

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS WORK SESSION  
Blackhawk High School Library  
March 13, 2014**

**AGENDA**

**1. BOARD ORGANIZATION**

- 1.1 Call to Order
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.3 Roll Call
- 1.4 The purpose of videotaping a meeting is for public information. The opinions expressed by any member of the public do not necessarily reflect the view or opinion of the Blackhawk School District Board of School Directors and are solely that of the speaker. The Blackhawk School District Board of School Directors hereby expressly disclaims any and all responsibility or liability for any false, defamatory or slanderous statements expressed by the speaker. Any unauthorized re-broadcasting of any video, audio or still image of the video recording of the meeting is strictly forbidden without the written permission of the Blackhawk School District Board of School Directors.
- \*1.5 Approval of Minutes from February 20, 2014. (Exhibit A)

**2. PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS  
Dean Fleischman, Chairperson**

- 2.1 Congratulations to Jenn Sharek, Mandie Payne and Meredith Oliver for being selected by the Beaver County Educational Trust to receive a grant in the amount of \$1,200 for the project proposals, “Read Like an Olympic Champion”, “The Night Before Christmas” and “It’s Not a Crime to Read”.
- 2.2 Congratulations to Cameron Croston, high school senior, who won first place for the category “Feature Photo” and second place for “News Photo” in the statewide competition, 2014 Student Keystone Press Award.
- 2.3 Commendations are extended to Carolyn Rapp and Joyce Medlin, crossing guards, for their dedicated service to the District. Joyce is employed by Patterson Township and acts as the crossing guard at Patterson Primary. Carolyn directs

traffic at the high school every day, and other buildings when needed. We appreciate all of their efforts and hard work as they help keep our students safe.

- 2.4 Congratulations to Nate Catanzarite, Kaylyn Kiser, and Jack Whalen, high school students, who qualified for the PA All-State Orchestra. This is the first time any student from Blackhawk School District has qualified through audition for PA All-State Orchestra!
- 2.5 Congratulations to Breanne Steiner, high school Vo-Tech student, for placing first in the Medical Terminology portion of the “SkillUSA Champions at Work” competition at Beaver County Career and Technology Center.
- 2.6 Commendations are extended to Dianne Sarver and the PRIDE team of BSD employees for winning the “Cool Schools” honor at the Pittsburgh Polar Plunge for Special Olympics. Our district was able to raise \$4,091 for the plunge which surpassed all of the competition.
- 2.7 Commendations to Rachel Omogrosso, Mandie Payne, Ashley Costello, Michelle Daniels, and Laurel Brest for their presentation about Daily 5 to the Beaver County Reading Council.
- 2.8 Blackhawk High School Play, *Titanic*, was a great success! Congratulations to the cast and crew. These students worked very hard to create a fantastic, memorable musical experience. Performances were March 7, 8, and 9. Thank you to all of our administrators, faculty, staff, and families for their support during the rehearsal process and the performances!
- 2.9 On March 7, Blackhawk Intermediate School celebrated Read Across America Day with a podcast book reading. Special guest reader Chief Berchtold from the Chippewa Township Police Department read the book *Detective LaRue Letters from the Investigation* by Mark Teague to BIS students via podcast. This book fit in with the Read Across America celebration theme "It's not a crime to read". Attendance was over 400 for this creative event.

**THE PUBLIC HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD AT THIS TIME ON AGENDA ITEMS OR OTHER MATTERS.**

**3. FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**Ken Yonkee, Chairperson**

- \*3.1 Approval is recommended to accept the Financial Report for January. (Exhibit B, this item was accidentally omitted during the February meeting).
- 3.2 Approval is recommended to accept the Financial Report for February. (To be provided before Voting meeting)

- 3.3 Approval is recommended for the payment of bills. (To be provided before Voting meeting)
  - a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$
  - b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund:\$
  - c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$
  - d. Fund 66 – UPMC Health Fund: \$
  - e. Fund 67 – UPMC Dental: \$
  - f. Fund 68 – UPMC Vision: \$
 Payroll: February \$
  
- 3.4 Informational Item: Monthly Insurance Report for February. (To be provided before Voting meeting)
  
