

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS WORK SESSION  
Blackhawk High School Library  
May 15, 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 April 10 and 24, 2014. (Exhibit A)

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

2.1 Lauren Stein will present National Latin Exam awards to students on May 15, 2014.

2.2 Congratulations to Blackhawk Intermediate Students, Anika Katkich, Max Marnick, Gabriella DeRose, Katie O’Roark for qualifying for the State K’nex Challenge in Harrisburg. The students prepared for the competition under the direction of Kim Steffanina and Amanda Sweesy.

2.3 Congratulations to Heather McKean, Beaver County Career & Technology Center student, for achieving perfect attendance. Heather is in the Veterinary Assistant program. Evie Jankowski, Culinary Arts, Veronica Brightwell, Graphic Arts &

Printing, and Breanne Steiner, Health Occupations, will be recognized at the Annual Student Awards Banquet this month.

- 2.4 Congratulations to the following high school students for being selected as “Student of the Month” for May:
  - a. Brianna Skiles – Little Beaver Lions
  - b. Erik McClain – Rotary Club
- 2.5 Congratulations to Victoria Bovalino for being the recipient of a \$500 Mock Trial scholarship from the Beaver County Bar Association. Victoria received the scholarship at the Law Day program at the Beaver County Courthouse on May 1.
- 2.6 Congratulations to Blackhawk High School juniors Molly Eder, Noelle Marousis, and Michelle Myers for competing in the 53rd Annual Beaver County Outstanding Young Women scholarship program (sponsored by the Beaver Area Jaycees) on April 26 at Beaver Area High School. Molly Eder was named third runner-up and won a \$1,000 scholarship. Noelle Marousis won the Samuel Pelaia Presence and Presentation Award and earned a \$500 scholarship.
- 2.7 *Congratulations to Blackhawk’s Henry Mancini Musical Theatre Awards nominees for the production of Titanic:*
  - a. *Outstanding Student Orchestra*
  - b. *Outstanding Vocal Ensemble*
- 2.8 *Congratulations to the high school and middle school Academic Games Players who recently competed in the National Games in Knoxville, TN. The results for the World Events Tournament are as follows:*
  - a. *Senior Division Individual: Ethan Frederick, 10<sup>th</sup> Place*
  - b. *Senior Division Team: Ethan Frederick, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place; Kaitlyn Rakestraw, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place*
  - c. *Junior Division Individual: Philip Arrigo, 5<sup>th</sup> Place; Noelle Hughes, 9<sup>th</sup> Place, Cory Steinle, 6<sup>th</sup> Place*
  - d. *Junior Division Team: Philip Arrigo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place; Noelle Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Cory Steinle, 1<sup>st</sup> Place*
  - e. *Middle Division Team: Aaron Frederick, 4<sup>th</sup> Place; Sean Steinle, 4<sup>th</sup> Place*
  - f. *Mr. President Tournament: Noelle Hughes 2<sup>nd</sup> Place; Cory Steinle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place*

**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 Approval is recommended to accept the Financial report for March and April (to be provided before Voting session).

- \*3.2 Approval is recommended for the payment of bills. (Exhibit B)
  - a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$470,956.73
  - 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: April \$
  
- 3.3 Informational Item: Monthly Insurance Report for April. (to be provided before Voting session)
  
- \*3.4 Approval is recommended to accept the Preliminary Budget as presented for the 2014-15 school year. Copies of the Preliminary Budget will be available in the District Office and all buildings except the high school beginning May 23, 2014. Approval of the Preliminary Budget is necessary so that there are at least 30 days until final adoption. The Board will be asked to take action on a final budget on June 19, 2014. (Exhibit C)
  
- 4. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**  
**Perry Pander, Kathy Helsing, Co-Chairpersons**
  - 4.1 Approval is recommended to accept the resignation of Nancy Bowman, Curriculum Director, effective June 30, 2014.
  - 4.2 Approval is recommended for the following for summer custodial work at \$9/hr:
    - a. Christine Cipolla
    - b. Tyler Thellman (pending receipt of clearances)
  
- 5. EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
**Kathy Helsing, Ken Yonkee, Co-Chairpersons**
  - 5.1 Approval is recommended for the following internships for the 2014-2015 school year:
    - a. Chelsea Benedict, Geneva College, with Gina Gordon, Blackhawk Intermediate School.
    - b. Deanna Christopher, Westminster College, with Kelley Engle, Highland Middle School.
  
