

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS VOTING MEETING  
Blackhawk High School Library  
May 13, 2010**

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

Rich Oswald, President of the Board of School Directors, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll call was answered by nine members. Those in attendance were:

<b>Mr. Calabria</b>	<b>Mr. Clendennen</b>	<b>Mr. Fitzgerald</b>	<b>Mr. Fleischman</b>
<b>Mr. Oswald</b>	<b>Mrs. Inman</b>	<b>Mr. May</b>	<b>Mrs. Pander</b>
<b>Mrs. Perri</b>	<b>Dr. Miller</b>	<b>Mr. Salopek</b>	
		<b>Visitors: 13</b>	<b>Press: 1</b>

**Mr. Belczyk was absent.**

Motion (Mr. Oswald, seconded by Mr. Inman) to approve the Minutes from April 8 and 15, 2010. Mr. Fleischman requested that the following statement be added to the minutes of April 15, 2010 regarding his abstention on approving the BEA contract:

*Reason for abstention is that one third of the Board felt more time was needed to clarify the terms and condition of the proposal. Both some teachers and board members had expressed some degree of uncertainty and there was a need to study the financial projections more thoroughly.*

**Roll Call Vote: 8– Yes; 1 – No (Mr. Fitzgerald); Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Oswald, seconded by Mrs. Perri) to table the resignation of board member Geri Pander.

**Roll Call Vote: 9– Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

A moment of silence was held in memory of Debra Casciotti, 1st grade teacher at Northwestern Primary School.

Mrs. Jayne McDonald and the Expressions Group students performed for the Board.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Dave Sinclair commented on concern about possible increase in millage and spending. Bruno Borella commented on support of wage freeze, Board's responsibility to taxpayers, and possible budget cuts.

## **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

VEBH presented an update on the Capital Improvement Projects

Motion (Mr. Clendennen, seconded by Mr. May) to authorize VEBH to prepare bidding documents based upon Board reviewed preliminary plans and budgets dated May 10, 2010 for the following projects:

- a. Emergency generator replacement at Patterson and Northwestern Primary Schools. (Exhibit C / Line 45)
- b. Fire alarm system replacement at Patterson and Northwestern (Exhibit C / Line 47)
- c. Asphalt and concrete pavement repairs at Patterson and Northwestern Primary Schools. (Exhibit C / Line 3 and 4)

**Roll Call Vote: 9– Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Clendennen, seconded by Mr. Calabria) to authorize VEBH to submit PDE form 3074 related to the following projects:

- a. Emergency generator replacement at Patterson and Northwestern Primary Schools. (Exhibit C / Line 45)
- b. Fire alarm system replacement at Patterson and Northwestern (Exhibit C / Line 47)
- c. Asphalt and concrete pavement repairs at Patterson and Northwestern Primary Schools. (Exhibit C / Line 3 and 4)

**Roll Call Vote: 9– Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Clendennen, seconded by Mr. Inman) to authorize VEBH to prepare preliminary drawings and scope of work for the following projects:

- a. Masonry repairs and joint restoration at Patterson, Northwestern, Blackhawk Intermediate, and Blackhawk High School. (Exhibit C / Line 17-20)
- b. Blackhawk High School's natatorium drainage system (Exhibit C / Line 38)
- c. Asphalt and concrete pavement repairs and parking reconfiguration at BIS and BHS. (Exhibit C / Line 5 and 6)
- d. Northwestern roof replacement (Exhibit C / Line 26)

**Roll Call Vote: 9– Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Clendennen, seconded by Mr. Inman) to provide (through Tower Engineering) a Pre-Design Analysis of the air-cooled chiller serving BIS for a not to exceed amount of \$10,750.

**Roll Call Vote: 9– Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Clendennen, seconded by Mr. Calabria) to authorize VEBH to utilize the following consultants:

- a. Civil and Environmental Consultants, Inc. (tennis court and track projects)
- b. Tower Engineering (fire alarm and emergency generator, site electrical design for the tennis court projects, and the HVAC investigation at BIS)
- c. Taylor Structural Engineering, Inc. (structural engineering related to masonry repairs and restoration)
- d. James Goldman, AIA, Sports Facility Consultant (swimming pool drains and regulations)

**Roll Call Vote: 9– Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Clendennen, seconded by Mr. Inman) to authorize the Administration to conduct a needs analysis of the Food Service Program utilizing the services of the Food Service Director, the Food Service Provider, and others, as required to determine a potential scope of equipment upgrade requirements.

