

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS WORK / VOTING SESSION  
Highland Middle School LGI Room  
November 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 Prayer, Pastor Scott Graham, Chippewa Evangelical Presbyterian Church
- \*1.6 Approval of minutes from October 16, 2014.

**2. PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Dean Fleischman, Chairperson**

- 2.1 Blackhawk High School Band finished first in Class A bands at Pennsylvania Interscholastic Marching Band Association November 1 at Penn-Trafford Stadium. This completes an undefeated season for the Cougar Marching Band. The band has finished first or second place every competition except one since 2004. Beaver County Band will perform November 6 at Hopewell High School Auditorium starting at 7pm for a FREE concert. Blackhawk will be proudly represented by the following musicians from the high school and middle school:
  - a. Patty Brown
  - b. Morgan McCann
  - c. Stephanie Dessler

- d. Jack Whalen
  - e. Adam Kantz
  - f. Haley Brightwell
  - g. Noah Schiemer
  - h. Emily Stormfels
  - i. Ben Starkey
  - j. Gabriel Schiemer
  - k. Autumn Schiemer
- 2.2 Seven members of the Blackhawk Concert Choir were selected to participate in the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra Student Chorale for the symphony’s concert “Heroes and Villains” during the weekend of October 17. These students attended 8 rehearsals in Pittsburgh and performed three concerts with the Symphony: Ethan Kron, Jared Stonefield, Louis D’Amico, Logan Steel, Noelle Marousis, Becca Beaumont, and Kacie Rumbaugh.
- 2.3 Blackhawk Football Mothers presented Coaches vs. Cancer fundraising initiative a check in the amount of \$1,957 as a result of their “Pink-Out” game. The collection at half-time by Blackhawk Cheerleaders yielded \$328 for a grand total of \$2,285.
- 2.4 Congratulations to Jack Masterson, third grade student, for winning a Silver Medal for soccer skills at the Special Olympics in Harrisburg.
- 2.5 This fall the students and faculty of Blackhawk High School have come together to create something special. They worked together to create the first ever Blackhawk Lip Dub! The lip dub represents over 50 different student groups and goes along with the school-wide anti-bullying program. It helped build unity and school spirit. To advertise and increase enthusiasm for the lip dub, the faculty and students faced off in Lip Dub Battles Jimmy Fallon style. The battles were viewed during homerooms and then students voted for their favorite by making donations. All money raised from the battles went to support Jeff Zubroski as he battles Leukemia.

Blackhawk High School Video

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

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

- 3.1 Informational Item: Audit Presentation by Joel Martin, Cottrill, Arbutina & Associates.
- \*3.2 Approval is recommended to accept the Financial Report for October. (Exhibit)
- \*3.3 The Committee is recommending approval for the payment of bills. (Exhibit)

- a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$628,002.27
  - b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund: \$29,953.39
  - c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund:\$0
  - d. Fund 66 – UPMC Health Fund: \$1,148.00
  - e. Fund 67 – UPMC Dental: \$5,837.20
  - f. Fund 68 – UPMC Vision: \$3,190.00
- Payroll: October \$674,951.47
- 3.4 Informational Item: Monthly Insurance Report for October. (Exhibit)
- \*3.5 Approval is recommended to authorize payment to VEBH for basic completion in the amount of \$6,587.28. (Exhibit)
- \*3.6 Approval is recommended to authorize payment to VEBH for additional services as explained in invoice in the amount of \$23, 366.11. (Exhibit)
- \*3.7 Approval is recommend to waive all unpaid taxes on parcel 19-001-1704.996 which is currently on the Repository of Unsold Properties for Beaver County. Total school tax owed, \$1,358.43. (Exhibit)
- \*3.8 Approval is recommended to place an assigned portion of the General Fund Fund Balance \$545,798 for salary increases for 173 teachers under the revoked collective bargaining agreement (\$449,203), 6% annual interest (\$26,964), One half social security Medicare (\$18,459) and one half retirement (\$50,971) on the increase.
- \*3.9 Approval is recommended to contract with \_\_ to provide substitute teachers for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year and the 2015-2016 school year. (Exhibit)

