson Primary School Library Paraprofessional and appoint her a Patterson Primary School Day-to-Day Substitute.

Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried

Motion (Mrs. Pander; seconded by Mr. Calabria) to appoint Judy Smith as Library Professional at Blackhawk Intermediate School.

Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried

Motion (Mrs. Pander; seconded by Mrs. Burger) to accept the resignation of Jacqueline Fec as the Blackhawk Intermediate School Nurse aide effective January 14, 2010.

Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried

Motion (Mrs. Pander; seconded by Mr. Inman) to table the settlement with Jack Fullen until all sides have had a chance to review the settlement agreement.

Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Motion (Mr. Clendennen; seconded by Mr. May) to eliminate mandatory A.P. testing for the 2010-2011 school year and eliminate Blackhawk School District paying for A.P. examinations effective 2011-2012 school year.

Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes, 5 No (Burger, Fitzgerald, Inman, Pander, Perri): Motion Failed

Motion (Mrs. Burger; seconded by Mrs. Pander) to eliminate mandatory A.P. testing and eliminate Blackhawk School District paying for A.P. examinations effective 2010-2011 school year.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes, 4 No (Clendennen, Fitzgerald, May, Oswald): Motion Carried

Motion (Mrs. Burger; seconded by Mr. Inman) to approve the following field trips:

- a. Gifted Support-Academic Game Players- Sue Ann Linnenbom, World Events Tournament, Beaver County Intermediate Unit, January 28, 2010.
- b. Historians-BHS & HMS- Rich Oswald and Anthony Mooney, Seven Springs Ski Resort, January 16, 2010.
- c. 10 Members of 7th Grade Chorus (HMS) – Jayne McDonald, Ellwood City High School, Jr. Singfest, March 19, 2010.
- d. Mandarin Chinese Class (BHS) – Lauren Flurie, Beattie Technical School, Allison Park, PA, January 27, 2010.
- e. Gifted Support (BHS) – Sue Anne Linnenbom, Beaver Falls Middle School for production of CLO's Pioneers of Flight, March 17, 2010.
- f. Gifted Support (BHS) – Sue Anne Linnenbom, Pittsburgh Public Theater for Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream, February 3, 2010.

Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried

Motion (Mrs. Burger; seconded by Mrs. Pander) to pilot possible math text books in grades K, 6 and 7.

Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE

Motion (Mr. Clendennen; seconded by Mr. Inman) to award the bids for the univentilator replacement in two classrooms at Patterson Primary School to Reno Brothers, Inc. at a cost of \$51,604.00.

Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Clendennen; seconded by Mr. Inman) to contribute \$500.00 to Patterson Heights Borough Council to go toward the recreation program.

Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Motion (Mr. Calabria; seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald) to authorize Matt Linebaugh, grade 12 and Chad Linebaugh, grade 10 from Shenango High School to compete as WPIAL independent swimmers in Blackhawk swim meets. Terry and Barb Linebaugh, parents, will service as coaches.

Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Calabria; seconded by Mr. Inman) to approve Blackhawk assembling a Middle School Swim Team (Grade 7 & 8) to participate in the Southwest Conference. Middle School season begins on March 22, 2010.

Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Calabria; seconded by Mr. Inman) to approve the following conferences:

- a. Meredith Oliver – Teacher Tech Series, Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit, April 20th, May 11th, June 8th, July 8th, August 10th, and September 14th, 2010.
- b. Nancy Bowman, Barry Balaski, HMS Teachers, Mike Arbogast, Heather Ferguson, Stew Kirk – PMSA Western Region Professional Development Institute, Seneca Valley Middle School, January 18, 2010.
- c. Nathan Goodrich and Orchestra Director BIS/HMS/BHS – PMEA District 2, 3, 5 Orchestra, Warren Area High School, December 14 – 15, 2009.
- d. Gina Gordon – The Beaver County Counselors Association, BVIU & Geneva College, January 8, 2010 and February 12, 2010.
- e. Danielle Bailey – Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Conference, Penn State Beaver Student Union, February 3, 2010.
- f. Darlene Martin, STEM Penn State Beaver, Monaca, PA, February 3, 2010.
- g. Heather Stein, Writing Standards Aligned IEPs (PSSA-M), BVIU, February 9, 2010.
- h. Heather Stein, PASA Training, BVIU, January 12, 2010.
- i. Maura Underwood, AP Music Theory Summer Institute, Morehead State University, July 12-16, 2010.
- j. Lauren Flurie, Conventiculum Dickinsoniense, Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA, July 5-10, 2010.
- k. Rebecca Effert - AEC Music and Art Frameworks Workshop, Pittsburgh, PA, January 28, 2010.
- l. Michelle Miller - PAFPC- Federal Programs Conference, Hershey, PA, March 21-24, 2010.
- m. Jason Farone - Teaching Economics: Instruction and Classroom Based Research Conference, Robert Morris University, February 18-20, 2010.
- n. Barb Brown, Chelsea Haight, Susan Badzik – Smart Technologies Professional Development Training, Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit, January 26, 2010.
- o. Jim Perlik, Donna Holt, Andi Lee – Western PA Facilities Director Association Annual Vendor Show and Workshop, North Huntingdon, PA, January 29, 2010.
- p. Joe Hamilton, Tom Hansen, Tom Marsilio, Pat Feeley, Sam Nardone - PSFCA. Kickoff Clinic, Hershey, PA, February 4 – 5, 2010.
- q. Darren Fecich - PSADA Annual Conference, Hershey, PA, March 24 – 26, 2010.
- r. Pamela Adiutori, Best Practices: Lighting the Path of Support (Annual Speech, Hearing and Vision Conference), Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit, February 12, 2010.

Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No: Motion Carried

The Meeting ended at 9:25 p.m. An executive session was held from 9:30-10:15 to discuss personnel matters. The next meeting will be February 11, 2010 at 7:30 in the Blackhawk High School Library.

Submitted by Vince Belczyk