

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS VOTING MEETING  
Blackhawk High School Library  
June 18, 2009**

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

Richard Caputo, President of the Board of School Directors, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll call was answered by nine members. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Barsottini	Mr. Klein	Dr. Kasunich
Mr. Caputo	Mrs. Lambert	Dr. Miller
Mr. Emge	Mr. Oswald	Mr. Brandenburg
Mr. Fitzgerald	Mrs. Wagoner	Visitors - 28
Mr. Gabauer	Mr. Young	

The opening prayer was given by Pastor Judy Angelberger, Steffin Hill United Presbyterian Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion (Mrs. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Emge) to approve the minutes of the meeting on June 11, 2009

**Roll Call Vote: 9 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

**PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Loraine Sharp & Beth Smith were recognized as having 25 years of service with the district.

Retiring staff were recognized: Mark Balbach, Kathleen Bellissimo, Maria Cardinale, Christine Chulak, Mary Ann Darak, Nancy Davies, Sarah Davis, Janice Douglass, David Florentine, Jacqueline Gill, Karen Hickman, Donna Jackman, Edward Klicker, Nancy Klimchak, Patricia Levkus, Lou Little, Christine Marsico, Jean Means, Cynthia Moore, Cheryl Nicely, Carol Roberts, Richard Voynik, Cynthia Walsh, Denise Zachewicz

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Comments made by Nick Billoto, Bob Clendennen and Joyce Perri.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Motion (Mr. Barsottini, seconded by Mr. Oswald) for the Financial Report as submitted.

**Roll Call Vote: 9 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Barsottini, seconded by Mr. Emge) for the Insurance Report as submitted.

**Roll Call Vote: 9 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Barsottini, seconded by Mr. Klein) to provide the Hepatitis B vaccine to custodial and maintenance staff at a cost of \$195.00 per person.

**Roll Call Vote: 9 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Barsottini, seconded by Mrs. Lambert) to approve the contract with Glade Run for two (2) Day Student Education Agreements for the 2009-2010 school year.

**Roll Call Vote: 9 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Barsottini, seconded by Mrs. Lambert) to adopt the 2009-2010 Blackhawk School District Budget providing for the following expenditures in the total amount of \$29,850,193 with an increase of two point six three (2.63) mill set at the millage rate of 51.26 for Beaver County. Multi-County Rebalancing Based on Methodology of Section 672.1 of PA School Code calculates an increase of point six (.06) mill set at the millage rate of 17.60 for Lawrence County.

<u>Expenditure Budget</u>	
1000 Instructional	\$17,866,298
2000 Support Services	9,525,115
3000 Non-Instructional	842,801
5000 Other Outlays	1,615,979
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$29,850,193</b>

<u>Revenue Budget</u>	
6000 Local Sources	\$15,400,498
7000 State Sources	13,645,409
8000 Federal Sources	1,027,890

<u>Total Revenues</u>	\$30,073,797
0770 Fund Balance (Amount reduced to balance budget)	(\$223,604)
<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$29,850,193</b>

**Roll Call Vote: 9 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Barsottini, seconded by Mr. Oswald) for Resolutions A-H detailing the District's tax levies, tax collectors, tax collection procedures, and compensation rates for tax collectors.

A. Real Estate Levy: RESOLVED, that for the purpose of providing funds for payment of salaries to the teaching and supervisory staff, rentals due to the Authority and sinking fund charges on building projects approved by the Department of Education, with the balance, if any, to be used for the purpose of providing funds generally for the ensuing Fiscal Year in accordance with the foregoing budget, the Board of School Directors does hereby levy and impose a tax upon real estate for the year 2009-2010 at a rate of 51.26 mills on the assessed valuation of the property in the District's municipalities in Beaver County and at a rate of 17.6 mills on the assessed valuation of the property in the Enon Valley Borough in Lawrence County or \$5.13 per \$100 of assessed valuation in the District's municipalities in Beaver County and \$1.76 per \$100 of assessed valuation in the Enon Valley Borough of Lawrence County.

B. School Code Per Capita Tax--Section 679: RESOLVED, that for the purpose of providing funds for the ensuing Fiscal Year, in accordance with the foregoing budget and pursuant to the authority granted under Section 679 of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended, the Board of School Directors does hereby levy and impose a Per Capita Tax of \$5 on each resident or inhabitant of said School District 18 years of age or over. The determination of taxables and the assessment, collection and enforcement of the tax shall in all respects conform to the provisions of the Act 511 Per Capita Resolution adopted heretofore and continuing in force except where the latter is inconsistent with and cannot be reconciled with the provisions of the Public School Code, as amended.

C. Refer to the attached resolution for approval to adopt a new tax installment Payment plan.

D. Commission for Collection of School Code Per Capita Tax: RESOLVED, that during the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2009, a four percent commission shall be paid to all Real Estate Tax Collectors in the Blackhawk School District for all School Code Per Capita Tax (Section 679) collections based on the 2009 Per Capita Tax List.

