

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' WORKING AND VOTING MEETING
Blackhawk High School Library
August 8, 2011**

MEETING MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Mr. Richard Oswald, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM. Roll call was answered by nine members. Those in attendance were:

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

Also attending were:

Dr. Miller- Superintendent Mr. Salopek- Solicitor

Absent was:

Mr. Wessel- Board Secretary

The minutes from the July 28, 2011 meetings were moved to be approved by Mr. Fitzgerald and seconded by Mr. Calabria.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Oswald announced that there would not be a Buildings and Grounds meeting before the August 11 and 18, 2011 Board meetings.

Mr. Oswald announced that the building offices will be closed from 8 -12 on August 17, 2011 for secretary and administration trainings. A secretary will be at the main phone line in case of emergencies.

Mr. Oswald announced that Dr. Miller will be the Acting Secretary for tonight's meeting.

Mr. Oswald announced that there was an Executive Session before tonight's meeting for personnel matters.

Mr. Oswald asked if there was any public comment or questions on agenda items. Mr. Barger provided a flyer to the Board and invited the Board and public to listen to information regarding fracking that is being presented at E-Free Church at 7:00 p.m. on August 17, 2011. Mrs. Watterson asked if the District has already signed the Chesapeake lease agreements and if they can be rescinded. Mr. Salopek commented that they were already signed and available in the District office. Mrs. Fucci asked for a meeting with the Board with representation and also representation at future meetings. Mr. Salopek stated that he will advise the Board and respond tomorrow.

Mrs. Pander moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to employ Anthony Mooney as Highland Middle School principal at a salary of \$79,500 pending certification.

Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes; 1 Abstention (Mr. Fleischman)- Motion Carried

Mr. Dan Engen from VEBH provided an overview of the lowest responsible bidders and the alternates using a draft of PlanCon G as a guide. The recommendation of the Buildings and Grounds committee and Administration is to take the following alternates:

- Alternate G-1 (add of \$65,000) Adds Terrazzo flooring in the lobbies; keeping linoleum in other selected areas in the building
- Alternate G-7 (deduct of \$125,000) Changing TRESPA panels to birch plywood panels
- Alternate G-8 (deduct of \$36,000) Change operable gym partition to fold-up partition
- Alternate G-9 (deduct of \$220,000) Changing to EPDM Roof
- Alternate H-1 (deduct of \$2,000) Changing to Trane controls

Mr. Jim Perlik provided the Board a handout regarding the different types of flooring. He provided information about the maintenance of the three projects (Terazzo, linoleum, and VCT) as well as life expectancy.

Mr. Engen announced that the final total cost of the project is \$29,020,574 which includes all costs. To balance the budget, the furniture line item was reviewed and reduced. After an inventory was done, it was determined that there is quality furniture and desks that the District already possesses that can be used as opposed to buying new furniture in all areas. The furniture budget was reduced to \$400,000.

Mr. Fleischman stated that the actual cost of the building is very close to the estimated cost and cautioned overspending because of something that we didn't see or plan for. Mr. Engen responded that the purpose for the contingency fund is for items to which Mr. Fleischman is referring. Mr. Clendennen stated that VEBH has had a good track record when it comes to change orders and using contingency funds. Mr. Fleischman asked Mr. Salopek to comment on Aliquippa and Ambridge projects and the overspending on those projects. Mr. Salopek clarified that Aliquippa's project was fine and he was not involved in Ambridge's building project. He further stated that it is very unlikely that a project would be \$1-5 million dollars over budget as Mr. Fleischman stated earlier in his concern. Mr. Engen stated that there are many processes in place to guard against overspending.

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded that Item 6.1 regarding Plan Con G be tabled until the August 11, 2011 Board meeting.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Heckathorn seconded to award the Highland Renovation Project General Construction contract number 158212-1 to Yarborough Development in the Base Bid amount of \$14,947,000 with Alternate G-1 (add of \$64,000), Alternate G-7 (deduct of \$125,000), Alternate G-8 (deduct of \$36,000), and G-9 (deduct of \$220,000), for a total Contract Sum of \$14,630,000. Work of this contract to be Substantially Complete by August 16, 2013. Mr. Inman commented that tabling the project in order to reduce the

size of the gym and cafeteria would be futile since the cost of the project would increase. Therefore, he commented that he will be supporting the project as presented.

