

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS WORK SESSION
Blackhawk High School Library
June 11, 2009**

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

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

Mr. Barsottini	Mr. Klein	Dr. Miller	Visitors - 30
Mr. Caputo	Mrs. Lambert	Mr. Brandenburg	
Mr. Emge	Mr. Oswald	Mr. Young	
Mr. Gabauer	Dr. Kasunich		

Mr. Fitzgerald and Mrs. Wagoner were absent.

Motion (Mrs. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Barsottini) to approve the minutes of the meeting on May 21, 2009

Roll Call Vote: 7 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS – Debbie Lambert

Highland Students of the Week: students have been selected at Highland Middle School as Students-of-the-Week, based on attitude, performance and desire. These students are:

<u>WEEK OF</u>	<u>6TH GRADE</u>	<u>7TH GRADE</u>
May 4, 2009	Travis Crognale Natalie Gratteri Kylie McClusker David Sherrill	Jake Braddock Melissa Sen Brianna Zagorski
May 11, 2009	Jacob Fox Jenna Hrenko Cheyanne Koch Danielle Tate	Brittney Cruise Jessica Cruise Marcus Kalcevic Gage Shadley Sarah Winters
May 18, 2009	Brittany Caldwell Ian Hartwell Amy Lemley Jensen Turkovich	Audrey Engle Jenna Latsko Daniel Levine Alexa Logan Savanna Whalen
May 25, 2009	Malique Anderson	Megan Davis

**Vicente Saldivar
Brittany See**

**Jacob Emge
Jared Holst
Rebecca Lasko
Jennifer Petrun
Natalie Rankin
Alexis Saunders**

Nancy Bowman, Highland Middle School principal presented plaques to David Florentine and Denise Zachewicz in honor of their retirement.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Jake Barsottini

Motion (Mr. Barsottini, seconded by Mr. Oswald) for medical insurance in 2009-2010 proposed by the Jack Bonus Agency.

Roll Call Vote: 7– Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Barsottini, seconded by Mr. Oswald) for commercial insurance in 2009-2010 proposed by the Jack Bonus Agency.

Roll Call Vote: 7– Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Barsottini, seconded by Mrs. Lambert) for a three year contract with Cottrill, Arbutina and Associates for the Financial Audit and Single Audit. The cost per year is 2008-2009: \$20,000, 2009-2010: \$21,000, and 2010-2011: \$22,045.

Roll Call Vote: 7– Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – Kevin Klein

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Barsottini) to approve the contract with Korin H. McMillen, psychologist for the 2009-2010 school year.

Roll Call Vote: 7– Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Oswald) to employ Andy Large, current head custodian at Patterson Primary School, as head custodian at Northwestern Primary School, effective August 24, 2009, at an hourly rate of \$20.77.

Roll Call Vote: 7– Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Barsottini) to employ G. Michael Arbogast, 153 Allen Street, Beaver Falls, PA 15010, for the science position at Blackhawk High School for the 2009-2010 school year. His salary will be \$57,000, Step 8 Masters +30.

Roll Call Vote: 7– Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Emge) to employ Ken Moser, 29 Sunset Court, Cranberry Township, PA 16066, for the English position at Blackhawk High School for the 2009-2010 school year. His salary will be \$36,900, Step 1 Masters +30.

Roll Call Vote: 7– Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Barsottini) to employ Lauren Bartoe, 36 Saint Andrews Drive, Beaver Falls, PA 15010, for the English position at Blackhawk High School for the 2009-

2010 school year. Her salary will be \$34,500, Step 1 Bachelors.

Roll Call Vote: 7– Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Emge) to employ Alexandria Duhan, 275 Braden School Road, Beaver Falls, PA 15010, for the English position at Blackhawk High School for the 2009-2010 school year. Her salary will be \$40,400, Step 2 Masters +30.

Roll Call Vote: 7– Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Oswald) to employ Ashley Hartman, 321 Old Cumberland Pike, Garrett, PA 15542, for the physical education position at Blackhawk High School for the 2009-2010 school year. Her salary will be \$34,500, Step 1 Bachelors.

Roll Call Vote: 7– Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Oswald) to employ Ryan Hardesty, 2214 17th Street, Beaver Falls, PA 15010, for the social studies position at Highland Middle School for the 2009-2010 school year. His salary will be \$36,900, Step 1 Masters +30.

