

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' VOTING MEETING
Blackhawk's High School Library
September 19, 2013**

MEETING MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Mr. Richard Oswald, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:30PM. and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was answered by eight members. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Calabria	Mr. Clendennen	Mr. Fleischman	Mr. Heckathorn
Mr. Inman	Mr. May	Mr. Oswald	Dr. Rose

Absent was:

Mr. Fitzgerald

Also attending were:

Dr. Miller- Superintendent	Mr. Salopek- Solicitor	Mr. Wessel- Board Secretary
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The invocation was given by Pastor Rod Smith from the Chippewa United Methodist Church.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Fleischman announced that a check in the amount of \$21,671.00 was presented to Coaches vs. Cancer as a result of the District's fundraising efforts during the school year. The committee members thanked the administrators, secretaries, teachers and students for their support of the Coaches vs. Cancer initiative.

Mr. Fleischman commended on behalf of the Board the Blackhawk teachers for securing 111 grants totaling \$63,723 from the Blackhawk Education Foundation. The Education Committee of the Blackhawk Foundation reviews each grant with Mr. Fullen, the Executive Director. The Education Committee presents these requests to the Foundation Board for final approval. The administration, staff and students extend their gratitude to the Foundation for providing these funds for special projects that enhance student learning and thanks the Education Committee members for their time and effort.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Mr. Jarrod McCowin, the Blackhawk Education Association president, announced that the membership ratified a tentative contract earlier in the evening for the four year period of 2014- 2018.

Mr. Jon Kaszer asked that the path to the Middle School football field discussed under the Buildings and Grounds Committee section of the agenda be referred to as “concrete,” not “paved.”

Mr. Rick Sabona asked about the lights for the tennis courts and why three readings of the policy for videotaping Board meetings were required.

Mr. Perry Pander asked if questions would be allowed during the meeting and Mr. Oswald said they would be allowed.

Mrs. Bonnie Goehring asked about the proposed teachers’ contract, the advertisement for a director for the musical, the advertisement for substitutes, the General Fund balance, and the final cost of the Middle School project.

Mrs. Melissa Tweed asked about the curriculum.

(Note: Mr. Fitzgerald arrived at point; 7:47 PM.)

Mr. Mike Alberico discussed Common Core Standards.

Mrs. Jodi Weister discussed the curriculum.

Mr. Rick Sabona discussed the Middle School building project.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to accept the Financial Report for the month of August as submitted.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to approve bills for August from the various Funds as submitted.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

The Board was directed by Mr. Inman to the exhibits within their packets for the August Monthly Insurance Reports.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to award tenure to teachers Jamie Planitzer, Lauren Weinheimer and Dana Cox.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to employ Leslie Bellia as a paraprofessional (Personal Care Assistant) at Northwestern Primary School at a rate of \$9.18 per hour, approximate annual salary \$12,700.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Dr. Miller presented an informational briefing on the 2013 – 2014 District Goals.

Mr. May moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to utilize Heritage Valley Health System for Occupational Therapy for the 2013 – 2014 school year at \$39 per session, \$80 per evaluation.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. May moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to send Primary, Intermediate and Middle School Guidance Surveys to both parents and teachers as a part of the American School Counselors' Recognized ASCA Model Program (R.A.M.P.).

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/ REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

Mr. Oswald introduced Mr. Tom Durkin from VEBH who reviewed the change orders on the agenda.

