

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' VOTING MEETING  
Blackhawk High School Library  
August 18, 2011**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

Mr. Richard Oswald, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:40PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was answered by eight members. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Calabria	Mr. Clendennen	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Heckathorn
Mr. Inman	Mr. May	Mr. Oswald	Mrs. Pander

Absent was: Mr. Fleischman.

Also attending were:

Dr. Miller- Superintendent    Mr. Salopeck- Solicitor    Mr. Wessel- Board Secretary

The invocation was given by Scott Graham from the Chippewa Evangelical Church.

Mr. Oswald announced that an executive session was held immediately prior to the meeting to discuss personnel and legal matters.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. May congratulated on behalf of the Board those students that placed nationally at the National Technology Student Association (TSA) conference in Dallas Texas held June 21-25, 2011. He also congratulated all the TSA participants from the last school year on their outstanding performances. In addition he congratulated Northwestern Primary School for being recognized by Target and receiving \$500 in books for the coming school year.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Oswald asked if there were any public comments on agenda items or other matters. Mr. Jim Bostick gave the Board members a flier from Giant Eagle and extended Giant Eagle's offer to the District to use their driving simulator. The simulator could be on site for about one week in the spring with a target for use of those learning or about to begin learning to drive (sophomores). Dr. Miller and the Board thanked Mr. Bostick for the offer and said they would pass the information to the Curriculum Director and High School principal to determine how use of the simulator could fit into the curriculum.

Mr. Fitzgerald commented on the achievements of the TSA students and how well they represented the District at the National level.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

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

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

The Board was directed to the exhibits within their packets for the July Monthly Insurance Report.

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 08082011 to amend the debt ordinance first enacted on May 1, 2006 and to accept a contract to purchase \$20M in bonds as marketed by Janey Montgomery Scott, LLC.. Mr. Robert Aumer from Janey Montgomery Scott reviewed the bond sale numbers and the Bond Counsel, Mr. Anthony Ditka from Dinsmore Shohl reviewed the changes to the debt ordinance.

**Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to approve exoneration of parcel 77-122-0135-932 from real estate taxes for the 2011- 2012 year because the trailer being taxed was moved prior to the first of July 2011 and was billed erroneously.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to approve a contract with Time ware to provide time clocks to the District at a cost of not to exceed \$7,956 for the initial year and to spend not to exceed \$5,840 to equip all buildings with UPS's (Uninterruptable Power Supplies) to protect the time clock hardware.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

## PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Pander moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to hire building substitute teachers for the 2011- 2012 school year as listed in the agenda.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mrs. Pander moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to grant tenure to the list of teachers listed in the agenda.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mrs. Pander moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to move laterally on the salary schedules those teachers listed in the agenda.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mrs. Pander moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to hire teacher substitutes for the 2011- 2012 school year as listed in the agenda.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mrs. Pander moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to allow three student teachers to practice in the District during the 2011- 2012 school year as follows: Lindsey Novak from RMU at Patterson Primary (2<sup>nd</sup> grade); Molly Polka from Geneva College at Northwestern Primary with 1<sup>st</sup> grade during the first semester and at the Intermediate School with 4<sup>th</sup> grade the second semester; and, Sarah Finley from Geneva College at Northwestern Primary with 1<sup>st</sup> grade the first semester and at the Intermediate School with 4<sup>th</sup> grade the second semester.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mrs. Pander moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to hire emergency teacher substitutes for the 2011- 2012 school year as listed in the agenda.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mrs. Pander moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to approve the following substitutes for the 2011- 2012 year: Aimee Roe (elementary) and Lauren Bartholdi (Para/aide).

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Mr. May moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to approve field trips for the various chorus groups as listed in the agenda.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. May informed the Board that move up days are scheduled for August 26 and 29 for K-7 students and that parents will be provided information by the principals regarding the upcoming school year.

Mr. May moved and Mrs. Pander seconded a motion to partner with the Western Pennsylvania Educational Leadership Initiative (ELI) for the 2011- 2012 year at a cost of \$12,500 utilizing grant monies. Mrs. Betty Sue Schaughency will serve as the ELI consultant for the year.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. May moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to approve the following University of Pittsburgh students as interns at the High School for the 2011- 2012 school year: Matthew Tague (Social Studies), Joshua Stillman (Science) and Lisa Romano (English).

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. May moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to approve the following student teachers for the 2011- 2012 school year: Karen Grumski from Pitt at the High School; Patti Johnson from Pitt at the High School; and, Robyn Blyth from RMU at Northwestern, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/ REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to authorize the solicitor to pursue all remedies against Wood Floor Designs in regards to contract number 158204-1 for Gym Floor Refinishing Construction.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Clendennen informed the Board that paving and the majority of sidewalk work at the High School and Intermediate School will be completed next Wednesday and that the Patterson Primary School kitchen renovation should also be completed next week.

Mrs. Pander asked about the ADA accessibility improvements and Mr. Clendennen stated that while they are moving forward, the needed changes to the stadium would not be completed prior to the start of the football season.

**ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to allow Jake Anderson to serve as a volunteer coach for the Middle School football team for the 2011 season.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE**

No report.

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Mr. May moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to accept the 2011- 2012 list of bus drivers as submitted.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. May moved and Mrs. Pander seconded a motion to accept the 2011- 2012 bus schedules as submitted. Mr. Fitzgerald asked when the schedules would be posted and Dr. Miller replied that they will be posted on Monday, but changes may be made through the first few weeks of school as necessary.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. May informed the Board of the locations where bus schedules will be posted

**FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE**

No report.

**NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE**

No report.

#### **POLICY COMMITTEE**

No report.

#### **BOARD/ STAFF ENRICHMENT**

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to approve conference attendance by Erica Shildt to Keystone Virtual Campus Summit at BVIU for six days during the period November 1, 2011 through May 29, 2012.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Clendennen informed the Board that the District is beginning use of PublicSchoolsWORKS to provide an automated risk management training system and training on District policies for all employees.

#### **INTERMEDIATE UNIT**

No report.

#### **VOCATIONAL- TECHNICAL SCHOOL**

No report.

#### **PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

No report.

#### **BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

No report.

#### **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

School Directors: None.

Administrators: None.

Visitors: Mrs. Jody Weister asked if the chiller at the Intermediate School was balanced. Mr. Clendennen replied that balancing was completed but the report has not been received by the District to date. She asked if the paving company would be paying a penalty for finishing later than the August 19<sup>th</sup> date scheduled. Dr. Miller explained that they have been working 7 days a week and will be close to completion. Since there will not be a monetary loss to the District, a penalty cannot be collected. Mrs. Weister asked if the projects were on or under budget and Mr. Clendennen said they are. He also informed her that some of the outdoor light fixtures will not ship until September 6<sup>th</sup> and on arrival it will take three days to have them installed. Mrs. Weister asked if additional parking spots were being gained by the paving at the High School and when she was told yes, she asked if that meant no students would be using the church parking lot. Dr. Miller told her that no students would be using that lot. Mrs. Weister expressed her opinion that

ADA should have been a higher priority during construction and Mr. Clendennen told her that ADA was a part of the curbing and paving projects and that the District was addressing ADA needs as quickly as it made sense to do so. Mrs. Pander added that the architects were working plans to improve accessibility within the buildings.

Next Meeting: September 8, 2011 in the High School library at 7:30PM

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.

Submitted by Jerry Wessel  
Board Secretary