

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS VOTING MEETING  
Blackhawk High School Auditorium  
August 20, 2009**

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

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

<b>Mr. Barsottini</b>	<b>Mr. Emge</b>	<b>Mr. Fitzgerald</b>	<b>Mr. Gabauer</b>
<b>Mr. Oswald</b>	<b>Mrs. Wagoner</b>	<b>Dr. Kasunich</b>	<b>Dr. Miller</b>
<b>Mr. Young</b>			<b>Visitors: 11</b>

**Mr. Caputo, Mr. Klein, and Mrs. Lambert were absent.**

The opening prayer was given by Ryan Gillespie from Evangelical Free Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion (Mr. Oswald, seconded by Mr. Emge) to approve the minutes of the meeting on August 20, 2009 with corrections.

**Roll Call Vote: 6 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr.Emge, seconded by Mr. Barsottini) to accept the resignation of Richard Caputo effective August 1, 2009.

**Roll Call Vote: 6 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Emge, seconded by Mr. Barsottini) to accept the resignation of Kevin Klein effective August 1, 2009.

**Roll Call Vote: 6 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Emge, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald) to appoint Don Inman to the Blackhawk School Board to replace Kevin Klein effective September 1, 2009.

**Roll Call Vote: 6 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Emge, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald) to appoint Chad Calabria to the Blackhawk School Board to replace Richard Caputo effective September 1, 2009.

**Roll Call Vote: 6 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Comment was made by Mr. Chad Calabria regarding payment of bills.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Motion (Mr. Barsottini, seconded by Mr. Emge) for the Student Activity Accounts as submitted.

**Roll Call Vote: 6 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Barsottini, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald) for the Financial Report as submitted.

**Roll Call Vote: 6 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Barsottini, seconded by Mr. Emge) for the Payment of Bills as submitted

**Roll Call Vote: 6 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

## **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Motion (Mr. Barsottini, seconded by Mr. Emge) to accept the resignation of Chelsey Cooper, 3121 37<sup>th</sup> St. Ext. Beaver Falls, PA 15010, Northwestern as a Day to Day substitute.

**Roll Call Vote: 6 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Barsottini, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald) to move the following employees on the salary schedule for the 2009-10 school year:

- Shannan Shiderly – Masters+21
- Darren Fecich – Masters +12
- James Cox – Masters +21
- Heather Ferguson – Masters+21
- Anita Steppe- Masters +12

**Roll Call Vote: 6 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Barsottini, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald) to adjust Ryan Hardesty salary schedule from Masters +45 to Masters.

**Roll Call Vote: 6 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Barsottini, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald) to approve maternity leave for Jodi Borroni, IST Teacher at the Primary buildings, for the second semester of the 2009-2010 school year.

**Roll Call Vote: 6 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Barsottini, seconded by Mr. Emge) to approve the following Day to Day Substitutes:

- a. Alan Davidson, 309 Ridge Rd. Zelienople, PA, Highland
- b. Mark Miller, 3510 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, College Hill, Beaver Falls, PA, BIS

**Roll Call Vote: 6 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Barsottini, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald) to employ Tammy May, 121 Orchard Street, Beaver Falls, PA as a personal care assistant at Northwestern Primary School at a salary of \$7.25 / hour.

**Roll Call Vote: 6 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Barsottini, seconded by Mr.Emge) to employ Nancy Knallay, 129 Joe Hall Road, Beaver Falls, PA as a building paraprofessional at Northwestern Primary School at a salary of \$7.25 / hour.

**Roll Call Vote: 6 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Barsottini, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald) to approve the following substitutes for the 2009-2010 school year:

