

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS WORK / VOTING SESSION
Highland Middle School LGI Room
October 16, 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 Kimberley Small, First Assembly of God
- *1.6 Approval of minutes from September 18, 2014.

2. PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Dean Fleischman, Chairperson

Performance by Patterson Primary School Students

- 2.1 Men's' JV & Varsity soccer teams hosted an event to raise money for the fight against pediatric cancer before their October 7th game against Ambridge. T-shirts were sold along with "name your own ticket price" for the entrance to the game. All proceeds were donated. Thank you to all who helped organize, promote and participated in this event.
- 2.2 Commendations for Blackhawk and Highland Middle School! Highland is being considered for recognition as a part of this year's Design Pittsburgh 2014 events.

There is also an on-line vote being conducted for a People's Choice Award on the Districts website.

- 2.3 Congratulations to Blackhawk Intermediate student, Mariah Aquino, daughter of Board Member Tory Aquino. She was one of 50 western Pennsylvania volunteers honored with a Jefferson Award for her efforts in raising arthritis awareness and funds to fight for a cure.
- 2.4 Teachers and administrators representing 13 school districts including Blackhawk met on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at Carnegie Science Center to embark on the Carnegie STEM Excellence Pathway to begin the process of improving their education practices in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). During the daylong session, they used the Pathway's rubric to assess their own school's or district's, current performance in six areas: teacher qualifications, curriculum, instructional practices, assessment and demonstration of skills, family engagement, and real-world connections. After self-assessment on each criterion, participants selected up to three areas to prioritize and then worked on a timeline and an action plan to address those goals. Through periodic reassessment and repetition of this process, schools and districts can progress to higher levels of STEM education excellence. This cycle is beneficial to all regardless of their current STEM offerings.
- 2.5 Medal Winner Jack Masterson, 3rd grader at BIS received a Gold medal in Special Olympics Soccer Skills, held at Slippery Rock on Sunday. Jack was supported by his parents and teacher Dianne Sarver at the games. Congratulations Jack!
- 2.6 KDKA High Q Congratulations to Blackhawk High School seniors Victoria Wegman, Madeline Portzline and Ethan Frederick who competed October 4 on Hometown High Q at KDKA's Pittsburgh studios. They did a terrific job with only nine days to prepare with their teacher and coach Mr. Jeff Tripodi. Cory Steinle and Noelle Hughes attended as alternates. The program will be broadcast on Saturday morning, November 22, 2014.

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

3. FINANCE COMMITTEE
Ken Yonkee, Chairperson

- *3.1 Approval is recommended to accept the Financial Report for September.
- *3.2 The Committee is recommending approval for the payment of bills.
 - a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$510,586.11
 - b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund: \$0
 - c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$ 73,549.11
 - d. Fund 66 – UPMC Health Fund: \$870.00

- e. Fund 67 – UPMC Dental: \$11,314.15
- f. Fund 68 – UPMC Vision: \$2,357.00
- Payroll: September \$680,461.91

- 3.3 Informational Item: Monthly Insurance Report for September. (Exhibit)
- *3.4 Approval is recommended to contract with Debra Kriete, Esq. to provide E-rate consulting services for fiscal year 2015 at a cost of \$4,000. (Exhibit)
- 3.5 Informational Item: Receipt of report from the Reschini Group concerning the Health Fund balance as previously approved by the Board at a cost of \$5,000. (Exhibit)
- *3.6 Approval is recommended for the use of Andrews and Price to file an appeal for the District regarding the School-Based Medical Access Program at a cost of \$140 per hour, with the time needed expected to be an hour or less. (Exhibit)

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

- *4.1 Approval is recommended to accept the resignation of Richard Oswald, Board Member District 2, effective immediately.
- *4.2 Approval is recommended to appoint Missy Kaszer as member of the Board of Directors to fulfill the position of Richard Oswald, term ending 2015.
- *4.3 Approval is recommended employ Pamela Smith as nurse paraprofessional at Blackhawk Intermediate School beginning October 20, 2014 pending clearances. (approximately \$20,810 per year)
- *4.4 Approval is recommended to accept the resignation of Andy Hedrick, High School Assistant Principal.
- *4.5 Approval is recommended to accept the resignation of Jennifer Morgan, Highland Middle School Paraprofessional, effective immediately.
- *4.6 Approval is recommended for Jim Lokey as Head Custodian at Blackhawk Intermediate School at a rate of \$21.14 per hour plus the building Head Custodian stipend of \$.81per hour effective October 27, 2014.

5. EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Kathy Helsing, Ken Yonkee, Co-Chairpersons

- *5.1 Approval is recommended for the following field trips:
 - a. AP English 12 (30), Jarrod McCowin, Pitt CHS Debate Forum, North Allegheny High School, May (TBD), 2014 (expenses budgeted).

- b. Choir/Academy Students (7), Maura Underwood, PMEA District 5 Chorus, Greenville High School, January 21-24, 2015 (expenses budgeted).
- c. Choir/Academy Students (7), Maura Underwood, PMEA Region 1 Chorus, location TBD, February 26-28, 2015 (expenses budgeted).
- d. Mock Trial(20), Jeff Tripodi, University of Pittsburgh High School Mock Trial Tournament, University of Pittsburgh, January 3-4, 2015 (expenses budgeted and collected from students).
- e. Gifted (25), Jeff Tripodi, World Events Competition, Ambridge High School, January 22, 2015, (expenses budgeted).
- f. Gifted (25), Jeff Tripodi, Academic Games National Competition, Kissimmee, FL, April 23-29, 2015 (expenses budgeted and collected from students).
- g. Gifted (20), Jeff Tripodi, Linguistik Competition, Center Stage, March 2, 2015 (expenses budgeted).
- h. Expressions (35), Jayne McDonald, Expressions Program, various dates and local locations in December (expenses are budgeted).
- i. Accounting 1 (19), Kelli Ambler, Accounting Career Day, Duquesne University, November 14, 2014 (expenses budgeted).
- j. BHS Concert Choir (46), Maura Underwood, High Note Festival, Hershey Park, May 15,16, 2015 (expenses budgeted and collected from students).
- k. TSA (55), Tim Linkenheimer, PA TSA State Conference, Seven Springs, April 15-18, 2015 (expenses budgeted and collected from student and outside sources).
- l. TSA (8), Tim Linkenheimer, Robocup Competition, Ambridge, April 9, 2015 (expenses budgeted and collected from students).
- m. TSA (16), Tim Linkenheimer, TSA TEAMS Competition, BVIU, February 11(HMS) & 12(BHS), 2015 (expenses budgeted).
- n. TSA (40), Tim Linkenheimer, PA TSA Region 1 & 6 Conference, Pittsburgh Technical Institute, January 14(HMS) & 15(BHS), 2015 (expenses budgeted).
- o. TSA (8), Tim Linkenheimer, Lego Mindstorm Exhibition, BVIU, December 5, 2014 (expenses budgeted and collected from students).
- p. TSA & Gifted (6), Tim Linkenheimer, Invention Convention, Beaver Falls, May 12, 2015 (expenses budgeted).
- q. English Club (30), Anita Steppe, "Othello", Pittsburgh, April 22, 2015 (expenses budgeted).
- r. Journalism Class (20), Joy Winters, Point Park Media Day, Pittsburgh, November 14, 2014 (expenses budgeted).
- s. Student Historians (110), Rich Oswald, Moundsville Prison, Moundsville WV, November 6, 2014 (expenses collected from students).
- t. Eighth Grade student (1), George Hoydich, Veteran's Day Program at BIS, November 14, 2014 (no expense).
- u. Members of Seventh and Eighth grade Chorus (8), Jayne McDonald, Western Beaver School District, January 17, 2015 (expenses budgeted).
- v. Special Education (20), Mariah Brown, National Disability Mentoring Day, Xerox Corporation, October 15, 2014 (expenses collected from other).
- w. AP Chemistry/Lab Chemistry (36), Kim Baker, 27th Annual Faraday Lecture, Oakland, November 18, 2014 (expenses budgeted).