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to authorize a Change Order to Shipley Brothers Construction, Inc. to provide domestic water heater condensate pumps and drain piping to a drain source located within the room, at three Mechanical Rooms (Mech. Room D-137, D-108, and E-106), for the total additional cost of \$935.37. Cost in accordance with Shipley's proposal dated February 2, 2013.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to authorize a Change Order to Allegheny City Electric, Inc. to provide power to three condensate pumps (one each in Room D-137, D-108, and E-106), for the total additional cost of \$300.00. A discussion followed.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to authorize a Change Order to Shipley Brothers Construction to provide water service to the Tech. Ed. dust collector's automatic fire extinguishing system, for the additional cost of \$4,142.47.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 1 No (Mr.May)- Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to authorize a Change Order to Allegheny City Electric, Inc. to add a bus paging capability to the public address system, for the additional cost of \$1,116.88. A discussion followed.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 1 No (Mr.Fleischman)- Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to authorize a Change Order to Allegheny City Electric, Inc. to add a remote telephone ringer from the Food Service Manager's Office to the Kitchen, for the additional cost of \$850.87.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to ratify the Buildings and Grounds Committee's approval of a Change Order to Yarborough Development, Inc. to provide a concrete path for access to the football field from the Visitor's Parking lot, for the total additional cost of \$13,576.61. A discussion followed.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to authorize a Change Order to Yarborough Development, Inc. to deduct wheel stops in the Visitor's Parking Lot, for the deduct cost of \$-2,000. A discussion followed.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to authorize a Change Order to Yarborough Development, Inc. to provide a suspended ceiling in Room A-113, for the additional cost of \$867.84.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to authorize a Change Order to Yarborough Development, Inc. to provide a threshold at each of the overhead doors in the Library, for the additional cost of \$724.73. A discussion followed.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to authorize a Change Order to Yarborough Development, Inc. to provide masonry restoration at the façade of the old Auditorium, for the additional cost of \$5,383.43. Dr. Rose moved and Mr. Fleischman seconded a motion to table the original motion. A discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes; 1 No- Motion to Table Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to authorize a Change Order to Yarborough Development, Inc. to provide additional diagonal reinforcement to the existing bar joists under the Tech. Ed. floor, at the intersection of the new structural steel reinforcement added under the joists, for the additional cost of \$687.13.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to ratify the Buildings and Ground Committee approval of a Change Order to Allegheny City Electric to provide a public address system speaker in the LGI, for the total additional cost of \$992.97.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 1 No- (Mr. Fleischman) Motion Carried (Mr. Fitzgerald out of the room)

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to authorize a Change Order to Yarborough Development, Inc. to provide 2 "STOP" signs at the Shenango Road parking lot exit, for the total additional cost of \$523.97.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No -Motion Carried (Mr. Fitzgerald out of the room)

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

(NOTE: Mr. Fitzgerald returned at this time.)

Mr. Calabria moved and Dr. Rose seconded a motion to donate \$5,000 for the Blackhawk Hockey Association to be designated for Blackhawk students. A discussion followed.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE

No report.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No report.

FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

No report.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with BEA in regards to Blackhawk teachers instructing Blackhawk cyber students.

Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with BEA in regards to the District's Technology Director's position.

Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to approve the collective bargaining agreement for the period of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2018 between the District and Blackhawk Education Association. A discussion followed. Dr. Rose moved and Mr. Fleischman seconded a motion to table the original motion. Discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote: 2 Yes; 7 No (Mr. Calabria, Mr. Clendennen, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Heckathorn, Mr. Inman, Mr. May, Mr. Oswald) - Motion To Table Failed

Additional discussion followed. The original motion was then voted upon.

Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes; 2 No (Mr. Fleischman, Dr. Rose) - Motion Carried

POLICY COMMITTEE

Dr. Rose moved and Mr. Fleischman seconded a motion to approve Policy 006.2 regarding Video Taping of Board Meetings. A discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes; 1 No (Mr. Clendennen) - Motion Carried

BOARD/ STAFF ENRICHMENT

No report.

INTERMEDIATE UNIT

No report.

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 curriculum.

Matt Young discussed videotaping Board meetings and how meetings should be conducted.

Chief Berchtold of the Chippewa Township Police discussed the teachers' contract, building project and quality educators in the District.

Administration: None.

School Directors: Mr. Clendennen thanked those who conducted and attended the Middle School open house on the previous Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Mr. Fitzgerald echoed Mr. Clendennen's comments and said he only heard positive comments from attendees.

Mr. Heckathorn thanked the teachers for working with his son to find a way to do athletics and TSA.

Next Meeting: Mr. Oswald announced that the next scheduled meeting is October 10, 2013 in the Blackhawk High School Library at 7:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 PM.

Submitted by Jerry Wessel
Board Secretary