- a. Amber Anderson, 1004 Locust Drive, Monaca, PA, Emergency
- b. Sharon Bruce, 527 Schiller Street, Baden PA, Emergency
- c. Nicholas Celinscak, 3M Street, Beaver, PA, Emergency
- d. Michael Dengle, 159 Saratoga Drive, Clinton, PA, Emergency
- e. Elaine Dillon, 209 Chapel Drive, Ellwood city, PA, Emergency
- f. Myra Emge, 140 Pinebrook Drive, Beaver Falls, PA, Emergency
- g. Robert Estermyer, 1414 Blackhawk Road, Darlington, PA Emergency
- h. Wendy Fry, 400 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Patterson Heights, Beaver Falls, PA, Emergency
- i. Jamie Frye, 101 Brush Creek Road, Beaver Falls, PA, Emergency
- j. Katherine Horstman, 1410 Corporation Street, Beaver, PA, Emergency
- k. Dorothy Jones, 105 Braden School Road, Beaver Falls, PA, Emergency
- l. Renee Latsko, 122 Thorndale Drive, Beaver Falls, PA, Emergency
- m. Lisa Lipp, 800 Fern Avenue, Beaver Falls, PA, Emergency
- n. Carly McCracken, 508 33<sup>rd</sup> Street Apt 2, Beaver Falls, PA, Emergency
- o. Bernadette McKean, 158 Bradford Road, Darlington, PA, Emergency
- p. Julie Peck, 181 Oakville, Road, Beaver Falls, PA, Emergency
- q. Andrea Piccione, 159 Meadow Drive, Beaver Falls, PA, Emergency
- r. Dawn Thayer, 154 Walnut Ridge Drive, Beaver Falls, PA, Emergency
- s. Cynthia Turconi, 150 Meadow Drive, Beaver Falls, PA, Emergency
- t. Tracey Turkovich, 898 Nimick Avenue, Monaca, PA Emergency
- u. Nancy Veon, 169 Thompson Road Ext, Beaver Falls, PA, Emergency
- v. Mark Walaan, P.O. Box 177, Ohio Ave., Industry, PA, Emergency
- w. Beth Wulf, 200 18<sup>th</sup> Ave, Beaver Falls, PA, Emergency
- x. Helen Ann DeSimone, P.O. Box 893, Beaver Falls, PA, Emergency
- y. Jamison Dickson, 809 Gilmore Road, Enon Valley, PA, Emergency
- z. William Hazy, 511 Bank Street, Beaver, PA, Emergency
- aa. Kristy Huntsman, 1403 Penn Avenue, New Brighton, PA, Emergency
- bb. Krista Mendicino, 408 W. Madison Ave, New castle, PA, Emergency
- cc. Monica Ruckert, 108 Meadow Drive, Beaver Falls, PA, Emergency
- dd. Christine Kahler, 143 Mary Reed Road, Baden, Emergency
- ee. Karisa Hullihen, 2703 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Beaver Falls, PA, Elementary
- ff. Matthew Zahn, 5416 Martin Street, Aliquippa, PA, Music
- gg. Robin Marsilio, 124 Curtis Dr, Beaver Falls, PA, Special Education and Elementary

**Roll Call Vote: 6 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Barsottini, seconded by Mr. Emge) to appoint Steve Atwater, 226 McMillen Avenue, Beaver Falls, PA, as a volunteer Cross Country coach, pending clearances.

**Roll Call Vote: 6 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Barsottini, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald) to appoint Ashley Boyer as a volunteer Football Coach.

**Roll Call Vote: 6 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Barsottini, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald) to accept the resignation of Julie Duvall, Highland Middle School Librarian.

**Roll Call Vote: 6 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Barsottini, seconded by Mr. Emge) to employ Katherine Kaercher, P.O. Box 409, Darlington, PA as an Assistant Coach for Girl’s Middle School Soccer Team at a salary of \$1356.08, pending clearances.

**Roll Call Vote: 6 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Motion (Mr. Fitzgerald, seconded by Mr. Emge) to approve is recommended for the following field trips:

- A. Fifth grade – Camp Kon-O-Kwee, April 26 – 30, 2010

**Roll Call Vote: 6 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Dr. Miller presented a summary of the May 2009 Stakeholders’ Survey.

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

Motion (Mr. Emge, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald) to dispose of the unused/unwanted supplies and equipment.

**Roll Call Vote: 6 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Emge, seconded by Mr. Barsottini) to engage Cottrill, Arbutina & Associates for purpose of auditing specific Burt Hill invoices relating to Middle School addition building project.

**Roll Call Vote: 6 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

### **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Motion (Mrs. Wagoner, seconded by Mr. Barsottini) to approve is the list of 2009-10 bus drivers as submitted.

**Roll Call Vote: 6 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mrs. Wagoner, seconded by Mr. Emge) to approve the bus schedules as submitted.

Bus schedules will be available at the schools in the district, on the district website, churches and the following businesses: Blackhawk Specialty Foods, One-Stop Shopper, Giant Eagle, Co-Go’s, Wal-Mart and Weaver’s Market.

**Roll Call Vote: 6 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

**FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE**

Motion (Mr. Emge, seconded by Mr. Barsottini) to purchase a Pressure Steamer from Tri-State Equipment at a cost of \$51,597.50. This unit will replace the existing unit at the high school, which cannot be repaired.

**Roll Call Vote: 6 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

**VO-TECHNICAL SCHOOL and INTERMEDIATE UNIT**

Mr. Fitzgerald reported that the Intermediate Unit and Vo-Tech School Boards were off during the month of July. The Boards will begin to meet again in August.

**PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Barsottini reported that there is little work done in the legislative area due to the work on the state budget. He cautioned the public and the Board regarding the impact of the state requiring the school district to join the State Health Care system.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Comments were made by:

Mrs. Perry requested more information regarding state health care.

Mr. Calabria requested a summary statement regarding the impact of health care that is understandable for the public.

Mrs. Burger questioned when the health issue would be voted on.

Mr. Oswald asked about Swine Flu and if the district was prepared for an outbreak. Dr. Miller responded that the district has guidelines for a Pandemic Flu that will be used if needed.

Dr. Kasunich introduced Vince Belczyk as the new Business Manager.

Mrs. Dillan asked if we were progressing on identifying a varsity swim coach. Dr. Kasunich responded that the district would be recommending a candidate in September.

The next scheduled School Board of Directors meeting will be on September 10, 2009 at 7:30 in the High School Library.

**The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:12 PM. Mr. Oswald announced that the Board would not reconvene after the Executive Session.**

**The Executive Session was adjourned at 8:50 PM.**

**Dr. Michelle Miller  
Interim Board Secretary**