

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' VOTING MEETING
Middle School Band Room
May 16, 2013**

MEETING MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Mr. Richard Oswald, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:43 PM. and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was answered by eight members, a quorum.

Those in attendance were:

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

Absent was: Mr. Heckathorn

Also attending were:

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

Mr. Oswald introduced Pastor Paul Poole from the First Assembly of God Church, who gave the invocation.

Mr. Oswald announced that an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting for personnel matters.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Fleischman offered the following congratulations on behalf of the Board to:

the students who placed in individual events and team events at the Pennsylvania Technology Student Association (TSA) conference, April 17-20, 2013. Many Level 1 and Level 2 students made the finals for their events, and several qualified to attend the National Conference in Orlando, Florida on June 25-July 2, 2013. A special congratulation goes to Juliana Lapek, who received the "TSA Terry Schwalm Future Technology Teacher Memorial Scholarship" in the amount of \$1,500.

the Blackhawk community for their support with Awards, Scholarships and Endowments for the graduating seniors. Their generosity totaled over \$48,000. On May 17, the High School will host the 2012-13 Awards Ceremony at 8:00A.M. Board members were invited to attend.

Meredith Oliver, 5th grade teacher at BIS, for being one of five finalists for the 1st Annual Beaver County Teacher of the Year. This honor was sponsored by the Jumet Charitable Foundation. Meredith was nominated by one of her students and was honored at a banquet on May 14 at the BVIU.

the following students for their Mancini Award nominations:

- a. Frantzi Schaub – Outstanding Male in a Leading Role
- b. Jessica Stonefield, Outstanding Female in a Leading Role
- c. Max Levine, Outstanding Male in a Supporting Role
- d. Amber Leitsch, Outstanding Female in a Supporting Role
- e. Tim Pfister and Joseph Allen, Noteworthy Performance
- f. Cast, Crew and Orchestra, Outstanding Technical Achievement and Outstanding Student Orchestra.

The awards were presented last night at Geneva College to the following recipients:

Tim Pfister won Noteworthy Performance for an individual based on his character Lefou. Amber Leitsch received outstanding performance of a female in a supporting role for her portrayal of Mrs. Potts. Amber was also the recipient of the McCarl scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.

The Blackhawk Orchestra received the award for outstanding student orchestra. Congratulations were extended to all the performers.

Matthew Adler, 5th grade student who won second place in the Beaver County American Poster Contest. Mr. Don Inman recognized Matthew at the Board Meeting on behalf of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Max Levine on being chosen to participate in the University of Pittsburgh College in High School Forum Debate. Twenty BHS seniors participated in the Pitt CHS class. Among those, Max, Alexis Bovalino, Juliana Lapek and Molly Watterson competed in a final debate at Blackhawk. Max went on to the Forum Debate and gave an outstanding performance. All 20 students will earn 3 credits through the University of Pittsburgh.

Dianne Sarver, PRIDE/Life Skills teacher, and Pat Warnaka, PRIDE/Life Skills paraprofessional, for being nominated and awarded the “Lauretta Woodson Award” for their dedicated work with children. The purpose of this award is to recognize an educator and a support professional who have exhibited creativity, initiative, and productivity relevant to the learning process and growth of children. Both Dianne and Pat will be honored at a brunch held on June 6th.

Mr. Fleischman introduced the Highland Middle School Principal Mr. Anthony Mooney, Middle School staff members and Mr. Mooney presented an overview of the 7th grade Flat Stanley project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Oswald asked if there were any public comments on agenda items or other matters.

Mr. Sam Nardone spoke about the importance of specific curriculum offered at the District.

Mrs. Missy Kaszer read a statement about several concerns she has and how the Board and Administration have handled these concerns.

Matt Young discussed videotaping meetings.

Mr. Perry Pander asked about the agenda item appointing the Board treasurer and what the insurance paid for mold abatement at Northwestern Primary School.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to accept the Financial Report for the month of April 2013 as submitted. Dr. Rose asked if the motion should say the report was being filed for audit and the solicitor said it was not for audit but was information to the Board.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills as presented.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

The Board was directed by Mr. Inman to the exhibits within their packets for the April Monthly Insurance Report.

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to accept a bid provided by the Darlington Borough Tax office for a property previously exposed to upset tax sales and judicial sales but not sold and currently held in the category known as the "Repository for Unsold Properties."

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; - Motion Carried

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to accept the Student Activities Account report as submitted.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; - Motion Carried

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to accept Resolution 05162013 regarding Homestead/ Farmstead real estate tax assessment reductions for the school year beginning July 1, 2013.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; - Motion Carried

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to appoint Don Inman as Board Treasurer for a one year term beginning July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 as per the School Code Section 404. Dr. Rose moved to amend and Mr. Fleichman seconded so that the motion would read, "Appoint Don Inman as Board Treasurer for a term beginning July 1, 2013 and continuing until the end of his term as a Board member."

