

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' WORK SESSION  
Blackhawk's High School Library  
May 9, 2013**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

Mr. Richard Oswald, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM. and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was answered by six members, a quorum. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Calabria                      Mr. Clendennen                      Mr. Fitzgerald                      Mr. Fleischman  
Mr. Inman                      Mr. Oswald

Absent were: Mr. Heckathorn                      Mr. May                      Dr. Rose

Also attending were:

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

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the April 11 and 18, 2013 meetings. Mr. Fleischman asked that the secretary try to more closely check the spelling of the names of members of the public who speak at meetings to insure they are correct.

**Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried**

Mr. Oswald announced that there was an executive session for Personnel and a Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting this evening prior to this Work Session. He also announced that the May Voting Meeting will be held at the Middle School on May 16, 2013 at 7:30 PM.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Dr. Miller reviewed the items in this area being proposed for the May 16, 2013 Voting Meeting as reflected by the agenda.

Mrs. Lauren Stein recognized the Latin students for their achievements on the National Latin Exam.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Oswald asked if there were any public comments.

Mrs. Jodi Weister asked about the appointment of a Board treasurer.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Wessel reviewed the items in this area being proposed for the May 16, 2013 Voting Meeting.

Mr. Wessel presented the Preliminary Budgets for District Funds for the 2013- 2014 school/ fiscal year. The Board is requested to take action on the Final Budget at the June 20, 2013 meeting.

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to accept the Preliminary Budget with expenses of \$31,930,422 and revenues of \$31,934,823.

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

## **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to approve the following substitute for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year:

Jen Specht, Para

**Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried**

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to accept the Notice of Retirement for George Trombulak, Data Services Director, effective June 30, 2013.

**Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried**

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Martin Yannerella, BIS Paraprofessional effective April 30, 2013.

**Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried**

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to allow Amy Winner to utilize sick days for child bearing beginning on or about May 17, 2013 for the remainder of the school year.

**Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried**

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to approve the following field trips:

a. Northwestern 2<sup>nd</sup> grade (110), Second grade teachers, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Pittsburgh, June 5, 2013 (expenses collected from others).

b. Junior Historians (40), Meredith Oliver, Rich Oswald, Washington DC, May 25, 2013 (expenses collected from students).

c. Junior Historians (85), Rich Oswald, Cedar Point, June 18, 2013 (expenses collected from students).

d. High School Band (18), Dave Zaccari, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Instrumental Exploration, May 22, 2013 (expenses are budgeted).

e. TSA (14), Dale Moll, Tim Linkenheimer, TSA National Conference, Orlando, June 27-July 2, 2013 (expenses budgeted, collected from students and others).

f. HMS 6<sup>th</sup> Grade (165), Barb Mallozi, Mary Jane Lombardo, Don Connors, Creative Story Time, Northwestern and Patterson Primaries, June 6, 2013 (expenses budgeted).

- g. Spanish 2-5 (50), Alberta Oravitz, Mallorca Restaurant Dinner, Southside, June 4, 2013 (expenses funded by Foundation and students).
- h. Foreign Language Students (250), Sam Nardone and all foreign language teachers Pirates game, PNC Park, May 30, 2013 (expenses collected from students).
- i. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Art Class (43), Leslie Kunkel, Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, Pittsburgh, May 22, 2013 (expenses funded through the Center for the Arts).
- j. Concert/ Musical, Maura Underwood, Nicloe Holiday, Ashley Biega, Senior Theatre Night, Benedum Theatre, May 31, 2013 (expenses collected from students).
- k. BIS 4th Grade (195), Jesse Keir, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers, Wetlands, Racoon State Park, May 21 & 24, June 5 & 6, 2013 (expenses collected from students).

**Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried**

Dr. Miller briefed the Board on the resolution proposed for action at the voting meeting concerning electronic signatures for PDE purposes.

Dr. Miller briefed the Board about recommended staffing changes to include a dedicated principal for Northwestern Primary School (Mrs. Carol Sprinker moving from BIS); a dedicated principal for Patterson Primary School (Mrs. Jane Ann Fucci) who would also handle District PIMS administration; an internal teacher transfer to the BIS principal position after interviewing those interested and qualified; and, elimination of the IST position at the primary schools (the duties of which will be handled by the primary principals at each school). The net result is two positions being eliminated (PIMS and IST) and one new position being created (Northwestern Principal). A discussion followed.

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion make the staffing changes as briefed by Dr. Miller above.

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

## **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/ REAL ESTATE**

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to authorize a change order to Allegheny City Electric Inc. for \$3,360.65 for power and control wiring to overhead doors in Area F.

**Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried**

## **ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**

Dr. Miller reviewed the items in this area proposed for the May16, 2013 Voting Meeting.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE**

No report.

## **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

No report.

## **FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE**

No report.

## **NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE**

No report.

## **POLICY COMMITTEE**

Dr. Miller informed the Board that the administration requested a first reading of revised Policy 237, "Electronic Devices" to "Responsible Use of Personal Technology Resources" at the May 16, 2013 Voting Meeting.

## **BOARD/ STAFF ENRICHMENT**

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

Approval is recommended for the following conferences:

- a. Kim Baker, AP Chemistry Week Long Conference, Baltimore, June 17-21, 2013 (expenses budgeted).
- b. Mike McManus, Tim Pyle, Andy Large, Jim Perlik, EPA Safe Drinking Water Act Training, Greensburg, May 21, 2013 (expenses budgeted).
- c. Korin McMillen, Special Education Leadership Summer Academy, Bedford Springs, July 22, 2013 (expenses budgeted).

**Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

## **INTERMEDIATE UNIT**

Mr. Fitzgerald informed the Board that the IU Director, Mr. Tom Zelesnik, is retiring and the IU Board will select a successor at their next meeting.

## **VOCATIONAL- TECHNICAL SCHOOL**

No report.

## **PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Calabria asked about the meeting scheduled with State legislators scheduled for next Thursday.

## **BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

No report.

## **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

School Directors: Mr. Fitzgerald asked Mr. Fleischman about a comment he made earlier about budgets and Mr. Fleischman replied.

Mr. Clendennen stated as a point of interest that he visited a Technology Education class to look at the air boat they are building and was impressed by the students' knowledge and design.

Administrators: None.

Visitors: None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Submitted by Jerry Wessel  
Board Secretary