- 3.5 Approval is recommended to award the following Telecommunication bids as a part of the E-Rate process as presented:
  - a. Blackboard Engage (School Fusion) for web site maintenance at a cost of approximately \$5,100 after e-rate reimbursement.
  - b. Classroll.com for the District grading system at an approximate cost of \$7,100 after e-rate reimbursement.
  - c. Sprint for the districts cell phone plans at an approximate monthly cost of \$430. After e-rate reimbursement.
  - d. Winstream for Northwestern’s internet and phone service at an approximate monthly cost of \$750 after e-rate reimbursement.
  - e. Consolidated Communications for the District telephone service. Monthly cost dependent on Board decision.
  
- 3.6 Approval is recommended to accept the 2013-2014 Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit’s General Operating Budget as presented. The Budget totals \$2,451,465. There will not be an increase in local district contributions. (Exhibit C)
  
- 3.7 Approval is recommended to accept the final 2012-2013 Audit.

**4. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**  
**Perry Pander, Kathy Helsing, Co-Chairpersons**

- 4.1 Approval is recommended to employ Ed Kromka as custodian/grounds substitute at a rate of \$9 per hour pending receipt of clearances.
  
- 4.2 Approval is recommended for Chelsea Haight to use FMLA along with remaining sick days for maternity leave on or about April 22, 2014 until the end of the 2013-14 school year.
  
- 4.3 Approval is recommended to grant Leslie Bellia, Northwestern paraprofessional, time off without compensation from April 7 -11, 2014.

**5. EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
**Kathy Helsing, Ken Yonkee, Co-Chairpersons**

- 5.1 Approval is recommended for the following field trips: (Exhibit D)
- a. Sixth through Eighth Grade Orchestra, Seventh and Eighth Grade Band (150), Nate Goodrich, George Hoydich, High Notes Festival and Kennywood Park, Carnegie Mellon University, May 16, 2014 (\$400, transportation, other expenses collected from students).
  - b. Jr/Sr Historians (40), Rich Oswald, Gettysburg, May 24, 2014 (expenses collected from students).
  - c. Jr/Sr Historians (90), Rich Oswald, Cedar Point, Sandusky, OH, June 13, 2014 (expenses collected from students).
  - d. Patterson Primary Kindergarten (79), Kindergarten teachers, Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh, May 22, 2014 (expenses paid by PTO).
  - e. Jazz Ensemble (14), Dave Zaccari, Jazz Festival, Beaver Falls High School, April 14, 2014 (\$150 expenses budgeted).
  - f. High School Band (32), Dave Zaccari, Music Performance Assessment, Beaver Area High School, April 24, 2014 (\$300 expenses budgeted).
  - g. Learning Support (60), Mariah Brown, County Wide Transition Fair, CCBC, April 11, 2014 (\$140 expenses budgeted).
  - h. Transition (15), Mariah Brown, New Castle School of Trades Tour, New Castle, April 1, 2014 (no expense).
  - i. Fifth grade Blackhawk Intermediate School Buddy Mentors (33), Gina Gordon and LuAnne Maginness, BIS Buddy Mentors and Science Olympiad, NPS, April 11, 2014 (no expense).
  - j. Third grade (187), Third grade teachers, The Movie BEARS – Celebrating Earth Day 2014, Cinemark Theatre, Monaca, April 25, 2014 (expenses paid by PTO).
  - k. Northwestern Primary School Second grade (95), Second grade teachers, Carnegie Museum of Art and Natural History, Pittsburgh, May 28, 2014 (expenses paid by PTO).
  - l. Advanced Placement Science (4), Kim Baker, Science Lab Challenge, Penn State Beaver, April 11, 2014 (\$20 expenses budgeted).
  - m. Seventh and Eighth grade (100), Ryan Hardesty and Jared Slimm, Medieval Times, Mount Vernon, VA; Hanover, MD May 31, 2014 (expenses collected from students, Blackhawk Foundation Grant).
  - n. Patterson Primary School First grade, First grade teachers, Carnegie Science Center, May 23, 2014 (expenses paid by PTO).
  - o. High School Orchestra/Band (3), Nate Goodrich, PMEA All-State Orchestra, Hershey, March 26-29, 2014 (\$1,125 expenses budgeted).
- 5.2 Informational Item: Revision of 2013-2014 academic calendar to accommodate snow day #5, February 18, 2014. (Exhibit E)
- 5.3 Approval is recommended to accept the 2014-2015 academic calendar as submitted. (Exhibit F)

