

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' VOTING MEETING
Blackhawk Middle School Auditorium
February 17, 2011**

MEETING MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Mr. Richard Oswald, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:33PM. Roll call was answered by eight members. Those in attendance were:

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

Absent was: Mrs. Perri

Also attending were:

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

Pastor C.F. Hoffman from the Darlington Presbyterian Church offered the invocation.

Mr. Oswald announced that there will be a Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting held prior to the March 10, 2011 board meeting at 6:30PM in the Blackhawk High School library.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Fleischman introduced the Middle School principal, Mrs. Bowman. She and members of the Middle School staff recognized their Students of the Month for November, December and January. Mrs. Bowman, staff and students provided highlights of the Middle School curriculum and programs to the Board. Students then presented the Board members, Dr. Miller, Mr. Salopek and Mr. Wessel with pieces of art to thank them for their work on the behalf of the District.

Mr. Fleischman publically recognized Jason Farone for his award winning project proposal "Soldiers and Sailors WWII Footlocker."

Mr. Fleischman offered commendations on behalf of the Board to Academic Games Players for their outstanding performance at the Math 24 and World Events competitions in January. Blackhawk students won 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th places and several students finished with multiple qualifications at the World Events.

Mr. Fleischman also recognized and commended girls' basketball player Alexa Hayward for scoring her "1,000th Varsity Point" in the game held on February 1, 2011.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Mrs. Bowman reported that the Middle School Conference held at the Blackhawk Middle School was very worthwhile and successful. She thanked the Board for their continued support.

There were no other public comments.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to approve bills 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 January Monthly Insurance Report.

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to approve Resolution 0217011 which appointed Jerry Wessel as Primary and Don Inman as First Alternate Voting Delegate for the Beaver County Tax Collection Committee.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to table the proposed renewal of the agreement with the Jack Bonus Insurance Agency to act as the District's agent since the current agreement does not expire until June 30, 2011.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to approve the athletics activities accounts as submitted.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Pander moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to grant Chelsea Haight maternity leave beginning on or about May 9, 2011 and continuing for the remainder of the 2010- 2011 school year.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mrs. Pander moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to grant Gina Lansberry maternity leave beginning on or about March 21, 2011 and continuing for the remainder of the 2010- 2011 school year.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mrs. Pander moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to approve the list of substitute teachers for the remainder of the 2010- 2011 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 employ Chistina Forest, Autumn Bacorn and Lori Diaz as Cafeteria workers for three hours per day at a rate of \$7.25 per hour.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mrs. Pander moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to employ Dawn Petti as Northwestern Primary day-to-day substitute for the remainder of the 2010- 2011 school year.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mrs. Pander moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to employ Elizabeth Hoffman as a School Psychologist Intern for the 2011- 2012 school year at a cost of \$12,000 to be paid through ACCESS funds.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mrs. Pander moved and Mr. Fleischman seconded a motion to employ Carrie Courinos as a part time personal care assistant at Northwestern Primary School at a rate of \$7.25 per hour.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mrs. Pander moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Catherine Thomas, High School Cafeteria worker, effective February 28, 2011.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Fleischman moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to approve field trips as listed in the agenda.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Fleischman moved and Clendennen seconded a motion to approve the payment of AP Testing for those students choosing to take the AP exam effective with the 2010- 2011 school year.

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 VEBH to prepare bidding documents for improvements to the Patterson Primary School kitchen. Mr. Clendennaen explained that the project is planned for this summer. Mr. Fleischman asked if the scrap was being donated to the Blackhawk Foundation and Mr. Clendennen replied that the specifications would so stipulate.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to authorize VEBH to prepare preliminary drawings and scope of work specifications for ADA accessibility upgrades at Patterson Primary; Northwestern Primary and the stadium located there; and, the High School.

Mrs. Pander asked when the work was planned. Mr. Clendennen replied that the timeline is yet to be determined depending on the outcomes of VEBH's determinations of the needs at each building.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. May seconded a motion to authorize VEBH to prepare preliminary drawings and scope of work specifications for replacement of the windows at Northwestern Primary School.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded motion to contract with School Sports Media (SSM) to provide non-exclusive third party representation for media sponsorships for the District. Mr. May asked what was involved and Mr. Calabria replied that SSM would find non-local advertisers to put ads in the District for a District 75%, SSM 25% split of revenues. Mr. Fleischman commented that he was okay with the concept if the Business Office would not be required to do excessive work as a part of the program. Mr. Wessel replied that it did not appear that the contract would put a heavy burden on the District.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded motion to approve the Spring Sports Schedule as presented.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Blackhawk Education Association regarding compensation to teachers for going to Camp Kon-O-Kwee.

Verbal Vote: 7 Yes; 1 No (Mr. May)- Motion Carried

BOARD/ STAFF ENRICHMENT

Mr. Calabria recommended approval of conference attendance as listed in the agenda and so moved. Mr. Inman seconded.

Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Clendennen reported that there is a large amount of discussion at the state level concerning vouchers, but that no bills have been passed on that subject to date.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

School Directors:

Mr. Fitzgerald asked for additional information concerning the tabling of the renewal with the Jack Bonus Agency. Mr. Inman replied that the current contract runs through June 30, 2011 and therefore does not need to be renewed at the current time. Mr. Oswald commented that

the additional time will allow the District to get pricing from other providers prior to any contract renewal.

Mr. May reported that the Blackhawk Hockey team is in the playoffs and asked if a team bus could be provided if they advance to the championship game. Mr. Calabria replied that we would have to check with the Athletic Director to see how this should be handled. Dr. Miller said that the administration can handle this and will report to the Board if the situation does materialize.

Administrators: No reports.

Visitors: No report.

Next Meeting: March 10, 2011 in the High School library, preceded by the Buildings and Grounds Meeting at 6:30PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Submitted by Jerry Wessel
Board Secretary