

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

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

AGENDA

**1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
Rich Oswald, President**

- 1.1 Call to order
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.3 Roll Call
- *1.4 Approval of Minutes from October 13 and 20, 2011. (Exhibit A)
- 1.5 The BVIU is presenting a workshop for recently appointed or elected Board Members on January 28, 2012 from 8:30 – 11:45 A.M. This session is open to all Board Members but is specifically designed for anyone appointed since the last election or successful candidates in the 2011 election.
- 1.6 There will be an Executive Session at the conclusion of this meeting for personnel and legal matters.

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

- 2.1 Commendations are extended to Megan Bailey and Shawn Haddox for being selected as Highland Middle School's Teacher of the Month, selected by the students.
- 2.2 Congratulations to the Blackhawk High School Band for winning the class AA, PIMBA Championship. Two consecutive championships is a major accomplishment!
- 2.3 Congratulations to the participants of the Computer Programming contest, hosted by Westminster College. Blackhawk was able to take 1st and 3rd place. The First Place Team included Jacob Cruzan, Nick Rome, Jesse Groom, and Christian Gecina. Third Place Team included Dan Warnaka, Tyler Tracy, Elena Iannuzzi, and Clint Davies.

- 2.4 Congratulations to high school students, Elena Iannuzzi, Max Levine, Matt Pulleo, Connor Camp, and Louie D'Amico. These students competed in KDKA's High Q Competition with Kiski Area HS and The University School. The program was taped and will be aired November 12, 11:00 A.M. Taping for the playoffs will be March 3, 2012.
- 2.5 Congratulations to the nineteen Blackhawk High School Accounting 1 and 2 students. They finished 3rd in a Financial Statement Analysis Contest held on Thursday, November 3rd at Duquesne University.

THE PUBLIC HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD AT THIS TIME ON AGENDA ITEMS OR OTHER MATTERS.

3. FINANCE COMMITTEE
Don Inman, Chairperson

- 3.1 Approval is recommended to accept the Financial Report for October as submitted. (to be provided before Voting meeting)
- 3.2 Approval is recommended for the payment of bills per fund as submitted. (to be provided before the Voting meeting)
 - a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$
 - b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund: \$
 - c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$
 - d. Fund 66 – UPMC Hospitalization: \$
 - e. Fund 67 – Delta Dental: \$Payroll October: \$
- 3.3 Informational Item: Monthly Insurance Report for October (to be provided before Voting meeting)
- 3.4 Informational Item: Bob Aumer, from Janney Montgomery Scott, will present information regarding future bond issues for HMS Renovation Project on November 10, 2011.

4. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
Geri Pander, Chairperson

- 4.1 Approval is recommended for the following substitutes for the 2011-2012 school year.
 - a. Jamie Lynn Reesh; English
 - b. Carole Comley; Nurse
 - c. Heidi Johanson; Nurse
 - d. Jody Gibbs; English
 - e. Dennis Bott; Emergency
 - f. Mark Andrews; Business
 - g. Barbara Hopkins; Spanish
 - h. Wendy Schultz; Elementary
 - i. Jennifer Summers; Art
- 4.2 Approval is recommended to employ Tom Duffy as Head Custodian at a rate of \$20.00 per hour effective November 21, 2011.

4.3 Approval is recommended to employ Nancy Glass, part time cafeteria employee at Blackhawk Intermediate School, at a rate of \$7.25 per hour effective immediately.

5. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Paul May, Chairperson

- *5.1 Approval is recommended for the following field trips:
 - a. Concert Choir and Music Academy, Maura Underwood, Old Economy Village Performance, December 10, 2011. (Budgeted and Student Funded)
 - b. 7th grade English students (30), Sarah Shuleski, Dana Cox, Leah Lindemann, YSU English Festival, Youngstown State University, March 29, 2012. (Budgeted and Student Funded)
 - c. Jr. Historians, Rich Oswald, Katie Phelps, Monroeville Mall, November 25, 2011 (Thanksgiving Break for students; Student Funded).
 - d. Potential Vo-Tech 10th grade students (45), Andy Yuhaniak, BCCTC, November 16, 2011. (Budgeted)
 - e. BHS Expressions, Jayne McDonald, Community Performances on December 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 15, and 19, 2011. (Student Funded)
 - f. Extended Day Kindergarten Students, Rebecca Effert, Tom Nulph, The Nutcracker Adventure, Benedum Center for the Arts, December 2, 2011. (Blackhawk Foundation/PTO)

5.2 Academic Update: Art and Music Departments will present on November 17, 2011

5.3 Approval is recommended to contract with Watson Institute for 10 days during the 2011-12 school year at a rate of \$740 per day using ACCESS funding. This service will support the Life Skills program and Learning Support program to support autistic students instructional needs. (Exhibit B)

5.4 Approval is recommended to permit Dr. Clare Conry-Murray, Penn State Professor, to recruit students ages 5 to 10 to voluntarily participate in a research study regarding fairness in complicated situations. (Exhibit C)

6. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE

Bob Clendennen, Chairperson

*6.1 Approval is recommended to authorize VEBH to complete bidding documents for Option A (addition of ramp and ADA accessible seating that will replace several rows of bleachers) as presented on October 20, 2011 by VEBH for the Northwestern Stadium to address ADA access to the football stands.