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

- \*4.1 Approval is recommended to grant Megan Anderson time off using sick leave beginning on or about January 24, 2015 until on or about March 9, 2015.
- \*4.2 Approval is recommended for the following teacher substitutes for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year:
- a. Arleen Ojeda
  - b. Kimberly Williams
  - c. Elizabeth Booze
  - d. Lisa Matkan
  - e. Angela Manjerovic
  - f. Mark Vogt
- \*4.3 Approval is recommended to employ JoyLyn Moore as cafeteria monitor at Northwestern Primary School at a rate of \$7.25per hour, 2 hours per day, approximately \$2,610 per year, pending clearances.

- \*4.4 Approval is recommended to accept the retirement of Sue Lukacs, Food Service Supervisor effective June 30, 2015 per her retirement proposal.
- \*4.5 Approval is recommended to employ Tara Jones as District Office Confidential Secretary Data Coordinator at a salary of \$35,000 per year plus benefits (approximately \$23,905) effective December 1, 2014.
- \*4.6 Approval is recommended to employ Becky Gratteri as cafeteria monitor at Blackhawk Intermediate School at a rate of \$7.25 per hour, 2 hours per day, approximately \$2,610 per year.
- \*4.7 Approval is recommended for Ashley Boyers to assume the role of Acting Assistant Principal for Blackhawk High School at a rate of \$60 per work day in addition to the regular teaching salary.
- \*4.8 Approval is recommended to accept the resignation of Brenden Griffey, Blackhawk Intermediate School Paraprofessional, effective November 21, 2014.
- \*4.9 Approval is recommended to employ Kim Bonazza as Highland Middle School Paraprofessional at a rate of \$9.36 per hour, plus benefits (approximately \$18,000) effective immediately.
- \*4.10 Approval is recommended to employ Sally Diehl as Blackhawk High School Secretary at a salary of 33,529.32 plus benefits (approximately \$23,637) effective December 1, 2014.

## **5. EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**Kathy Helsing, Ken Yonkee, Co-Chairpersons**

- \*5.1 Approval is recommended for the following field trips: (Exhibit)
  - a. Gifted (25), Jeff Tripodi, Presidents Competition, Geneva College, February 17, 2015 (\$100 expenses budgeted).
  - b. Concert Choir (45), Maura Underwood, Holiday Performance Tour, Pittsburgh and Old Economy Village, December 13, 2014 (\$300 expenses budgeted and collected from students).
  - c. Expressions (30), Jayne McDonald, Expressions Performance, Shadow Lakes and St. Francis Cabrini, December 10, and 12, 2014 (\$300 expenses budgeted).
  - d. PRIDE (20), Dianne Sarver, Tracy Yowler, Andy Yuhaniak, Sims Lanes, Beaver Falls, December 5, 2014 (\$129 expenses budgeted).
  - e. Art Club (30), Ashley Biega, Laura Kahler, Mattress Factory and Warhol Museums, Pittsburgh, November 21, 2014 (\$760 expenses budgeted and collected from students).
  - f. Seventh and Eighth Grade (30), Sarah Shuleski, YSU English Festival, Youngstown State, April 23, 2015 (\$150 expenses budgeted and collected from students – book cost covered by Blackhawk Foundation Grant).