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

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded to award the Highland Renovation Project Plumbing Construction contract number 158212-2 to Shipley Brothers Construction in the Base Bid amount of \$1,866,000. Work of this contract to be Substantially Complete by August 16, 2013.

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

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Calabria seconded to award the Highland Renovation Project HVAC Construction contract number 158212-3 to ClimaTech, Inc. in the Base Bid amount of \$3,389,000 with Alternate H-1 (deduct of \$2,000), for a total Contract Sum of \$3,387,000. Work of this contract to be Substantially Complete by August 16, 2013.

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

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Heckathorn seconded to award the Highland Renovation Project Electrical Construction contract number 158212-4 and Technology Construction contract number 158212-7 to Allegheny City Electric, Inc. in the Combined Base Bid amount of \$3,289,000. Work of this contract to be Substantially Complete by August 16, 2013.

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

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded to award the Highland Renovation Project Abatement Construction contract number 158212-5 to American Contracting Enterprises, Inc. in the Base Bid amount of \$173,822. Work of this contract to be Substantially Complete by August 16, 2013.

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

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Calabria seconded to award the Highland Renovation Project Manufactured Casework Construction contract number 158212-6 to Northeast Interior Systems, Inc. in the Base Bid amount of \$878,000. Work of this contract to be Substantially Complete by August 16, 2013.

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

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded to approve a change order for the Patterson Primary School kitchen project for vent replacement in the amount of \$975 to Central Plumbing and Heating.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded to approve a change order for the Blackhawk Intermediate School project for the replacement of an existing oil tank underground vent in the amount of \$1980 to Central Plumbing and Heating.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Calabria seconded to approve PlanCon Part F Attachment C – Post Bid Opening Certification for the Dept of Education.

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

Mr. Oswald asked if any of the School Directors had any comments. Mr Oswald commented about an opportunity that he will forward to Dr. Miller regarding a driving simulator sponsored by Giant Eagle free of charge for our Driver's Education students.

Mr. Oswald asked if there were any comments from the administration. There were none.

Mr. Oswald asked if any visitors had comments. Mrs. Watterson requested a list of all of the bids so she could forward them to the Beaver County Times. Dr. Miller stated that these would be sent in the morning and posted on the District's website. Mrs. Bowman thanked the Board for all of their work with the Highland project on behalf of the students and staff at Highland Middle School. Mr. Alberico commended the Board for entering into the lease with Chesapeake. Mrs. Watterson shared concerns about fracking and questioned the language within the lease agreements. Mr. Martin commended the Board for their work on the Highland project. Mrs. Weister requested updates on the various summer capital improvements in the District. Mr. Tom Durkin from VEBH gave a status report for the paving projects at the high school and BIS and the Patterson Primary kitchen. He also discussed that change orders for these projects are within the contingency. She inquired about the chiller at BIS and Mr. Durkin responded that completion of the BIS chiller is still outstanding and in the process of being addressed. Mrs. Brown asked for copies of the Chesapeake agreements and Dr. Miller responded that they are in the District office. Mrs. Brown inquired about the memorial trees at the high school. Dr. Miller responded that there are three memorial trees that were cut down and those contacts have been made. The families were invited to pick out a new location for the trees. Two of the three families have already chosen the location of the new memorial tree. Mrs. Brown asked about the District's position if the contractors are not completed by their deadline. Mr. Durkin explained how the District will proceed if the contractors are not finished by the August 19, 2011 completion date. Mrs. Brown also requested an update on the tennis court gate to which Mr. Durkin responded that the contractor had agreed to fix the gate. Mrs. Watterson requested that the information regarding the appointment of Nancy Bowman to Director of Curriculum and Anthony Mooney to Highland Middle School Principal be placed in the paper.

Mr. Oswald announced that there will be a Board meeting on August 11, 2011 at 7:30 in the High School Library.

Mr. Oswald announced that there will be an Executive Session after the meeting for personnel matters.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Submitted by Dr. Michelle Miller
Acting Board Secretary