6.2 Approval is recommended to acknowledge receipt of Plan Con G for the Highland Middle School Renovation Project. (Exhibit D)

- 6.3 Approval is recommended to approve a change order to McElroy Paving in the amount of \$17,677 for earthwork related to stabilize and restore the existing slope along the Dillon Street side of the High School athletic field as required by the Beaver County Conservation District. The limits of the work required to stabilize the slope and being approved by this motion are as approved by the Beaver County Conservation District and exceed the estimated limits of work included in the value of the previously "not to exceed" cost. Therefore, this motion rescinds the previous "not to exceed" motion as approved at the October 20, 2011 Board Meeting. (Exhibit E)
- 6.4 Informational Item: Topsoil and lawn seeding on the outfield of the high school athletic field. The Board approved a "not to exceed" motion at the October 20, 2011 Board meeting. McElroy Paving provided a verbal estimate of \$5,000 before drawings were approved by the Beaver County Conservation District. After reviewing the drawings, McElroy has quoted the work in the amount of \$19,090. The Beaver County Conservation District and DEP's first priority was the grading of the hillside. Because the work would be scheduled to be completed in the spring 2012 planting season, a review in the spring and possible bidding from other contractors may be necessary. (Exhibit E)
- 6.5 Approval is recommended to approve a change order to Yarborough Development, Inc. in the amount of \$423.40 to provide a concrete slab on grade in the plumbing chase of the renovated Restroom A111. The concealed chase was exposed in the course of the work and discovered not to have a concrete floor, which is required for support of plumbing fixtures. (Exhibit F)
- 6.6 Approval is recommended to approve a change order to Shipley Brothers Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$3,236.10 to provide plumbing rough-in to the washer in the Life Skills Classroom. The work was not shown on the plumbing drawings but is required for the educational program. (Exhibit G)
- 6.7 Approval is recommended to approve a change order to Shipley Brothers Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$2,959.67 to provide additional work related to underground sanitary piping at two sinks in the Art Room A117 and the one sink piped through Room A101.1. The additional piping is required in order to connect new piping to the existing piping at a point where it is of adequate size and depth. The point of connection shown on the drawings was a concealed condition that was not discovered until it was exposed in the course of construction and determined that it was not installed in the size and elevation indicated on the original construction record drawings and found to be inadequate at these three locations. (Exhibit H)
- 6.8 Approval is recommended to approve a change order to American Contracting Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$8,830.00 to provide asbestos abatement related to the demolition and removal of the boiler from the ground floor of the Annex. The asbestos was discovered in the concealed portion of the boiler's joints which were exposed in the course of the work. (Exhibit I)

7. ATHLETICS COMMITTEE
Chad Calabria, Chairperson

- 7.1 Approval is recommended for the athletic activity accounts as submitted. (Exhibit J)
- 7.2 Approval is recommended to accept the resignation of Robin Ostach as the Middle School Volleyball coach.
- 7.3 Approval is recommended to appoint Brian Boggs as a volunteer coach for the men's 8th grade boy's basketball team pending receipt of clearances.
- 7.4 Approval is recommended to appoint Tom Desmond as a volunteer coach for the men's 7th grade boy's basketball team.
- 7.5 Approval is recommended to appoint Marc Lodovico as a volunteer coach for the women's varsity basketball team.
- 7.6 Approval is recommended for Alexander Huffman, grade 9 and Kelly Ostrowski, grade 11 from Shenango High School to compete as WPIAL independent swimmers in Blackhawk swim meets. Their parents will serve as coaches.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON
Rich Oswald, Chairperson

No Report

9. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Paul May, Chairperson

No Report

10. FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE
Dean Fleischman, Chairperson

No Report

11. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE
Don Inman, Chairperson

No Report

12. POLICY COMMITTEE
TBA, Chairperson

No Report

13. BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT
Chad Calabria, Chairperson

- *13.1 Approval is recommended for the following conferences: (Exhibit K)
- a. Anna Bretch, Heather Pastor, JaneAnn Fucci, Jessica Dougherty, Spectroscopy Society Science Olympiad Workshop, Hampton School District, November 18, 2011.
(Budgeted)
 - b. Gina Gordon, Regional Bullying Prevention Network, Mars, December 5, 2011.
(Budgeted)
 - c. Jack Fullen, Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors, Hershey, March 20 – 23, 2012.
(Budgeted)

14. INTERMEDIATE UNIT
Jamie Fitzgerald, Representative

No Report

15. VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL
James Fitzgerald, Representative

No Report

16. PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
Bob Clendennen, Representative

- 16.1 Informational Item: PSBA School Director Seat on PSERS Board (Exhibit L)

17. BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Geri Pander, Representative

No Report

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- A. School Directors
- B. Administration
- C. Visitors
- D. Next Meeting—November 17, 2011 at Blackhawk High School at 7:30P.M. There will not be a Buildings and Grounds meeting prior to the Board meeting.