- x. Northwestern Second Grade (120), Jodi Borroni, Marburger Dairy, Evans City, October 30, 2014 (funded through Blackhawk Foundation).
 - y. Eighth Grade (170), Kelley Engle, Penn State Beaver Orientation for 8th Grade Students, Penn State Beaver, November 20, 2014.
 - z. Journalism (40), Joy Winters, Washington D.C. Trip, November 6, 2014 (expenses collected from student).
 - aa. HMS and BHS Band members (14), County Band, George Hoydich, Dave Zaccari, Hopewell School District, November 5 and 6, 2014 (expenses budgeted).
 - bb. Music Academy Band, Dave Zaccari, Westminster College, November 18, 2015 (expenses budgeted).
- *5.2 Approval is recommended for homebound instruction for two primary students, one beginning October 7, 2014 and returning on October 24, 2014, one for a six week period per physician's order.
- *5.3 Approval is recommended to contract with Western Pennsylvania School for the Blind Children, Outreach Service Program, beginning October 1, 2014 and ending June 5, 2015. (Exhibit)

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

No Report

7. ATHLETICS COMMITTEE
Dean Fleischman, Chairperson

- 7.1 Congratulations to Emily Emge, girls soccer, who was named Beaver County Times Athlete of the Week for the week of September 15.
- *7.2 Approval is recommended to appoint Dylan Huber as a junior high wrestling assistant coach for the 2014/15 school year at a salary of \$1,943.23.
- *7.3 Approval is recommended to appoint Scott McGee as a junior varsity baseball coach for the 2014/15 school year at a salary of \$2,456.96.
- *7.4 Approval is recommended to appoint Dwayne Rose as volunteer assistant wrestling coach.
- *7.5 Approval is recommended to appoint Ethan Bosch as volunteer assistant wrestling coach.
- *7.6 Approval is recommending to appoint Kyle Braddock as volunteer assistant wrestling coach.

- *7.7 Approval is recommended for the winter sports schedules.
- *7.8 Approval is recommended to accept the resignation of Andy Hedrick, boys' basketball head coach effective immediately.
- *7.9 Approval is recommended to accept the resignation of Joe Basile as freshmen baseball head coach and to appoint him as volunteer baseball varsity coach.

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 Informational Item: Sue Lukacs

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:
 - a. Megan Bailey, PASAP Southwest Regional Workshop, La Roche College, October 10, 2014 (\$20 previously approved – expenses budgeted).
 - b. Rebecca Effert, Beaver County Art Education Consortium, BVIU, October 24 and February 18, 2015 (\$10 expenses budgeted).
 - c. Dianne Sarver, Special Olympics Fall Invitational, Villanova College, November 6, 2014 (no expense).
 - d. Tim Linkenheimer, Beaver County Gifted Consortium Meetings, BVIU, January 9, 2015, February 4, 2015, March 18, 2015 and April 10, 2015 (\$36 expenses budgeted).

- e. Tim Linkenheimer, Dale Moll, Ashley Biega, TSA Regional Conference Planning Team Meeting, Pittsburgh, February 2, 2015 (\$42 expenses budgeted).
- f. Jack Fullen, PSADA Conference, Hershey, March 21, 2015 (expense budgeted).
- g. Christy Dessselle, Increasing Oral and Literature Language Skills, BVIU, November 7, 2014 (no expense)
- h. Lyndsay Wilcox, PA Agriculture Programs Workshop, Forbes Road CTC, November 3, 2014 (\$65 expenses budgeted).
- i. Gina Gordon, Beaver County Counselors Association Meetings, various locations in Beaver County, January 23, February 20, March 20, April 10, 2015 (no expense).
- j. Meredith Oliver, PA STEM Girls Collaborative Project – Role Models Matter, Penn State Behrend, October 17, 2014 (\$150 expenses budgeted).
- k. Amy Black, Drew Bosco, Read Naturally, Monroeville, October 22, 2014 (\$450 expenses budgeted).
- l. Dale Moll, Tim Linkenheimer, TSA Regional Conference Planning Team Meeting, PTI, November 21, 2014 (\$40 expenses budgeted).

14. VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL
Melanie Kerber, Chairperson

14.1 Informational Item: Update

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—November 20, 2014, Highland Middle School LGI room, 7:30PM.
- F. Adjournment
- G. Executive Session, if needed.