Roll Call Vote: 7– Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mrs. Lambert) to employ Jared Slimm, 907 Berkley Manor Drive, Cranberry Township, PA 16066, for the social studies position at Highland Middle School for the 2009-2010 school year. His salary will be \$38,000, Step 2 Bachelors.

Roll Call Vote: 7– Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Barsottini) to employ Philip Mackin, 742 Howard's Loop, Annapolis, MD 21401, for the social studies position at Blackhawk High School for the 2009-2010 school year. His salary will be \$38,000, Step 2 Bachelors.

Roll Call Vote: 7– Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Oswald) to accept the resignation of Eric Brandenburg, Business Manager. His last day will be June 30, 2009.

Roll Call Vote: 7– Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mrs. Lambert) to accept the letter of Sally Thomas, Blackhawk Food Service, rescinding her retirement request that had been approved at the May 14, 2009 board meeting.

Roll Call Vote: 7– Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Barsottini) to approve the maternity leave for Nicole Holiday, math teacher at the high school, for the 1st nine weeks of the 2009-2010 school year.

Roll Call Vote: 7– Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Barsottini) to appoint Michelle Miller as the interims Open Records Officer until a Business Manager is hired.

Roll Call Vote: 7– Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mrs. Lambert) to add the following names (pending receipt of

clearances) to a pool of summer custodians for use as the need may arise due to attrition of current summer staff:

- Jeffrey Campese, 3321 Sixth Avenue, Beaver Falls, PA 15010
- Jeffrey Gallagher, 118 McLanahan Drive, Beaver Falls, PA 15010
- Brandon Steklachick, 159 Oakville Road, Beaver Falls, PA 15010
- Andrew Young, 2305 7th Avenue, Beaver Falls, PA 15010
- Kathi Young, 1349 2nd Street, New Brighton, PA 15066

Roll Call Vote: 7- Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Oswald) to employ Susan Ritter Hullihen, 1427 Nelson Road, Clearfield, PA 16830, for the high school nurse position for the 2009-2010 school year. Her salary will be \$51,480, Step 6 Masters

Roll Call Vote: 7- Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Emge) to employ Bryan Vitali, 1499 Byron Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237 for the men's health and physical education position for 2009-2010 school year. His salary will be \$34,500, Step 1 Bachelors.

Roll Call Vote: 7– Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Rich Oswald

Motion (Mr. Oswald, seconded by Mr. Emge) to approve the following field trips:

- A. BHS Band, BOA Grand Nationals, Indianapolis, IN, November 11 – 15, 2009
- B. BHS District Chorus, Lakeview High School, January 27-29, 2010
- C. BHS Honors Chorus, Westminster College, October 1, 2009
- D. BHS Chorus, Westminster College, November 12 – 14, 2009

Roll Call Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Oswald, seconded by Mr. Barsottini) to accept the updated curriculum for the following: 7th Grade English, 7th grade Reading curriculum, Social Studies, Science, Computer and Technology, Business and Art.

Roll Call Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No; Motion Carried

Motion (Mr. Oswald, seconded by Mr. Klein) for the purchase of textbooks.

Roll Call Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No; Motion Carried

BUILDING AND GROUNDS – Jeff Emge

Motion (Mr. Emge, seconded by Mr. Barsottini) to terminate the middle school addition project.

Roll Call Vote: 6 – Yes (Mr. Barsottini, Mr. Caputo, Mr. Emge, Mr. Gabauer, Mr. Klein, Mr. Oswald); 1 – No (Mrs. Lambert)

BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT – Rich Oswald

Motion (Mr. Oswald, seconded by Mr. Klein) for the following workshops/conferences/seminars:

- A. Nancy Bowman, Carol Sprinker, PAESSP Summer Institute, Creating Learning Communities for Improved Student Achievement, Wyndham Gettysburg Hotel, July 27 – 29, 2009

B. Anita Mensch, AP Biology Summer Institute, Shippensburg University, June 22 – 26, 2009

C. Theresa Adams and Missy Bender, AP Summer Workshop, Rice University, Houston, TX, July 6 – 10, 2009

D. Maureen Welesko, Access PA Database Fall 2009 training, BVIU, September 23, 2009

Roll Call Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No; Motion Carried

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:28 PM to discuss personnel matters with no voting action to be taken.

Eric Brandenburg

Board Secretary