  - \*5.2 Approval is recommended for the following field trips: (Exhibit D)
    - a. 2014-2015 Junior and Senior Class President (2), Deb Thellman, Franklin Regional High School, May 21, 2014 (\$20 expenses budgeted).
    - b. Middle and High School TSA(27), Dale Moll, Ashley Biega, Tim Linkenheimer, National TSA Conference, Washington D.C. June 26-July 1, 2014 (\$337.70 per student, expenses budgeted, collect from students and other).

- c. Concert Choir (44), Ashley Biega, Nicole Holiday, New York City, November 14-15, 2014 (expenses collected from student).
  - d. Chorus/Musical Seniors, Senior Night, Maura Underwood, Nicole Holiday, Pittsburgh, May 30, 2014 (\$250 expenses budgeted and collected from student).
  - e. *Orchestra (13), Nate Goodrich, Performance at Elmcroft Assisted Living, May 20, 2014 (expenses budgeted).*
  - f. *Orchestra (25), Nate Goodrich, Instrument Demonstration, Northwestern and Patterson Primary, May 27, 2014 (expenses collected).*
- 5.3 Approval is recommended to implement an after school program during the 2014-2015 school year at Highland Middle School. (Will be provided at Work session)

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

No Report

**7. ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**  
**Paul Heckathorn, Dean Fleischman, Co-Chairpersons**

- 7.1 Informational Item: Parent email recognizing assistance by athletic trainer, Elizabeth Walker.
- 7.2 Congratulations to Jonah Cooper, playing boys' tennis through a cooperative sponsorship with Beaver County Christian School, who was selected as the athlete of the week by the Beaver County Times for the week of April 7.
- 7.3 Lia Vinciguerra has been named the "Most Positive Girls Lacrosse" athlete by Positive Athlete Pittsburgh and will receive an award at the C Harper Positive High School Athlete Awards on Saturday, May 3 at the Heinz History Center in downtown Pittsburgh.
- 7.4 Congratulations to Brendan McKay, a senior left-hander, who has not allowed a run in 58 consecutive innings, dating to 2013. According to the National Federation of State High School Association's record book, McKay's streak is the fourth-longest in the nation in high school baseball history. The all-time record is 80 innings set by Joey Porter of Natchez, Miss., in 1973.
- 7.5 Congratulations to the boys' tennis team who were the WPIAL AA, Section II champs and also secured a spot in the WPIAL tennis team championship tournament.
- 7.6 Congratulations to the girls' lacrosse team who secured a spot in the upcoming WPIAL playoffs.

- 7.7 Congratulations to the girls' softball team, who are the AAA, section 1 champions and also secured a spot in the upcoming WPIAL playoffs.
- 7.8 Congratulations to the boys' baseball team, who are the AAA, section 1 co-champs and also secured a spot in the upcoming WPIAL playoffs.
- 7.9 Congratulations to Tiye Boyd, Kevin Jenkins, Noah Thayer, Noah Ross, Damian Palaich, Alex Desmond, Daniel Savilisky and Michael Savilisky who all qualified for the WPIAL individual finals.
- 7.10 Informational Item: Summary of Winter sports season
- 7.11 Approval is recommended to approve the addition of bowling as a club sport beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. The club will be sponsored by Bryan Vitali, BHS physical education teacher, and Floyd Panella, BSD substitute. There will be no expense to the district.
- 7.12 Approval is recommended for the student activity account as submitted.

**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 Approval is recommended to accept Policy 625, regarding Credit Cards

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

- \*13.1 Approval is recommended for the following conferences: (Exhibit E)
- A. Educators:**
1. Russell Couch, AP Physics Summer Institute, South Fayette High School, June 23-26, 2014 (\$176 expenses budgeted).
  2. Rob Puskas, AP Environmental Science Summer Institute, Morgantown, June 17-20, 2014 (\$1,000 expenses budgeted).
  3. Jeff Cienik, Elizabeth Walker, National Athletic Training Symposium, Indianapolis, June 25-28, 2014 (\$1908 expenses budgeted).
- B. Administrators:**
1. JaneAnn Fucci, PDE Data Summit: Building a Culture of Quality Data, Lancaster, May 18-21, 2014 (\$600 expenses budgeted).

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

- 14.1 Informational Item: BVIU School Board Notes, April 23, 2014
- 14.2 Approval is recommended to enter into agreement with Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit to provide remedial reading instructional services in accordance with the Title I Reading Program at the nonpublic school, Divine Mercy at a cost of \$1,650 per student.

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

No Report

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

- 16.1 Informational Item: PSBA News Headlines, April 29, 2014

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

No Report

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

- A. Visitors
- B. Administration
- C. School Directors
- D. Next Meeting—May 22, 2014, Blackhawk High School Library, 7:30PM.
- E. Adjournment
- F. Executive Session, if needed.