E. Appointment of Delinquent School Code Per Capita Tax Collector and Fixing Compensation: RESOLVED, that the Berkheimer Agency, Beaver Falls, PA, and Sharp Collections of Sharpsville, PA are hereby appointed the collection agencies during the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2009, for delinquent School Code Per Capita Taxes due to the Blackhawk School District and which are returned to the agency for further collection, and for such service shall be paid as follows: (a) Per Capita Tax--There will be no charge to the School District and costs will be charged to the delinquent taxpayer. (b) Earned Income Tax--Twenty percent (20%) of the gross collections will be charged to the School District and cost will be charged to the delinquent taxpayer.

F. Appointment of Earned Income, Occupation Privilege, and Mechanical Devices Tax Collectors and Fixing Compensation: RESOLVED, that the following persons and agency be, and they are, hereby, appointed for the year 2009-2010 or until the election and qualification of their successors, collectors of the Earned Income Tax, the Occupation Privilege Tax, and the Mechanical Devices Tax imposed under Act 511 within the respective municipalities set forth opposite their names:

Chippewa Township	-	Delores Gibson
Darlington Township	-	Holly Nicely
Darlington Borough	-	Centax
Enon Valley Borough	-	Veronica Dombrosky
Patterson Township	-	Robert Anderson
Patterson Heights	-	Laurie Roorback
South Beaver Township	-	Robin Huston
West Mayfield Borough	-	Mable Wallace

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the commissions of said collectors be fixed at a rate of 3.25 percent on the first \$300,000 of Earned Income Taxes collected, 2 percent on

all Earned Income Taxes above \$300,000, at a rate of 4 percent of Occupational Privilege Taxes collected, and at a rate of 5 percent of Mechanical Device Taxes collected.

G. Appointment of Amusement Tax Collector: RESOLVED, that the Business Manager be, and hereby is, appointed Collector in the entire Blackhawk School District for the Amusement Tax imposed, in accordance with Act 511, for the 2009 - 2010 Fiscal Year.

H. Appointment of Act 511 Per Capita Tax Collectors and Fixing Compensation: RESOLVED, that the elected Real Estate Tax Collector in each municipal component of the School District be, and he/she is, hereby appointed Tax Collector of the Act 511 Per Capita Tax in his/her respective municipality for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2009, or until the election and qualification of a successor.

**Roll Call Vote: 9 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Barsottini, seconded by Mrs. Lambert) for Authorization to Invest General Fund Receipts: RESOLVED, that the Treasurer, in consultation with the Superintendent and the Board Secretary, be authorized to make temporary investments of School District funds from time to time during the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year in accordance with the provisions of Section 440.1 of the PA School Code of 1949, as amended.

**Roll Call Vote: 9 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Barsotoni, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald) for the following Depository Resolution: It is recommended that First Commonwealth Bank, ESB Bank, Citizens Bank, PA Treasurer's Invest Program, Pittsburgh National Bank, Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT), and the Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund be designated as the depositories for the General Fund of the Blackhawk School District during the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year. It is further recommended that the Chippewa branches of Citizens Bank and ESB Bank be designated as the depositories for the Blackhawk High School Activity Accounts, The Highland Middle School Activity Accounts and the Blackhawk School District Athletic Account and that Chippewa branches of Citizens Bank and ESB Bank and Citizens Band and ESB Band be designated as the depositories for the Blackhawk Cafeteria Fund.

**Roll Call Vote: 9 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Barsottini, seconded by Mr. Oswald) for the following resolution: A resolution of the Board of Directors of the Blackhawk School District, Beaver County, PA, providing for the interim inspection and assessment of certain improvements within the territorial limits of the School District which are not included in the tax duplicate of the School District; and further providing for additions and revisions to the tax duplicate of said School District in consequence thereof.

**Roll Call Vote: 9 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Barsottini, seconded by Mr. Oswald) for the resolution authorizing real estate tax assessment reductions under the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act and the Taxpayer Relief Act.

**Roll Call Vote: 9 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Barsottini, seconded by Mr. Klein) for the payment of bills as submitted.

**Roll Call Vote: 9 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Barsottini, seconded by Mrs. Lambert) to appoint Terri Francis as Interim Board Secretary beginning July 1, 2009.

**Roll Call Vote: 9 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

#### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Emge) to employ Krystal Gaudino, 115 Cycle Drive, Freedom, PA 15042, as a long-term substitute for the speech clinician position for the 2009-2010 school year. Her salary will be \$34,500 Step 1 Bachelors.

**Roll Call Vote: 9 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mrs. Lambert) to employ Carolyn Giles, as a French teacher at the high school for the 2009-2010 school year. Her salary will be \$35,540 Step 1 Masters +12.

**Roll Call Vote: 9 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Oswald) to employ Ashley Boyers, 5020 Foxwood Court, Gibsonsia, PA 15044, as a Special Education teacher at the high school for the 2009-2010 school year. His salary will be \$38,000 Step 2 Bachelors.

**Roll Call Vote: 9 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

**The Board went into Executive Session at 8:35 PM to discuss personnel issues. Mrs. Wagoner left during the Executive Session.**

**The Board returned at 9:48 PM for voting action.**

#### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Motion (Mr. Barsottini, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald) to approve the performance bonuses for the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent.

**Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

Motion (Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Emge) to open the Swim Coach position.

**Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes; 0 – No; Motion Carried**

**The Board adjourned at 9:50 PM.**

**Eric Brandenburg**

**Board Secretary**