

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' WORK SESSION  
Blackhawk High School Library  
March 10, 2011**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

Mr. Richard Oswald, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:35PM. Roll call was answered by eight members. Those in attendance were:

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

Absent was: Mrs. Perri

Also attending were:

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

The minutes from the February 10 and February 17, 2011 meetings were moved to be approved by Mr. Clendennen and seconded by Mr. May.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Oswald announced that the March 17, 2011 Board Meeting will be held in the High School Library at 7:30 PM and will be preceded by a Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting at the same location at 6:30 PM.

Mr. Oswald announced that there will be a VIP Brunch on May 18, 2011 to recognize District volunteers.

Mr. Oswald also announced that there will be a Board Appreciation Dinner on May 26, 2011 to recognize the District's achievements and individuals' contributions. Any Board members who would like to recognize an individual were directed to contact Dr. Miller.

Mr. Oswald allowed Dan Engen of the architectural firm of VEBH to present the latest update on the progress of the Middle School project.

Dr. Miller reviewed the PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS portion of the agenda proposed for the March 17, 2011 meeting.

Mr. Oswald asked if there was any public comment or questions on agenda items. There were none.

Dr. Miller and Mr. Wessel reviewed the FINANCE COMMITTEE portion of the agenda proposed for March 17, 2011. There was a presentation by Joel Martin from the auditing firm of Cottrill Arbutina of the 2009- 2010 fiscal year audit. The audit shows a reduction in the General

Fund balance of \$821,374 (to \$935,290), continuing a downward trend found in the prior four years. It also showed that the Cafeteria Fund remains in the red, a three year trend, despite showing a fiscal year profit of \$12,405. There were no material findings in the audit, and the Board was referred to the Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) and the Schedule of Findings for additional information. Mr. Wessel informed the Board that West Mayfield appointed an interim property tax collector due to the resignation of the elected collector and that the Board would be asked at the next voting meeting (March 17, 2011), to appoint the same person as real estate and per capita collector for the District. Finally, Mr. Wessel informed the Board that the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit budget on the agenda for approval at the next meeting continues to reflect a 3% increase despite the loss of an additional \$130,000 in IU funding as presented in the governor's budget proposal.

Dr. Miller reviewed the PERSONNEL COMMITTEE portion of the agenda proposed for March 17, 2011.

Dr. Miller reviewed the EDUCATION COMMITTEE portion of the agenda proposed for February 17, 2011.

#### **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/ REAL ESTATE**

After discussion Mr. Calabria proposed voting on, Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Fleischman seconded a motion to approve a change order to Ceriani Construction for \$695.36 to replace a damaged gym door (number G12).

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to approve Construction Engineering Consultants (CEC) for subsurface investigations for storm water management design as required by Chippewa Township as follows: Middle School for the renovation project, \$3,180; Intermediate School concrete and pavement project, \$1,375; and, High School concrete and pavement project, \$1,375.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Mr. Clendennen moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to approve the use of Widmer Engineering to provide additional engineering services related to identifying existing conditions of the underground storm water piping for the Intermediate School pavement project at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

#### **ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to approve Jim Riggio for the position of volunteer coach for the Middle School Girls' Softball team.

**Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried**

Dr. Miller referred the Board to Exhibit D (a letter from Mr. Jay Paisley) which complimented the District and Athletics Department on the Tennis Court Project completed in the fall of 2010.

Dr. Miller informed the Board under the FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE that the Department of Education completed an audit done every five years of the District's Food Service Program and that the inspector's comments were very positive and the suggestions recommended very minor.

Dr. Miller reviewed the BOARD/ STAFF ENRICHMENT portion of the agenda.

Dr. Miller pointed out under the PSBA LEGISLATION COMMITTEE area that the Governor presented his proposed budget on Tuesday March 8<sup>th</sup> and that while the District was waiting to see the actual numbers for various programs, the reduction in state funding is expected to be \$600,000 to \$1.5M.

Mr. Oswald announced that an executive session for negotiations and property would be held after the meeting and he asked if any of the School Directors had any comments. There were none.

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

Mr. Oswald asked if any visitors had comments. There were none.

Mr. Oswald announced that the next meeting would be held at the High School in the Library at 7:30 PM on March 17, 2011 and would be preceded at 6:30 PM by a Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting at 6:30PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Submitted by Jerry Wessel  
Board Secretary