

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' WORK SESSION
Blackhawk High School Library
April 12, 2012**

MEETING MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Mr. Richard Oswald, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was answered by all nine members. Those in attendance were:

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

Absent: None

Also attending were:

Dr. Miller- Superintendent	Mr. Salopek- Solicitor	Mr. Wessel- Board Secretary
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Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the March 8 and March 15, 2012 Board meetings. Dr. Rose recommended that the March 8, 2012 minutes be amended to change wording in the seventh paragraph under PUBLIC COMMENTS from, "...are already offered in the District and private providers..." to, "...are already offered in the District. She stated private providers..." Dr. Rose recommended that the March 15, 2012 minutes be amended to change wording in the ninth paragraph under PUBLIC COMMENTS from "Dr. Rose demanded that a rental fee be established..." to "Dr. Rose requested that a rental fee be established..." Dr. Rose also recommended that under ADDITIONAL BUSINESS, Visitors: the fifth paragraph that "Jodi Weister raised the Myth of "the extra half gym" at the Middle School..." be changed to "Jodi Weister raised the issue of the extra half gym at the Middle School..." Dr. Rose also recommended that the seventh paragraph under ADDITIONAL BUSINESS, Visitors: be amended to remove the (Note: the actual amount after State reimbursement is \$59,250,623.) sentence. Mr. Fleischman objected to wording in the second paragraph under EDUCATION COMMITTEE portion of the March 15, 2012 meeting in which the secretary, Mr. Wessel, wrote, "Mr. Fleischman began an attack on Mr. Clendennen..." and asked if Mr. Wessel thought it was "an attack." Mr. Wessel said yes, but Mr. Oswald directed that the words "an exchange with..." be used instead of "an attack on..." Dr. Rose then moved and Mr. Fleischman seconded a motion that the minutes be approved with the changes noted above.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Oswald announced that a public Finance Committee meeting was held the prior day, April 11, 2012.

Mr. Oswald announced that an executive session would be held after the meeting for personnel matters.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Miller reviewed the items proposed in this area for the voting meeting scheduled for April 19, 2012.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Mr. Ron Stedman commented on full day kindergarten, the superintendent's salary, spending per student, the nutrition program, projections versus actual enrollment, and video taping meetings.

Approximately twenty four people gave their opinions concerning a full time versus a 5/8 time band instructor; all day versus half day Kindergarten; elimination of the Vocational Agriculture program; spending on construction projects; and how long the superintendent plans to stay in her position. Mr. May departed the meeting at approximately 9:20 PM and Mrs. Pander left when a break in the comments was taken. A consensus of the Board was taken and it was resolved that votes on all day kindergarten and the band director position will be taken at the voting meeting on April 19, 2012.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Wessel reviewed items in this area which will appear on the April 19, 2012 agenda.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Dr. Miller reviewed the Personnel items proposed for this meeting and the voting meeting scheduled for April 19, 2012.

Dr. Rose moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to approve substitutes for the remainder of the school year as follows:

- a. Lyndsay Book; Elementary
- b. Amanda Allison; Elementary
- c. Suzanne Peck; Elementary, Mid-level Math
- d. Daniel Vietmeier; Elementary, Mid-level Math
- e. Andrea Bagnell; Social Studies
- f. Stephanie Skiles; Health, Phys Ed
- g. Ashley Fosnaught; Elementary, Special Ed

h. Kristen Hennessy; Nurse

i. Jane Hetche; Elementary

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Dr. Rose moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to permit Jeri Carver, paraprofessional, time off without compensation for two days in April and one day in May.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Dr. Rose moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to accept the retirement request from Sharon Glass, Northwestern custodian, effective July 31, 2012.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Dr. Rose moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to employ Nanine Karpinski as a Blackhawk Intermediate School second shift custodian at a rate of \$13.68 per hour effective immediately.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Dr. Rose moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to accept the retirement request from Lorraine Himber, Blackhawk Intermediate School Librarian effective June 30, 2012.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Dr. Rose moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to employ summer custodial/grounds workers at a rate of \$9.00 per hour as follows:

a. Daniel DiRienzo

b. Christian Liberty

c. Zachary Morelli

d. Christopher Levato

e. Greg Weatherly

f. James Lokey

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Dr. Miller reviewed the Education items proposed for this meeting and the next.