**Roll Call Vote: 9– Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Clendennen, seconded by Mr. May) to authorize VEBH to secure a survey of BIS property to address BIS projects for a not to exceed amount of \$7000.

**Roll Call Vote: 9– Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Mr. Fitzgerald excused himself at 8:20 and returned at 8:25.

### **FINANCE**

Motion (Mr. Inman, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald to award the bid for food service operations to Nutrition Group, Inc. for the 2010-2011 school year.

**Roll Call Vote: 9– Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Inman, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald) to accept the 2010-2011 Proposed Budget which includes a 1 mill increase.

**Roll Call Vote: 6– Yes; 3 – No (Mr. Fleischman, Mr. May, Mrs. Perri); Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Inman, seconded by Mr. May) to designate Dr. Michelle Miller as the Applicant Agent in order to obtain financial assistance through FEMA for the February snow removal efforts.

**Roll Call Vote: 9– Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

### **PERSONNEL**

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

- a. Dean Borato, 360 McKinley Rd., Beaver Falls, PA 15010, Physical Education.
- b. Lyndsay Book, 200 Loghouse Lane, Edinburg, PA 16116, Elementary.
- c. Stacie Ronk, 142 DeHaven Road, Beaver Falls, PA 15010, Aide.
- d. Donald Howard, 108 Valleyview Ave., Aliquippa, PA 15001, Science.
- e. Kathleen Briczinski, 5515 Tuscarawas Rd., Beaver, PA 15009, English.
- f. Brandon Richards, 214 Maple Drive, Beaver, PA 15009, Social Studies.
- g. Abigail Anderson-Sheffler, 15 Patton Drive, Upper St. Clair, PA 15241, Elementary.

**Roll Call Vote: 9– Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mrs. Pander, seconded by Mr. Clendennen) to accept the letter of retirement from the following teachers:

- a. Beverly Rabovsky
- b. Jane Hetche
- c. Erich Stamer

**Roll Call Vote: 9– Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mrs. Pander, seconded by Mr. Inman) to accept the letter of retirement from the following food service personnel:

- a. Sally Thomas

**Roll Call Vote: 9– Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mrs. Pander, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald) to accept the resignation of Jamie Madder as a speech and language support teacher at the end of this school year.

**Roll Call Vote: 9– Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mrs. Pander, seconded by Mr. Inman) to employ the following as substitute custodian:

- a. Kathi Young, 1349 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, New Brighton, PA 15066

**Roll Call Vote: 9– Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mrs. Pander, seconded by Mr. Calabria) to accept the following resignations:

- a. Derek Corless, assistant wrestling coach
- b. Bryan Vitali, boy’s middle school soccer coach
- c. Jodie Fusetti, girl’s middle school basketball coach
- d. Danielle Bailey, freshmen cheerleading sponsor
- e. Shannon Shiderly, pupil personnel department chair

**Roll Call Vote: 9– Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Mr. May excused himself at 10:15 and returned at 10:20.

## **EDUCATION**

Mrs. Bowman presented an overview of the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program.

Dr. Miller presented information regarding Race to the Top

Motion (Mrs. Perri, seconded by Mr. Inman) to approve the following field trip:

- a. Sports marketing-Mrs. Boggs, Peterson Events Center, University of Pittsburgh, PA, May 18, 2010.

**Roll Call Vote: 9– Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

## **POLICY**

A First Reading of Policy 249 *Bullying* was presented.

## **BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT**

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

- a. Carol Sprinker, Nancy Bowman – Courageous Leadership Retreat for Student Success, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA, June 29-30, 2010.
- b. Russell Couch – PSEA House of Delegates, Philadelphia, PA, May 14-15, 2010.
- c. Maura Underwood – AP Music Theory Summer Institute, Manhattan College, August 2-6, 2010.
- d. Jeff Cienik – NATA National Symposium, Philadelphia, PA, June 21-26, 2010.
- e. Andi Lee-Marnicio, Cleaning Science and Sustainability Spring Seminar, Pittsburgh, PA, May 14, 2010.

**Roll Call Vote: 9– Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Barb Brown commented on the procedure of public comment, cafeteria service, and budget cuts. JaneAnn Fucci commented on PSERS (not just for teachers) and the impact of cutting programs.

Meeting adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel matters at 11:10 P.M.

Executive session adjourned at 12:30 A.M.

Next Meeting—May 20, 2010

Submitted by Dr. Michelle Miller