

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

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS WORK SESSION  
Blackhawk High School Library  
September 12, 2013**

**AGENDA**

**1. BOARD ORGANIZATION**

- 1.1 Call to Order
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.3 Roll Call
- \*1.4 Approval of Minutes from August 8 and 15, 2013. (Exhibit A)

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

- 2.1 Informational Item: Public Relations and Communications Chairperson Report
- 2.2 A check in the amount of \$21,671.00 was presented to Coaches vs. Cancer as a result of the District's fundraising efforts during the school year. The committee members would like to thank the administrators, secretaries, teachers and students for their support of the Coaches vs. Cancer initiative.
- 2.3 Commendations to the Blackhawk teachers for securing 111 grants totaling \$63,723 from the Blackhawk Education Foundation. The administration, staff and students extend their gratitude to the Foundation for providing these funds for special projects that enhance student learning.

**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 Informational Item: Finance Chairperson Report
- 3.2 Approval is recommended to accept the Financial Report for August. (To be provided before Voting Meeting)

- 3.3 Approval is recommended for the payment of bills. (To be provided before Voting Meeting)
  - a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$
  - b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund:\$
  - c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$
  - d. Fund 66 – UPMC Health Fund: \$
  - e. Fund 67 – Delta Dental: \$Payroll August: \$

- 3.4 Informational Item: Monthly Insurance Report for August. (To be provided before Voting Meeting)

**4. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**  
**Paul Heckathorn, Chairperson**

- 4.1 Informational Item: Personnel Chairperson Report

- \*4.2 Approval is recommended for the following substitutes for the 2013-2014 school year:

- a. Judy Howard-Mack
- b. Christopher Shaffer
- c. Tiffany Pecora
- d. Margaret Fabri
- e. Jennifer Specht
- f. Kristen Hennessy
- g. Genevieve Lincheck

- 4.3 Approval is recommended to grant tenure to the following teachers: (Exhibit B)
  - a. Jamie Planitzer
  - b. Lauren Weinheimer
  - c. Dana Cox

- \*4.4 Approval is recommended to accept the resignation of Marguerite Hunt, Paraprofessional, effective August 23, 2013.

- \*4.5 Approval is recommended to employ Ron Gonzalez as High School Paraprofessional, at a rate of \$9.18 per hour. (The approximate annual salary would be \$12,700 with benefits).

- \*4.6 Approval is recommended to employ the following teachers for Blackhawk's Alternative Education program for a total cost of 12 hours per week (\$25/hour). (Additional information: This program has been operating for approximately 10 years in the District. When students need an alternative placement for a variety of health, behavior, or discipline needs, the District continues their education in the evenings at Blackhawk as opposed to paying tuition to an approved private school).

- a. Dave Marker-Math
  - b. Eileen Rhodes-English
  - c. Dante DeNome-Social Studies
  - d. Nathan Lowery-Science
  - e. Natalie Nicolette-Health/PE
  - f. Stephanie Dickinson-Counseling
  - g. Lou Wolber – Drivers Ed
- \*4.7 Approval is recommended to accept the resignation of Rick Migliore as volunteer assistant coach with the boys' varsity basketball program.
- \*4.8 Approval is recommended to appoint Kristie Bresz as the Color Guard/Flag Sponsor at a salary of \$2,553.78.
- \*4.9 Approval is recommended to appoint Lauren Chappell as the Blackhawk High School Technology Facilitator at a salary of \$2,759.85 for the 2013-14 school year. (Due to the resignation of Kim Boggs)
- 4.10 Approval is recommended to employ \_\_\_\_\_ as a paraprofessional (Personal Care Assistant) at Northwestern Primary School at a rate of \$9.18 per hour. (The approximate annual salary would be \$12,700 with benefits)

## **5. EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

### **Paul May, Chairperson**

- 5.1 Informational Item: Education Chairperson Report
- \*5.2 Approval is recommended for the following field trips: (Exhibit C)
- a. Music Academy, Concert Choir (9-15), Maura Underwood, PMEA Honors Chorus Auditions, Westminster College, October 3, 2013 (expenses budgeted and collected from students).
  - b. Music Academy, Concert Choir (9-15), Maura Underwood, PMEA Honors Chorus, Westminster College, November 31 – December 2, 2013 (expenses budgeted).
  - c. Concert Choir Men (10-15), Maura Underwood, Penn State Men of Song, Penn State Main, October 19, 2013 (expenses collected from student).
  - d. Select Choir Students (2), Maura Underwood, PMEA District Chorus, Sharon High School, January 8-10, 2014 (expenses budgeted).
  - e. Select Choir Students (8), Maura Underwood, PMEA Region Chorus, Blackhawk High School, February 12-14, 2014 (expenses budgeted).
  - f. Select Choir Students (2), Maura Underwood, PMEA All-State Chorus, Blackhawk High School, March 26-29, 2014 (expenses budgeted).
  - g. BHS Concert Choir (48), Maura Underwood, Ashley Biega, Nicole Holiday, Kings Island, OH, May 16-17, 2014 (expenses collected from students).
  - h. AP Chemistry (8), Kim Baker, Team Building in AP Chemistry, Geneva College, October 11, 2013 (expenses collected from student and other).