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; - Motion Carried to Amend

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; - Motion Carried for Amended Motion

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Dr. Rose moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to realign the administrative staff with JaneAnn Fucci as Patterson Primary School principal and Carol Sprinker as Northwestern

Primary School principal. Mr. Fleischman moved and Dr. Rose seconded a motion for an Executive Session prior to the vote.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes; 2 No (Mr. Clendennen, Mr. Inman) – Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned for Executive Session and called back to order by Mr. Oswald upon completion of the Executive Session. The original motion was then voted.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 1 No (Mr. Fleischman); - Motion Carried

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mr. May moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to approve Resolution 05162013 regarding electronic signature for Dr. Miller as required by PDE for e-grant submissions and for reports filed on line beginning May 2013.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/ REAL ESTATE

Mr. Clendennen moved and Dr. Rose seconded a motion to authorize a Change Order to Yarborough Development, Inc. to provide the general construction work associated with the addition of a crawl space ventilation system, for the additional cost of \$2,084.10, per Yarborough Development, Inc. correspondence dated May 14, 2013.

Verbal Vote: 8 yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Dr. Rose seconded a motion to authorize a Change Order to ClimaTech, Inc. to provide the HVAC construction work associated with the addition of a crawl space ventilation system, for the additional cost of \$6,825.32, per ClimaTech, Inc. correspondence dated May 14, 2013.

Verbal Vote: 8 yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to authorize a Change Order to Allegheny City Electric Inc. to provide the electrical construction work associated with the addition of a crawl space ventilation system, for the additional cost of \$2,481.54, per Allegheny City Electric, Inc. correspondence dated May 10, 2013.

Verbal Vote: 8 yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to authorize a Change Order to Yarborough Development, Inc. to provide the work necessary to upgrade the existing wall construction at Electrical Room F-006.2, for the additional cost of \$3,148.60, per Yarborough Development, Inc. correspondence dated May 14, 2013.

Verbal Vote: 8 yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to authorize a Change Order to Shipley Plumbing, Inc. to provide an additional floor drain in Room D-118, for the additional cost of \$721.66, per Shipley Plumbing, Inc. correspondence dated May 9, 2013.

Verbal Vote: 8 yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to authorize a Change Order to Yarborough Development, Inc. to proceed with installation of reinforcement steel of the

existing floor in Area F, in locations deemed necessary by the structural engineer, on a time and material basis, not to exceed \$11,000. The final change order amount will be presented to the Board for final approval when the final cost is determined at the completion of the change order work. Mr. Fleischman requested more information and Mr. Tom Durkin for the architect's office provided it.

Verbal Vote: 8 yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Mr. Calabria offered the congratulations on behalf of the Board to Clinton Davies for being awarded a \$1,000 Student Athlete Scholarship at the Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame Banquet.

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Robin Ostach as the Varsity Women's Volleyball Coach.

Verbal Vote: 8 yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Jamie Planitzer as the Assistant Varsity Swim Coach and the Middle School Swimming Head Coach.

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

Dr. Rose presented the first reading of a revision of Policy 237, "Electronic Devices" to "Responsible Use of Personal Technology Resources" and he added a revision of the draft policy to add "or any claims arising therefrom" to the last sentence on Page 1 which would then read, "The district shall not be liable for the loss, damage or misuse of any electronic device brought to school by a student or any claims arising therefrom."

BOARD/ STAFF ENRICHMENT

No report.

INTERMEDIATE UNIT

No report.

VOCATIONAL- TECHNICAL SCHOOL

No report.

PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Clendennen informed the Board and public that he, Dr. Miller, Mr. Calabria and Mr. Inman attended a meeting at the Intermediate Unit prior to the Board meeting to discuss issues with the area's legislators. Mr. Clendennen urged the public to contact their representatives concerning school issues.

BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

No report.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

School Directors: Dr. Rose moved and Mr. Fleischman seconded a motion to direct the administration to develop, facilitate and implement a program in which students would videotape School Board meetings and upload on website in order to increase public access and awareness. A discussion followed. Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to table Dr. Rose's motion until Dr. Rose developed a policy for videotaping. A discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote: 3 Yes; 5 No (Mr. Calabria, Mr. Fleischman, Mr. May, Mr. Oswald, Dr. Rose) – Motion Failed to Table

Additional discussion followed. Mr. Calabria called the question and Mr. Inman seconded.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No – Motion Carried

The original motion was then voted.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes; 3 No (Mr. Clendennen, Mr. Inman, Mr. Oswald) – Motion Carried

Administrators: None.

Visitors: Mrs. Barb Brown asked for the fund balances for the Health and Dental Funds and Mr. Wessel gave them to her. She asked about a radon detector on a visiting parent's belt going off at Northwestern and Dr. Miller stated that tests commissioned by the District had negative results but she was checking with the parent involved to gather more information and to contact the manufacturer of the detector.

Mr. Ken Yonkee commented on the presentations made during meeting, support for Vo-Ag, trust issues, support of public schools, concern for economics, and school finances impact on schools.

Matt Young spoke about videotaping Board meetings and stated that the Board President did not follow Robert's Rules of Order during the meeting.

Next Meeting: Mr. Oswald announced that the next scheduled meeting is June 13, 2013 at 7:30 PM in the Blackhawk High School Library. A Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting will be held prior to the meeting at 6:30 PM and will be open to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 PM.

Submitted by Jerry Wessel
Board Secretary