

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' VOTING MEETING
Blackhawk's High School Library
October 17, 2013**

MEETING MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Mr. Richard Oswald, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:49PM. and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was answered by seven members. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Calabria	Mr. Clendennen	Mr. Fleischman	Mr. Fitzgerald
Mr. May	Mr. Oswald	Dr. Rose	

Absent was:

Mr. Heckathorn	Mr. Inman
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Also attending were:

Dr. Miller- Superintendent	Mr. Salopek- Solicitor	Mr. Wessel- Board Secretary
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Mr. Oswald read the videotaping policy information.

The invocation was given by Pastor Paul Poole from the First Assembly of God.

Mr. Oswald moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to move the December reorganization meeting from December 5 to December 3, 2013

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Fleischman commended on behalf of the Board the volunteers from Pathways Church who helped clean and organize the greenhouse and who planted fall mums on the High School grounds on September 28, 2013. Dr. Rose also thanked Dr. Miller, who worked with Pathways on that project.

Mr. Fleischman extended the Board's gratitude to BCCI for their contributions to Blackhawk youth sports organizations, the Quarterback Club and the Football mothers as well as to the District for stadium improvements.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Oswald asked if there were any public comments on agenda items or other matters.

Student Matt Young commented on the discussion concerning the change order for a switch in the Middle School LGI which occurred at the previous meeting.

Mr. Rich Sabona discussed the lights for the tennis courts being on at night, the possibility of selling ads on the District web site and the status of monitoring for air quality at Northwestern Primary School.

Mrs. Melissa Tweed discussed the curriculum.

Mr. Perry Pander discussed the change order for a switch in the Middle School LGI.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dr. Rose moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to accept the Financial Report for the month of September as submitted.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Dr. Rose moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to approve bills for September from the various Funds as submitted.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

The Board was directed by Dr. Rose to the exhibits within their packets for the September Monthly Insurance Reports.

Dr. Rose moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to exonerate the South Beaver Volunteer Fire Department 2011 real estate taxes for parcel # 77-121-0135-000-01-1 located at 717 State Route 168, a fiscal impact of approximately \$4,000.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Josephine Gustavsen, High School German teacher, effective date to be determined.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to employ Charles Bauer as High School German teacher at a prorated annual salary of \$47,845, Step 19, Masters with an effective date to be determined.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to offer Jack Fullen, Blackhawk Athletic Director, a contract from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2018. A discussion followed. Mr. Fitzgerald moved to table the motion and Mr. Fleischman seconded the motion to table. Additional discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes; 2 No (Mr. Calabria, Mr. Clendennen) – Motion to Table Carried

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to appoint Karoline Smith as the Musical Director.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to grant Karen Fritzley, Northwestern nurse, one week off in December without compensation.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to approve the following substitutes for the 2013-2014 school year:

- a. Jacquelynn Johnston
- b. Elizabeth Flick (cafeteria)

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mr. May moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to appoint the following community members to the Comprehensive Plan's Professional Educators Plan as required by PDE:

- a. Alan Andracik, business owner
- b. Kim Baker, parent
- c. Clint Berchtold, community member
- d. Christina Ford, parent
- e. Mark Papa, business owner
- f. Mark Taylor, community member

A discussion followed and "Pending acceptance" was added to the motion as was line "g. Melissa Tweed, parent."

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mrs. Nancy Bowman, Curriculum Director, presented an Educational Update on PA Profile, Chapter 4 changes and Student Achievement and fielded questions.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/ REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to authorize a Change Order to Allegheny City Electric, Inc. to provide a video switcher for the projection system in the LGI for an additional cost of \$2,815.20. A discussion followed. Dr. Rose moved to table and Mr. Fleischman seconded.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes; 1 No (Mr. Clendennen) – Motion to Table Carried

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Mr. Calabria congratulated on behalf of the Board the Men's Golf Team who placed second in the MAC golf championship out of 27 teams. They finished as section co-champs for the 5th straight year and qualified for the WPIAL team playoffs.

Mr. Calabria congratulated on behalf of the Board Bryce Egger who qualified for the WPIAL AAA golf championships.

Mr. Calabria congratulated on behalf of the Board the Girl's Golf Team who placed third in the MAC golf championships.

Mr. Calabria congratulated on behalf of the Board Kate Fierens and Alayna Turconi who qualified for the WPIAL AA Doubles Tennis Championship.

Mr. Calabria congratulated on behalf of the Board the Men's Soccer Team who qualified for the WPIAL playoffs and who play next Monday against Indiana.

Mr. Calabria congratulated on behalf of the Board the Girl's Tennis Team who qualified for the WPIAL AA team championships.

Mr. Calabria moved and Dr. Rose seconded a motion to accept the winter sports schedule as presented.

Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried (Mr. May absent from the room)

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to allow solicitation of bids for athletic equipment and supplies for the 2014/ 2015 school year.

Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried (Mr. May absent from the room)

Mr. Calabria congratulated on behalf of the Board the following golfer who placed in the MAC Golf Championships:

- a. Hunter Hage – 4th place
- b. Nick Leiper – 6th place
- c. Bryce Egger – 7th place

Mr. Calabria congratulated on behalf of the Board the Men's Soccer Team who won the section championship for the third consecutive year.

Mr. Calabria congratulated on behalf of the Board the Woman's Volleyball Team who qualified for the WPIAL playoffs.

Mr. Calabria congratulated on behalf of the Board Nick Leiper who was selected to attend a National Golf Tournament in California.

ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE

No report.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No report.

FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

No report.

(Note: Mr. May returned at this time 10:00 PM.)

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to accept a Memorandum of Understanding regarding a retiree and health care. A discussion followed.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

POLICY COMMITTEE

Dr. Rose announced that he would welcome any input on an anti-nepotism policy.

BOARD/ STAFF ENRICHMENT

No report.

INTERMEDIATE UNIT

Mr. Fitzgerald pointed Board members to the BVIU web site for the latest data on County schools' salaries and attendance and he quoted some of the data provided by the BVIU.

VOCATIONAL- TECHNICAL SCHOOL

No report.

PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

No report.

BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

No report.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Visitors: Mrs. Barb Brown requested and was given the fund balances for the Health, Dental and Vision Funds.

Mrs. Melissa Tweed discussed school performance data.

Matt Young discussed the prior meetings discussion on the switch for the Middle School LGI and requested an apology for comments made at the previous meeting.

Dr. Rose moved and Mr. Fleischman seconded motion to say that "Blackhawk Board of School Directors does not in any way validate or affirm any individual comments made or suggested by any staff, administration, or members of the Board of School Directors which could be interpreted to challenge or in any way minimize Mr. Matt Young's certifications, his qualifications or his level of expertise". A discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes; 1 No (Mr. May); 2 Abstentions (Mr. Calabria, Mr. Fitzgerald) – Motion Carried

School Directors: Mr. Fitzgerald discussed cyber schools and the funding stream.

Mr. Fleischman talked about the switch for the Middle School LGI, videotaping meetings and having Tom Durkin from VEBH attend the next meeting.

Administration: Dr. Miller reported that she attended part of the PSBA conference and that the architects, VEBH, featured the Middle School in their advertising; that she sent updated enrollment data to Board members; that she sent the Beaver County schools' rankings to Board members; and, that data teams in each school received training this week on PVAAS which is part of the PA Profile.

Next Meeting: Mr. Oswald announced that the next scheduled meeting is November 14, 2013 in the Blackhawk High School Library at 7:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 PM.

Submitted by Jerry Wessel
Board Secretary