

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' VOTING MEETING
Blackhawk Intermediate School Gymnasium
April 19, 2012**

MEETING MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Mr. Richard Oswald, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:42PM. and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was answered by all nine members. Those in attendance were:

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

Absent was: None

Also attending were:

Dr. Miller- Superintendent Ms. Briggs- Solicitor's representative
Mr. Wessel- Board Secretary

The invocation was given by Judy Angleberger from the Steffin Hill Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Oswald announced that the May 10, 2012 Work Session will occur at 07:30 PM in the High School Library.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Fleischman extended commendations on behalf of the Board to Ryan Hardey and Barb Brown for being selected by the students as Middle School Teachers of the Month for March.

Mr. Fleischman introduced Ms. Jeanie Porter who updated the Board on The Blackhawk Foundation's recent and planned activities.

Mr. Fleischman introduced Mr. Scott Nelson, the High School Principal, who in turn introduced Mr. Ken Moser and several students who briefed the Board about typical events in student's days (using a student/teacher created video) and individual students impressions of high school life.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Oswald asked if there were any public comments on agenda items or other matters and asked that the topics be covered in order and that people limit their comments to three minutes.

Four people spoke about the proposal to reduce the band director position to 5/8 time.

Eleven people spoke about all day Kindergarten. Three were against all day, two were undecided or felt the option of all day or half day was a good plan, and the remaining six spoke in favor of going to all day kindergarten.

On the proposed elimination of the Vocational Agriculture program, ten people spoke in favor of retaining the program.

Mr. Oswald asked if there were any other subjects the public wanted to discuss. Wendy Rakus asked about the pre-school program numbers and Dr. Miller replied that they would be limited, but enrollment has not occurred. Cindy Berger said that she heard Drivers Ed was going to be reconsidered at the meeting and it should be retained as it is because it saves lives. Jodi Weister asked about extended day care and Dr. Miller explained that extended day care was rejected by the Board in March, but early intervention would be run by the Intermediate Unit at BIS and the pre-kindergarten program for selected children will be run by the District as approved by the Board in March. She then asked what the Board was doing to improve education rather than just cut programs. Dr. Miller replied that recent initiatives such as the Daily Five, the Reading Initiative and Common Core Math and English Language Arts changes have or are being implemented. Ms. Weister asked about the dishwasher at Northwestern and was told it is out for bids. She stated that the previous month's minutes were posted on line without corrections and was told that changes to the minutes are recorded in the minutes of the meeting in which the changes are made per the solicitor's guidance, not changed in the original minutes. Philip Plevil asked about the JROTC program's future because the money received from the Regional Choice Initiative grant that allowed attendance in the Ambridge program by Blackhawk students was unfunded. Dr. Miller replied that the Co-op program was under discussion in the County with the goal of finding a way to continue to offer the opportunity for JROTC.

Mr. Oswald called for a break in the meeting at this point.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to approve bills for March 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 March Monthly Insurance Reports.

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to approve the Preliminary Budget for 2012- 2013 as presented. Mr. Fleischman asked that the vote on the budget be moved to the end of the meeting so that other agenda items which could impact on the budget would be decided first. Mr. Oswald ruled that since the preliminary budget can be changed, there was no reason to wait to vote on it until the end of the meeting.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to contribute \$1,000 to the Blackhawk Area Youth Baseball Association to be used toward the purchase of field maintenance supplies per Administrative Guideline # 9.13.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to accept Resolution 04192012 authorizing the execution of the first amendment to the master lease/ purchase agreement with Bank of America for the Trane energy equipment upgrades.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

No report.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mr. May moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to modify the Drivers' Education Program have it conducted outside of the school day with the District bearing the cost of the classroom instruction and parents contributing \$150 toward the cost of the on road portion of the course. A discussion followed. Dr. Rose moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to table the first motion.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Tabled

Mr. May moved and Dr. Rose seconded a motion to rescind the motion made in March 2012 to discontinue the Vo-Ag program at the Blackhawk High School effective for the 2012-2013 school year. A discussion followed. Dr. Rose moved and Mrs. Pander seconded a motion to table the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes; 3 No (Mr. Clendennen, Mr. Heckathorn, Mr. Inman)-Motion Tabled

Mr. May moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to implement Full Day Kindergarten for the 2012- 2013 school year with a Half Day Kindergarten option to also be offered. A discussion followed.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. May moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to accept the Blackhawk High School Program of Studies for the 2012- 2013 school year. A discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes ; 2 No (Mr. Fleischman, Mrs. Pander); Motion Passed

Mr. May moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to adjust the current full time Band position to a 5/8 position for the 2012-2013 school year.