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to approve the following field trips:

a. German Club (12), Anne Glinsky, Bayer Corporation, Pittsburgh, May 2, 2012 (student funded).

b. Academic Games Students (14), Jeff Tripodi, Academic Games National Competition, Oglebay, April 26-30, 2012 (budgeted).

c. Expressions (26), Jayne McDonald, Citizen Care/Walden Center, Beaver Meadows, May 14, 2012 (budgeted).

d. Northwestern Second Grade, Second Grade Teachers, Disneynature Chimpanzee, Monaca, April 26, 2012 (PTO funded).

- e. BIS Recorder Ensemble (6), Krsten Neeley, Franciscan Manor, April 17, 2012 (no cost).
- f. BHS Orchestra (16), Nate Goodrich, Adjudication Performance at Carnegie Mellon University and Kennywood Park, May 25, 2012 (student funded).
- g. Fourth Grade, Fourth Grade Teachers, Wetlands, Independence Twp, May 21, 23, 24, and June 1, 2012 (PTO funded).
- h. Transition Skills – Special Ed (40), Mariah Brown, Sewickley, May 1, 2012 (budgeted).
- i. Academic Enrichment (3-6), Tim Linkenheimer, Beaver Valley Robotics Competition, BVIU, May 10, 2012.
- j. Academic Enrichment (3-6), Tim Linkenheimer, Invention Convention, Beaver Falls Central Elementary, May 16, 2012.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Dr. Rose seconded a motion to participate in the 2012 Beaver County Summer Academy at a cost of \$500.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Heckathorn moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to allow a foreign exchange student, Eva Zhang, from China to enroll in he Blackhawk High School for the 2012-2013 school year as a Junior.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/ REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to ratify a change order in the amount of \$3,666.59 to Shipley Brothers Construction to install a sanitary line and water piping for an ice machine in room C116.3 in accordance with Board authorization.

Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No; 1 Abstention (Mr. Fleischman)- Motion Carried (Abstention Memorandum attached to these minutes.)

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to approve a settlement agreement between Wood Floor Designs and the District in regards to Contract Number 158204-1.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Dr. Miller reviewed the Athletics Grounds items proposed for the next meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE

No report.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No report.

FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

No report.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to approve a tentative agreement with the collective bargaining unit for the District's Service Employees (the Blackhawk Service Employees Association PSEA-NEA) for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2015.

Verbal Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No; 1 Abstention (Mr. Clendennen)- Motion Carried (Abstention Memorandum attached to these minutes.)

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to approve a tentative agreement with the collective bargaining unit for the District's professional secretaries (the Blackhawk Professional Secretaries Association PSEA-NEA) for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2015.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

POLICY COMMITTEE

No report.

BOARD/ STAFF ENRICHMENT

Dr. Miller reviewed the list of conferences and attendees on the agenda for the March 15, 2012 meeting.

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to approve the following conferences:

- a. Anita Mensch, AP Biology Summer Institute, Shippensburg University, June 24-29, 2012 (budgeted).
- b. Nancy Bowman, Carol Sprinker, Tri-State Study Council-Leading and Embracing Change, Edgewood Country Club, April 18, 2012 (budgeted).
- c. Gina Gordon, Tool for Developing Comprehensive K-12 School Counseling, Pittsburgh, May 9, 2012 (budgeted).
- d. Joe Hamilton, Tom Marsilio, Sam Nardone, Pat Feeley, West Virginia University Spring Football Practice, April 21, 2012 (no expense).
- e. Nancy Bowman, Scott Nelson, RAISE: Introduction for Administrators, Edinboro, May 10, 2012 (budgeted).

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

INTERMEDIATE UNIT

No Report

VOCATIONAL- TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Dr. Rose moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to approve the proposed operating budget for 2012- 2013 for the Beaver County Career and Technology Center at \$4,016,006.29.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

No report.

BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

No report.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

School Directors: None.

Administrators: Dr. Miller reminded Board members that their ballots for Intermediate Unit Board members needed to be turned in after the meeting. She also reminded the members of the scheduled executive session for personnel scheduled after the public meeting.

Visitors: Barb Brown asked if the price publicized for use of fields by the Community football teams was per day or per game and Dr. Miller clarified that it was per game.

Two visitors who did not identify themselves asked for a kindergarten information packet and the second suggested that Board members speak with the music teachers about the 5/8 versus full time music teacher issue.

Next Meeting: April 19, 2012 in the Blackhawk High School Library at 7:30PM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 PM.

Submitted by Jerry Wessel
Board Secretary