- f. FFA (30), Lyndsay Wilcox, PA Farm Show and FFA Midwinter Convention, Harrisburg, January 12-14, 2015 (\$2,700 expenses budgeted, hotel/meal expense collected from students).
- \*5.2 Approval is recommended for the following student teacher:
  - a. Sara Ormsby (Geneva College) to teach with Christy Desselle, Speech.
- \*5.3 Approval is recommended to contract with Head Start to use one classroom and other specified rooms according to the agreement at Blackhawk Intermediate School beginning on August 1, 2014 and ending on May 31, 2015 at a sum of \$1,000 per month. (Exhibit)
- \*5.4 Approval is recommended for the following members of the Blackhawk Agriculture Occupational Advisory Committee (OAC) and the presented agenda. (Exhibit)
  - a. Bonnie Goehring
  - b. Tim Haffey
  - c. Laura Pyle
  - d. Becky Saymansky
  - e. Tim Linkenheimer
  - f. Dale Moll
  - g. Scott Nelson
  - h. Anita Mensch
  - i. Andy Yuhaniak
  - j. Lydsay Wilcox
- \*5.5 Approval is recommended to contract with CCBC for the “College In High School Program”. (Exhibit)
- \*5.6 Approval is recommended to collaborate and partner with Private Industry Council to operate a Grant funded PreK Counts classroom at Blackhawk Intermediate School, beginning during the 2014-15 School Year. Included in the Grant is use of one classroom at the sum of \$1,000 per month. (Exhibit)

**6. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE**  
**Perry Pander, Chairperson**

No Report

**7. ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**  
**Dean Fleischman, Chairperson**

- 7.1 Congratulations to Courtney Vannoy, girls’ golf, girls’ basketball and girls’ softball, who was selected as the recipient of KDKA TV’s Extra Effort Award. She

was honored for her accomplishments in athletics and academics at a pep assembly on October 23.

- 7.2 Congratulations to Ryan Ricciardi, girls' varsity soccer head coach, who was selected as Coach of the Year for WPIAL, Class AA, Section 3.
- 7.3 Congratulations to Zachary Medarac and Stephen Sharik who were named to the Section 4-AA All-Section Team for boys' soccer.
- 7.4 Congratulations to Stephen Sharik who was named as the Section 4-AA MVP.
- 7.5 Congratulations to Noah Ross who qualified for the PIAA State Cross Country Championships in Hershey and placed 96<sup>th</sup> out of 225 runners.
- \*7.6 Approval is recommended for the athletic activity accounts as submitted. (Exhibit)
- \*7.7 Approval is recommended to appoint Josh Bears as the boys varsity basketball head coach for the 2014-15 school year at a salary of \$8,040.96 for the first year. This will be a three year contract.
- \*7.8 Approval is recommended to accept the resignation of Tom Marsilio, boys' varsity assistant football coach.
- \*7.9 Approval is recommended to accept the resignation of Joseph Fabri, boys' middle school soccer head coach.
- \*7.10 Approval is recommended for permission for Blackhawk Foundation to pursue a Donkey Basketball fundraiser utilizing the Blackhawk High School Gymnasium. Date to be determined on gym availability.

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

- 8.1 Informational Item: Report by Dr. Kerber

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

No Report

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

- \*10.1 Approval is recommended to solicit proposals for District wide food service management services for the July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 school year with up to 4

one year renewals by mutual agreement. Contract award is expected to be made at the January 2015 board meeting. (Exhibit)

**11. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE**

**Lance Rose, Chairperson**

No Report

**12. POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Ken Yonkee, Chairperson**

No Report

**13. BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT**

**Tory Aquino, Chairperson**

- \*13.1 Approval is recommended for the following conferences: (Exhibit)
- a. Anna Provo, Percussive Arts Society International Convention, Indianapolis, November 19, 2014, (Substitute expense only).
  - b. Bob Amalia, Lou Wolver, Joe Basile, Scott McGee, Pennsylvania Baseball Coaches Clinic, Pittsburgh, January 9-10, 2015 (\$640 expenses budgeted).

**14. VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL**

**Melanie Kerber, Chairperson**

- 14.1 Informational Item: Administrative Summary

**15. PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**Dean Fleischman, Chairperson**

No Report

**16. BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**TBD, Chairperson**

No Report

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

- A. Visitors
- B. Administration
- C. Solicitor
- D. School Directors
- E. Next Meeting (Reorganization Meeting) —December 2, 2014, Highland Middle School LGI room, 7:30PM.
- F. Adjournment
- G. Executive Session, if needed.