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

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/ REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

Mr. Clendennen reported that commissioning of systems at the Middle School had begun and thus far no major issues had been discovered.

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to accept the updated Facility Fee Rental Schedule as presented.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Calabria moved and Dr. Rose seconded a motion to accept the revised Fee Agreement with the Lil Cougars and Chippewa Indians Football Organizations.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to award the 2012- 2013 Athletic Topdressing contract to Gumpf Gardens, Inc. for \$15,780.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to award the 2012- 2013 Athletic Field Maintenance contract to Gumpf Gardens, Inc. for \$17,999.61.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Calabria offered the following congratulations:

Congratulations to Tyler Beatrice and Chassidy Omogrosso who were named Bronze Athletes of the Week by the Beaver County Times for the week of March 5, 2012.

Congratulations to Chassidy Omogrosso who was named Silver Athlete of the Week by the Beaver County Times for the week of March 12, 2012.

Congratulations to the girl's swim team who were the WPIAL Class AA runner-up.

Congratulations to Casey Cerbus, Melody Clerici, Emily Collins, Dewey Fry, Alexis Lopez, Alaina Marshall, Sara Peace, Adam Rastatter who qualified for the PIAA State Swimming and Diving Championships on March 15, 16 & 17.

Commendations to the following Blackhawk students who were selected by the Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame for the Student Athlete Award: Nick Martin and Mia Vinciguerra.

Commendations to the Melody Clerici and Josh Desmond for being recognized as student athletes at the MAC banquet.

Commendations to Nick Martin who was selected to play in the Quigley Classic.

Commendations to Nick Martin and Corey Ostach who were selected to play in the 2012 Roundball Classic at Geneva College.

Commendations to Mike Shansky who was selected to play in the Pennsylvania State

Football Coaches Association East-West All-Star Game.

Commendations to Nike Martin and Cory Ostach who were selected for the Boy's Basketball 2nd Team All-Section, Section 2 - AAA.

Commendations to Halle Denman and Chassidy Omogrosso who were selected for the Girl's Basketball 1st Team All-Section, Section 2 - AAA and Alexis Graham who was selected for the Girl's Basketball 2nd Team All-Section, Section 2 - AAA.

Commendations to Steve Lodovico, Girl's Basketball Coach who was selected Coach of the Year for Section 2-AAA.

ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE

No report.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No report.

FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

No report.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

No report.

POLICY COMMITTEE

No report.

BOARD/ STAFF ENRICHMENT

No report.

INTERMEDIATE UNIT

No report.

VOCATIONAL- TECHNICAL SCHOOL

No report.

PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to approve a resolution supporting increased State funding for K-12 public education as recommended by the PSBA.
Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen then read an article to the Board from PSBA concerning school boards for the members' information.

BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

No report.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

School Directors: Mrs. Pander asked about the status of bids for the ADA accessibility projects planned for the upcoming summer. Mr. Clendennen replied that the bids were received but need further review before a recommendation would be made to fund the projects or not.

Mr. Oswald shared that a recent news broadcast which included pictures from the High School's Weather Bug camera complimented the District on flying the US flag correctly versus many other schools that did not light the flag at night or take it down in inclement weather.

Mr. May asked the administration and the Board to "find the money" for the programs the Board approved. A discussion followed with no actions taken.

Administration: No comments.

Visitors: Barb Brown asked for the balances in the Health and Dental Funds. Mr. Wessel gave them to her.

Jodi Weister asked what the Gumpf contracts included and she was told field dressing and fertilizing of all District playing fields.

Mrs. Goering asked why the District has to pay for cyber kindergarten and Dr. Miller replied that if the District offers kindergarten, then the District must pay for a student who attends cyber school.

Next Meeting: Mr. Oswald announced that the next scheduled meeting is May 10, 2012 in the Blackhawk High School Library

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 PM.

Submitted by Jerry Wessel
Board Secretary