- i. Special Education Transition (30), Mariah Brown, Financial Fair, CCBC, October 18, 2013 (expenses budgeted).
  - j. Special Education (25), Mariah Brown, National Disability Mentoring Day, FED EX, October 16, 2013 (expenses budgeted).
  - k. 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus (138), Jayne McDonald, Pittsburgh Symphony Performance, Heinz Hall, January 22, 2014 (expenses collected from students).
  - l. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus (56), Jayne McDonald, Musical, Moon High School, November 12, 2013 (expenses collected from students).
  - m. 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus (82), Jayne McDonald, Pittsburgh Musical Theater, The Byham, May 1, 2014 (expenses collected from students).
  - n. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade/Pride (197), Gretchen Hogue, Dianne Sarver, and Third Grade Teachers, Irons Mill Farmstead, New Wilmington, October 25, 2013 (expenses collected from other).
- 5.3 Informational Item: District Goals for 2013-2014 presented on September 19. (Dr. Miller)
- 5.4 Approval is recommended to utilize Heritage Valley Health System for Occupational Therapy for the 2013-2014 school year at \$39.00 per session, \$80.00 per evaluation. (Exhibit D)
- 5.5 Approval is recommended to send Primary, Intermediate, and Middle School Guidance Surveys to both parents and teachers as part of American School Counselor’s Recognized ASCA Model Program (R.A.M.P.) (Additional information: These surveys provide information regarding the services that parents and teachers would like the school district to offer students this school year.)

**6. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE**  
**Bob Clendennen, Chairperson**

- 6.1 Informational Item: Buildings and Grounds Chairperson Report
- 6.2 Informational Item: Mr. Tom Durkin, VEBH Architect, will attend next week’s meeting to discuss potential change orders for the Highland Middle School Project.

**7. ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**  
**Chad Calabria, Chairperson**

- 7.1 Informational Item: Athletics Chairperson Report
- \*7.2 Approval is recommended for a “Learn to Swim” program and Family Night Swimming, Masters Swimming, American Red Cross Lifeguarding beginning September 16, 2013 through May 31, 2014.

**8. ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON**  
**Rich Oswald, Chairperson**

8.1 Informational Item: Administrative Chairperson Report

**9. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**Paul May, Chairperson**

9.1 Informational Item: Transportation Chairperson Report

**10. FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE**  
**Dean Fleischman, Chairperson**

10.1 Informational Item: Food Service Chairperson Report

**11. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**Don Inman, Chairperson**

11.1 Informational Item: Negotiations Chairperson Report

11.2 Approval is recommended to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with BEA in regards to Blackhawk teachers instructing Blackhawk cyber students. (Exhibit E)

11.3 Approval is recommended to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with BEA in regards to the District's Technology Director's position. (Exhibit F)

**12. POLICY COMMITTEE**  
**Lance Rose, Chairperson**

12.1 Informational Item: Policy Chairperson Report

12.2 Second Reading: Policy 006.2 regarding Video Taping of Board meetings (Exhibit G)

**13. BOARD/STAFF ENRICHMENT**  
**Chad Calabria, Chairperson**

13.1 Informational Item: Board/Staff Enrichment Chairperson Report

- \*13.2 Approval is recommended for the following conferences: (Exhibit H)
- a. Nancy Bowman, Anthony Mooney, Scott Nelson, Legal and Policy Issues Facing School Administrators, Westminster College, September 24, 2013 (expensed budgeted).
  - b. Danielle Bailey, Dianne Sarver, Steve Lodovico, Pat Warnaka, Lauren Grossman, Theresa Bollinger, Crisis Prevention Intervention, BVIU,

- September 19, 2013 (expenses budgeted).
- c. Brandon Smith, Orientation for Chain Reaction Contest, Carnegie Science Center, September 25, 2013 (expenses budgeted).
- d. Dale Moll, Tim Linkenheimer, PATSA Regional Planning Meeting, Pittsburgh, October 4, 2013 (expenses budgeted).
- e. Dale Moll, Tim Linkenheimer, TEEAP Conference, Camp Hill, PA, November 7-8, 2013 (expenses budgeted).
- f. Mariah Brown, County Wide Transition Coordinators Meeting, BVIU, September 27, 2013 (expenses budgeted).
- g. Andrew Yuhaniak, Annual NCAA Update, University of Pittsburgh, October 3, 2013 (no expense).

**14. INTERMEDIATE UNIT**

**Jamie Fitzgerald, Representative**

- 14.1 Informational Item: Intermediate Unit Chairperson Report

**15. VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL**

**Jamie Fitzgerald, Representative**

- 15.1 Informational Item: Vocational-Technical Chairperson Report

**16. PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**Bob Clendennen, Representative**

- 16.1 Informational Item: PSBA Legislative Committee Chairperson Report
- 16.2 Informational Item: PSBA elections (Mr. Wessel)

**17. BEAVER COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**Paul Heckathorn, Representative**

- 17.1 Informational Item: Beaver County Regional Council of Governments Chairperson Report

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

- A. Visitors
- B. Administration
- C. School Directors
- D. Next Meeting—September 19, 2013, Blackhawk High School Library, 7:30PM