

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS WORK SESSION  
Blackhawk High School Library  
June 12, 2014**

**AGENDA**

**1. BOARD ORGANIZATION**

- 1.1 Call to Order
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.3 Roll Call
- 1.4 The purpose of videotaping a meeting is for public information. The opinions expressed by any member of the public do not necessarily reflect the view or opinion of the Blackhawk School District Board of School Directors and are solely that of the speaker. The Blackhawk School District Board of School Directors hereby expressly disclaims any and all responsibility or liability for any false, defamatory or slanderous statements expressed by the speaker. Any unauthorized re-broadcasting of any video, audio or still image of the video recording of the meeting is strictly forbidden without the written permission of the Blackhawk School District Board of School Directors.
- \*1.5 Approval of Minutes from May 15, 22 and 29, 2014. (Exhibit A)

**2. PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS  
Dean Fleischman, Chairperson**

- 2.1 Commendations along with presentations to the following retirees of 2014.
  - a. Carol Morsey
  - b. Katherine Smith
  - c. Lorelee Alexander
  - d. Donna DiToro
  - e. Roberta Bannon
  - f. Peggy Mesko
  - g. Deborah Daquila
- 2.2 Congratulations to Blackhawk High School and the cast of Titanic. They were awarded “Outstanding Vocal Ensemble” at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Henry Mancini Theatre Awards.

**THE PUBLIC HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD AT THIS TIME ON AGENDA ITEMS OR OTHER MATTERS.**

**3. FINANCE COMMITTEE  
Ken Yonkee, Chairperson**

- 3.1 The Committee is recommending approval to accept the Financial report for May (to be provided before Voting session).
- 3.2 The Committee is recommending approval for the payment of bills.
  - a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$
  - b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund: \$
  - c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$
  - d. Fund 66 – UPMC Health Fund: \$
  - e. Fund 67 – UPMC Dental: \$
  - f. Fund 68 – UPMC Vision: \$Payroll: May \$
- 3.3 Informational Item: Monthly Insurance Report for May. (to be provided before Voting session)
- 3.4 The Committee is recommending approval to adopt the 2014-2015 Blackhawk School District General Fund, Food Service Fund, Health Fund, Dental Fund and Vision Fund proposed budgets as previously approved by the Board for review and modified as needed. General Fund (Fund 10) expected expenditures total \$34,004,879 and expected revenues total \$34,017,446. Food Service Fund (Fund 51) expected revenues total \$1,082,811 and expected expenditures total \$1,104,787. Health Fund (Fund 66) expected expenditures total \$4,455,508 and expected revenues total \$4,486,984. Dental Fund (Fund 67) expected expenditures total \$196,895 and expected revenues total \$197,020. Vision Fund (Fund 68) expected expenditures total \$17,360 and expected revenues total \$ 17,413.
- 3.5 The Committee is recommending approval to accept A-G detailing the District's tax levies, tax collectors, tax collection procedures, and compensation rates for tax collectors:

A. REAL ESTATE LEVY: Resolved that the Board of School Directors does hereby levy and impose a tax upon all taxable real estate property for the 2014-2015 fiscal year at a rate of 57.68 mills based upon the assessed valuation of the properties in the District's municipalities located in Beaver County; and, at a rate of 18.05 mills based upon the assessed valuation of the properties in Enon Valley Borough in Lawrence County. This equates to \$5.768 per \$100 of assessed value for properties in Beaver County and \$1.805 per \$100 of assessed value for properties in Lawrence County.

**B. SCHOOL CODE PER CAPITA TAX:** Resolved that pursuant to the authority granted under Section 679 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949, as amended, the School Board of Directors does hereby levy and impose a Per Capita Tax of \$5 for the 2014-2015 fiscal year on each resident or inhabitant of the School District 18 years of age or older. The determination of those taxable and the assessment, collection and enforcement of the tax shall conform to the provisions of the standing Act 511 Per Capita Tax Resolution adopted by the School Board of Directors heretofore.

**C. PAYMENT PERIOD FOR REAL ESTATE AND PER CAPITA TAXES:** Resolved that in compliance with statutes the Real Estate Section 679 and Act 511 Per Capita taxes for fiscal year 2014- 2015 shall be payable at a 2% discount during the months of July and August, at face the months of September and October and at a penalty of an additional 10% of the face value penalty after November 1, 2014. The taxes may be paid at face without discount or penalty in three equal installments if the same are paid on or prior to August 31, 2014, October 31, 2014, and December 31, 2014 respectively as provided by law. The payment of the first installment prior to or on August 31, 2014 shall be conclusive evidence of intent to pay the tax by installments. If such installments become delinquent, the full face amount plus an added 10% of the face amount penalty shall become immediately due.

**D. COMMISSION FOR COLLECTION OF SECTION 679 PER CAPITA TAXES:** Resolved that for the 2014- 2015 fiscal year collectors of the Section 679 Per Capita Tax will be paid per contracted amount with Berkheimer Associates Inc. (Berkheimer)

**E. DELINQUENT SECTION 679 TAXES:** Resolved that Berkheimer is hereby appointed the collection agency during fiscal year 2014- 2015 for delinquent Per Capita Taxes levied. Charges will be as contracted.