- 5.4 Informational Item: Scott Nelson, Graduation Project and requirements, March 13, 2014. *\*\*Presentation will be prior to the Public Relations portion of the meeting.*
- 5.5 Informational Item: Korin McMillen, Special Education Plan Presentation, March 20, 2014.
- 5.6 Approval is recommended to authorize a district summer school program and staff employment, according to Policy 406; Employment of Summer School Staff. (Exhibit G)

**6. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE**

**Perry Pander, Chairperson**

- 6.1 Informational Item: Request from Henry Mahosky, Patterson Township Commissioner, for Patterson Primary School to be utilized as a training facility for “Active Shooter Training” on a non-school day (TBD), for surrounding police departments. (Exhibit H)
- 6.2 Approval is recommended to contract with FIT Energy Solutions for a one year term at a cost of \$3,240 for HVAC maintenance at Patterson, Northwestern and Blackhawk Intermediate School. (Exhibit I)
- 6.3 Informational Item: Phone system presentation by Jim Cox. *\*\*Presentation will be prior to the Public Relations portion of the meeting.*
- 6.4 Approval is recommended to schedule Maven Technologies Inc. to pick up and recycle unusable, outdated, and junk computer components/equipment at no cost to the District.

**7. ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**

**Paul Heckathorn, Kathy Helsing, Co-Chairpersons**

- 7.1 Congratulations to the girls’ basketball team who are the WPIAL AAA Champions.
- 7.2 Congratulations to the girls’ basketball team who advanced to the PIAA Playoffs.
- 7.3 Congratulations to Halle Denman who was named Player of the Game in the WPIAL AAA championship game by the Pittsburgh Post Gazette.
- 7.4 Congratulations to the girls’ swim team who placed 3rd in the WPIAL at the WPIAL swimming championships.
- 7.5 Congratulations to the swimmers who qualified for the PIAA state swim meet on March 14 & 15 – Brianna Camp, Marissa Camp, Casey Cerbus, Alexis Lopez, Tara Pettner and Chris Vogler.

7.6 Congratulations to Marissa Camp who was selected as the Beaver County Times Athlete of the Week for the week of February 17.

7.7 Approval is recommended to accept the resignation of Pastor Rod Smith as boys' basketball assistant coach.

**8. ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON  
Lance Rose, Chairperson**

No Report

**9. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
Paul May, Perry Pander, Co-Chairpersons**

No Report

**10. FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE  
Dean Fleischman, Paul May Co-Chairpersons**

No Report

**11. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE  
TBD, Chairperson**

No Report

**12. POLICY COMMITTEE  
Ken Yonkee, Chairperson**

12.1 Informational Item: Municipal Bond Policy Manual as presented. (Exhibit J)

**13. BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT  
Tory Aquino, Chairperson**

13.1 Approval is recommended for the following conferences: (Exhibit K)

**A. Educators:**

1. Maura Underwood, Theater Workshop, South Fayette High School, February 28, 2014 (no expense). *\*\*This was pre-approved due to the date.*
2. Christy Desselle, Krystal Kier, Managing Cluttering in the School-Age Child, BVIU, April 10, 2014 (no expense).
3. Nate Goodrich, PMEA All-State Orchestra, Hershey, March 26-29, 2014 (\$813 expenses budgeted).

**14. INTERMEDIATE UNIT  
Rich Oswald, Chairperson**

No Report

**15. VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL  
Rich Oswald, Chairperson**

No Report

**16. PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
Dean Fleischman, Chairperson**

No Report

**17. BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
Paul Heckathorn, Chairperson**

No Report

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

- A. Visitors
- B. Administration
- C. School Directors
- D. Next Meeting—March 20, 2014, Blackhawk High School Library, 7:30PM.
- E. Adjournment
- F. Executive Session if needed.