

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' VOTING MEETING
Blackhawk's High School Library
April 24, 2014**

MEETING MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Dr. Rose, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM. and the Pledge of Allegiance was made. Roll call was answered by eight members. Those in attendance were:

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| Ms. Aquino | Mr. Fleischman | Mr. Heckathorn | Mrs. Helsing |
| Mr. May | Mr. Pander | Dr. Rose | Mr. Yonkee |

Absent was: Mr. Oswald

Also attending were:

Mrs. Bowman- Curriculum Director
Mr. Petrush- District Solicitor
Mr. Wessel- Board Secretary

Dr. Rose directed attendees to the videotaping policy in force for the meeting.

Pastor Kimberley Small from the First Assembly of God Church offered the opening prayer.

Dr. Rose announced that the agenda was being changed to allow Mr. Scott Nelson, High School Principal, to brief the Board on the District's plans to comply with the graduation requirements found in the revised Chapter 4 of the School Code. Mr. Nelson made his presentation and a discussion followed.

Dr. Rose announced that an executive session was held after the last meeting (April 10, 2014) for pending litigation and personnel and that an executive session was held prior to the current meeting, also for personnel and pending litigation.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Fleischman offered congratulations on behalf of the Board to Nathan Catanzarite, Kaylyn Kiser and Jack Whalen for an outstanding performance as they represented Blackhawk in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association All-State Orchestra in Hershey. Additionally, Jack and Kaylyn both sat in the second chair position of the ensemble.

Mr. Fleischman offered congratulations on behalf of the Board to those students who placed at the Pennsylvania Technology Student Association (TSA) conference at Seven Springs Resort April 9-12 and those who qualified for the National TSA Conference to be held June 27-July 1, 2014 in Washington D.C.

Mr. Fleischman offered congratulations on behalf of the Board to those students who attended the Youngstown State University English Festival on April 10, 2014. Twenty-nine Middle and High School students were invited to attend based on their Accelerated Reading record from last year, PSSA scores, current grades and previous festival experience.

Mr. Fleischman offered congratulations on behalf of the Board to Amy Taylor, fifth grade teacher, for running in the Boston Marathon this week.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Autumn Giocondi asked about the shortage of substitute teachers at the Primary level which recently has caused the Title 1 teacher to cover some classes.

Ms. Missy Kaszer commented about the ads for teaching positions and links that do not work on the District web site.

Ms. Jodi Weister asked about two agenda items and the timeline for the 2014- 2015 budget process.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Yonkee informed the Board that the March Financial Report will be voted on at the May meeting.

Mr. Yonkee moved and Mr. Pander seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills as presented. Mr. Fleischman asked a question about the Food Service bills.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mr. Yonkee asked the Board members if they had any questions on monthly insurance reports included in their packets.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Pander moved and Mr. Heckathorn seconded a motion to temporarily change Tom Duffy's position from Head Custodian of the High School to the Maintenance Department beginning April 15, 2014 for the period of time that John Cox is on leave. There will be no change in pay rate.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mr. Pander moved and Mr. Heckathorn seconded a motion to hire the following summer custodial/grounds work at a rate of \$9.00 per hour for new hires:

- a. Jeri Carver (new hire)
- b. Lynn Farkas (new hire)
- c. Ricky Hemphill
- d. Shawn Weyand (new hire)
- e. Matt Mooney
- f. Katherine Engle
- g. Tracy Beare
- h. Shawn Cox
- i. Tim Smolar (new hire)
- j. Justin Deyber (new hire)
- k. Adam Kantz (new hire)
- l. Brian Farkas
- m. Denny Himber
- n. Nicholas Morelli (new hire)
- o. Zachary Riley (new hire)
- p. Jacob Szydel (new hire)

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. May seconded motion to accept the Special Education Plan.
Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; Motion Carried

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. Oswald seconded a motion to approve the following field trips:

- a. Seventh grade (165), Rick Ford, Natalie Nicolette, and seventh grade teachers, Bowling Trip, Sim's Lanes, May 27, 2014 (\$1,341 expenses collected from students and budgeted).
- b. Fourth Grade (176), Heather Stein and fourth grade teachers, Wetlands, Independence Township May 28, 29, June 2, 4, 2014(expenses collected from other sources).
- c. BHS/HMS Expressions (21), Jayne McDonald, Darlington, New Brighton Performances, May 6, 31, 2014 (no expense).
- d. Seventh Grade Art (41), Leslie Kunkel, Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, May 28, 2014 (no expense).
- e. Sixth Grade Caring Creatures (14), Kelley Engle, Beaver County Humane Society, May 21, 2014 (\$133 expenses budgeted).
- f. Fourth Grade Team (4), Amanda Sweesy, Beth Heeckt, K'Nex State Design Challenge, Harrisburg, May 1-2, 2014 (\$635 expenses budgeted).

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/ REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

Mr. Pander informed the Board that the Intermediate School generator was repaired by Bolland Machine and he thanked Bolland for their efforts and price reduction for the District.

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to allow the rescinding of the resignation by Joe Fabri as Middle School wrestling coach and his reinstatement into that position.

Verbal Vote: 8 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

Mr. Yonkee informed the Board that he has been in contact with PSBA and that they have sent him policy recommendations which are being reviewed.

Mr. Fleischman read in part proposed Policy 625, "Credit Cards" as a Second Reading of the policy prior to adoption.

BOARD/ STAFF ENRICHMENT

Ms. Aquino moved and Mrs. Helsing seconded a motion to approve attendance at the following conferences:

A. Educators:

1. Misty Worst, Jodi Borroni, Nancy Knallay, Leslie Bellia, Kristi Leiper, Jake Anderson, Lisa Brown, Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Training, BVIU, May 7, 2014. (\$175 expenses budgeted)
2. Stewart Kirk, Sustainable Energy Workshop, BVIU, April 25, 2014 (no

expense).

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- 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

The solicitor briefed the Board about a proposed settlement in a pending law suit.

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. Pander seconded a motion to allow the Board president and secretary to sign the settlement when it becomes ready.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Visitors: Mr. Jon Kaszer asked about the status of IRS penalty appeal.

Administrators: None.

School Directors: Mrs. Aquino thanked Perry Pander for his efforts getting the Intermediate School generator repaired.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2014 in the Blackhawk High School library at 7:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Submitted by Jerry Wessel
Board Secretary