

BLACKHAWK SCHOOL DISTRICT
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BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' VOTING MEETING
Blackhawk's High School Library
November 15, 2012

MEETING MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Mr. Richard Oswald, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was answered by eight members, a quorum.

Those in attendance were:

Mr. Calabria	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Fleischman	Mr. Heckathorn
Mr. Inman	Mr. May	Mr. Oswald	Dr. Rose

Absent was: Mr. Clendennen

Also attending were:

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

Mr. Oswald introduced Kimberley Small, Associate Pastor of The First Assembly of God church who gave the invocation.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

No report.

Mr. Clendennen arrived at 7:35 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Oswald asked if there were any public comments on agenda items or other matters.

Ms. Deborah Daquila, District resident and High School teacher, commented about the flyer sent to her and other residents by the "Blackhawk Citizens for Accountability." She stated that it contained many incorrect statements and undermines the efforts of the teachers and administrators of the District.

Ms. Anita Mensch, District resident and High School teacher, commented about the quality of the District and its student's accomplishments. She said the flyer sent by the "Blackhawk Citizens for Accountability" casts doubts on the District and does not reflect what is being done in the District to educate its children.

Ms. Kimberly Boggs, accompanied by her husband Larry, said she was professionally insulted by the "Blackhawk Citizens for Accountability" using her name in their publication without her permission and implying she accomplished things which were really a group effort. She said she finds it embarrassing when people talk about negative things related to the District and encouraged everyone to be positive.

Ms. Diane Huston, High School Physical Education instructor, spoke about Dr. Miller's great leadership and caring for teachers and students alike. She encouraged the Board to work as a team with Dr. Miller and other administrators.

Mr. Ryan Ricciardi, High School teacher, said he is very proud of the District and team of teachers, administrators and Board members and negativity hurts the District. He encouraged everyone to work together to help the students grow and be successful.

Ms. Daquilla wrapped up the teacher comments by thanking the Board for their time.

Mr. Perry Pander asked for an update on the insurance claim for the boiler at the Intermediate School and Mr. Wessel told him that the insurance company has said it was not covered but the District's agent is still working the issue.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Under the Finance Chairperson Report, Mr. Inman informed the Board members that he attended some the Senior Project Presentations and was very impressed with the students who presented and he complemented them and their teachers.

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to accept the Financial Report for the month of October 2012 as submitted.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to approve bills for October 2012 from the various Funds as submitted.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

The Board was directed by Mr. Inman to the exhibits within their packets for the October Monthly Insurance Reports. Mr. Wessel reported the Health Fund balance to the Board.

Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to approve the Confidential Secretaries Agreement as presented.

Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Inman moved and Dr. Rose seconded a motion to approve the collective bargaining agreement with Paraprofessional Group as presented

Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Oswald recommended, Mr. Inman moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to approve the employment of Brenden Griffey as a Northwestern Primary School paraprofessional at a rate of \$9.00 per hour (approximate yearly cost of \$11,340 per year) effective immediately.
Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Oswald recommended, Mr. Clendennen moved and Dr. Rose seconded a motion to approve the employment of Shannon Dunlevy as a Blackhawk Intermediate School paraprofessional at a rate of \$9.00 per hour (approximate yearly cost of \$11,340 per year) effective immediately.
Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mr. May moved and Mr. Calabria seconded a motion to approve the following field trips:
A. 4th Grade, Steve Lodovico, 4th grade teachers, Kids on Campus Day at Duquesne University, AJ Palumbo Center, December 5, 2012 (expenses budgeted)
B. 10th grade, (45), Andrew Yuhaniak, BCCTC Tour, December 7, 2012 (expenses budgeted).
Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/ REAL ESTATE

No report.

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to accept the Athletic Activities Accounts report as submitted.
Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Calabria offered the following congratulations:

- A. Congratulations to the Men's Soccer Team who were the Section Champions and earned a spot in the WPIAL Playoffs.
- B. Congratulations to the Women's Volleyball Team who earned a spot in the WPIAL Playoffs.
- C. Congratulations to the Football Team who earned a spot in the WPIAL Playoffs.
- D. Congratulations to Cole Chiappiale (Football) who was named Bronze Athlete of the week by Beaver County Times for the weeks of October 8 and 15; Gold Athlete of the week for October 22. He earned the Beaver County Times Traveling Trophy given to the county scoring leader. Cole scored 164 points and was also selected as the Clearview/WTAE Student Athlete of the Week for October 25. Cole set a Beaver County and Blackhawk record for rushing 404 yards in a single game. He became only the 10th player in WPIAL history to rush for 400 yards in a game.
- E. Congratulations to Chandler Kincade (Football) who was named Bronze Athlete of the Week by the Beaver County Times for the weeks of October 15 and 29 and was selected as

the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Athlete of the Week for November 2.

F. Congratulations to Alex Caratelli (Football) who was named Bronze Athlete of the Week by the Beaver County Times for the week of October 29 and who set a Beaver County season receiving record and Blackhawk School District record with 61 receptions for 1037 yards.

G. Congratulations to Zach Black (Cross Country) and Noah Ross (Cross Country) who were named Bronze Athletes of the Week by the Beaver County Times for the week of October 29. Zach and Noah also qualified for the PIAA State Cross Country Championships.

H. Congratulations to Jesse Phlegar (Golf) and Matt Urgitus (Golf) who were named Bronze Athlete of the Week by the Beaver county Times for the week of October 8.

I. Congratulations to Matt Urgitis and Jesse Phlegar who qualified for the PIAA Western Finals.

J. Congratulations to Jesse Phlegar who qualified for the PIAA Golf Championships.

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Clendennen seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Alyssa Knowlson as the Middle School Volleyball Coach.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

Mr. Calabria moved and Mr. Inman seconded a motion to appoint Dante DeNome as Assistant Varsity Wrestling coach at a salary of \$3,068.98.

Verbal Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No- Motion Carried

ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE

No report.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No report.

FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

No report.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

No report.

POLICY COMMITTEE

No report.

BOARD/ STAFF ENRICHMENT

No report.

INTERMEDIATE UNIT

No report.

VOCATIONAL- TECHNICAL SCHOOL

No report.

PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Clendennen advised that Board members that the Governor recently disavowed any responsibility for staff reductions by public school districts and encouraged Board members to contact their legislators to insure they understand that budget cuts by the Governor and legislature are directly responsible for districts making staff cuts.

BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

No report.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

School Directors: Mr. Calabria thanked Ms. Daquila and the teachers who spoke at the meeting and he thanked them for the great jobs they are doing.

Mr. Clendennen told the audience that the majority of the Board supports Dr. Miller's efforts and he thanked her for her hard work, especially for the added workload due to the construction project at the Middle School.

Administrators: None

Visitors: Ms. Barb Brown asked for the fund balances in the Health and Dental Funds and Mr. Wessel gave them to her.

Mrs. Goering asked if the savings from the Bond refinancing approved at the previous meeting has been designated for a particular use by the Board and Mr. Oswald told her it has not been thus far.

Next Meeting: Mr. Oswald announced that the next scheduled meeting is the Reorganization and Voting Meeting to be held December 3, 2012 at 7:30 in the Blackhawk High School Library.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Submitted by Jerry Wessel
Board Secretary