

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' SPECIAL VOTING MEETING
Blackhawk's High School Library
May 29, 2014**

MEETING MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Dr. Rose, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. and the Pledge of Allegiance was made. Roll call was answered by eight members. Those in attendance were:

Ms. Aquino	Mr. Fleischman	Mr. Heckathorn	Mrs. Helsing
Mr. May	Mr. Pander	Dr. Rose	Mr. Yonkee

Absent was:

Mr. Oswald

Also attending were:

Dr. Thomas- Acting Superintendent

Mr. Petrush- District Solicitor

Mr. Wessel- Board Secretary

In lieu of an opening prayer, Dr. Rose asked for a moment of silent reflection.

Dr. Rose reminded the Board and those attending from the public of the District's videotaping policy as outlined in the agenda.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. Fleischman seconded a motion to accept Resolution 05292014 as read electing Dr. Melanie Kerber as the District Superintendent for a period of three years beginning July 1, 2014.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes; 2 No; (Mr. Heckathorn, Mr. May) - Motion Carried

Dr. Rose welcomed Dr. Kerber to the District.

The District solicitor, Mr. Petrush, stated that he had drafted a proposed contract with Dr. Kerber for her and the Board's review and editing prior to the parties signing it.

Mrs. Helsing moved and Mr. Yonkee seconded a motion to authorize the Acting Superintendent, Dr. Michael Thomas, to execute an engagement letter with Babst, Calland, Clements and Zomnir PC to act as special labor council to the District in connection with the pending action before the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board.

Mr. May objected to the public not being given an opportunity to speak prior to Board action on motions. Dr. Rose then opened the meeting for public comments although it was not shown on the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Bob Clendennen commented on the policy concerning public comments, requested that the new Superintendent discuss her goals and objectives for the District at a future public meeting and asked Board members to use the microphones provided when making comments. Mr. Jarrod McCowan welcomed Dr. Kerber as the new Superintendent on behalf of the Teachers' Association.

Discussion concerning the motion on the floor was then engaged in by Board members.
Verbal Vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; - Motion Carried

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Visitors: Mr. Bob Clendennen asked about the condition of the grounds at the Middle School. Ms. Melissa Ziegler commented on the cost of the special council approved earlier in the meeting, and conduct of a Board member at the previous meeting.

Administrators: Dr. Thomas welcomed Dr. Kerber to the District.

School Directors: Dr. Rose thanked all those involved in the Superintendent search and selection processes.

Mr. Yonkee commented on the sharing of books by students and Dr. Thomas clarified that books are being shared for one subject this year because two grades are taking the course and next year only one grade will do so.

Dr. Rose announced that an executive session was conducted prior to the meeting for personnel, litigation and a grievance and an executive session will be held prior to the next scheduled meeting if necessary.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2014 in the Blackhawk High School library at 7:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Submitted by Jerry Wessel
Board Secretary