**F. APPOINTMENT OF EIT, LST, AND MECHANICAL DEVICES COLLECTORS:** Resolved that during the 2014- 2015 fiscal year collectors for EIT, LST and Mechanical Devices Tax will be Berkheimer. Rates for collection will be as per existing agreement between the District and Berkheimer. Berkheimer will be responsible for delinquent collection for any EIT, LST and mechanical devices taxes uncollected for the year.

**G. APPOINTMENT OF AMUSEMENT TAX COLLECTOR:** Resolved that the District Business Manager be appointed as interim Amusement Tax Collector.

- 3.6 The committee is recommending approval to accept Resolution 06192014 regarding Homestead/Farmstead exclusions real estate tax assessment reductions for the school year beginning July 1, 2014. (Exhibit)

3.7 The committee is recommending approval to accept bids provided by the Beaver County Tax office for properties previously exposed to upset tax sales and judicial sales, but were not sold and is currently held in a category known as the “Repository for Unsold Properties” for parcel numbers; 58-004-0626.000 and 58.004.0625.000. (Exhibit)

3.8 The committee is recommending approval to renew insurance (Commercial, Automobile, Umbrella, Workers Compensation, School Leaders, Cyber Liability) as discussed June 12, 2014. (Exhibit)

**4. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**  
**Perry Pander, Kathy Helsing, Co-Chairpersons**

4.1 The committee is recommending approval to accept the resignation of Judith Watson, Highland Middle School paraprofessional, effective June 11, 2014.

4.2 The committee is recommending approval to accept the resignation of Lauren Chappell, District Office secretary, effective June 20, 2014.

**5. EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
**Kathy Helsing, Ken Yonkee, Co-Chairpersons**

5.1 The committee is recommending approval for the following student teachers:  
a. Emily Cole, Grove City College, with Krsten Neeley, Blackhawk Intermediate School.  
b. Patrick Dairymple, Duquesne University, with Nathan Goodrich, Orchestra Director.  
c. Madison Braun, Slippery Rock University, with Sarah Shuleski, Highland Middle School.

5.2 The committee is recommending approval to implement BYOT initiative at Blackhawk High School beginning in 2014-15. BYOT, Bring Your Own Technology, will allow students to use their own personal technology devices to support their learning during instruction.

5.3 The committee is recommending approval for K-5 social studies and science, Legal Oratory and Debate grades 10-12 curriculum, and updates to P.E. grades 9-12, Computer grades 6-8.

5.4 The committee is recommending approval for the BVIU to occupy one classroom at BIS for the Early Intervention Program for the 2014-2015 school year. (Exhibit)

**6. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE**  
**Perry Pander, Chairperson**

6.1 Informational Item: Building and Grounds Committee presentation.

**7. ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**

**Paul Heckathorn, Dean Fleischman, Co-Chairpersons**

- 7.1 Congratulations to the boys baseball team who are the WPIAL AAA runner-ups and qualified for the PIAA baseball playoffs.
- 7.2 Congratulations to Brendan McKay who was selected as the 2013-2014 Gatorade Pennsylvania Baseball Player of the Year for the second year in a row and by the WPIAL Baseball Coaches Association as the WPIAL AAA Pitcher of the Year.
- 7.3 Congratulations to Brendan McKay who at the May 29, 2014 WPIAL Championship game had his consecutive scoreless innings streak end at 72 1/3 which ties the second-longest in US high school baseball history.
- 7.4 Congratulations to Nicole Cuddy, Jordan Taylor, Ashley Comley and Aleena Milinski who were selected to the Western PA Scholastic Lacrosse Association (WPSLA) All Section Team - Division 2 in Women's Lacrosse and Aleena Milinski, the first Blackhawk player chosen for the Western Pennsylvania National Team.
- 7.5 The committee is recommending approval to accept the resignation of Meredith Oliver as girls' softball assistant coach.

**8. ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON**

**Lance Rose, Chairperson**

No Report

**9. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**Paul May, Perry Pander, Co-Chairpersons**

No Report

**10. FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE**

**Dean Fleischman, Paul May Co-Chairpersons**

No Report

**11. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE**

**Lance Rose, Chairperson**

No Report

**12. POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Ken Yonkee, Chairperson**

- 12.1 Informational Item: First reading of Policy 304.1, Conflict of Interest/Nepotism. (Exhibit)

**13. BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT**  
**Tory Aquino, Chairperson**

- 13.1 The committee is recommending approval for the following conference: (Exhibit)  
**A. Administrator:**  
1. Carol Sprinker, Danielle Bailey, Keystone State Reading Association, Penn State, State College, June 26, 2014 (all expenses paid by K.S.R.A.)  
2. Carol Sprinker, Korin McMillen, Danielle Bailey, Special Education Leadership Academy, Bedford Springs, July 28-31, 2014 (expenses paid by ACCESS funds).

**14. INTERMEDIATE UNIT**  
**Rich Oswald, Chairperson**

- 14.1 Informational Item: School Board Notes

**15. VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL**  
**Rich Oswald, Chairperson**

- 15.1 The committee recommends approval for the Beaver County Career and Technology Center Budget and Resolution. (Exhibit)

**16. PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**  
**Dean Fleischman, Chairperson**

No Report

**17. BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**Paul Heckathorn, Chairperson**

No Report

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

- A. Visitors
- B. Administration
- C. School Directors
- D. Next Meeting—June 19, 2014, Blackhawk High School Library, 7:30PM.
- E. Adjournment
- F. Executive Session, if needed.