

December 4, 2024

At 6:00 p.m. the Board held their Committee Meeting, briefly reviewing agenda items. The Board then entered Executive Session to discuss Personnel. The Board exited Executive Session to start the Regular Meeting.

The Blacklick Valley School Board met in person in Regular Session at 7:01 p.m. for General Purposes in the Conference Room of the Blacklick Valley Jr. Sr. High School, 555 Birch Street, Nanty Glo, PA 15943 with Angela Villa, President, presiding and the following members present:

Elizabeth Kreashko, Larry Kupchella, Gregory O'Farrell, Jeffrey Szymusiak, Don Thomas, and Joe Villa.

Members Absent: Michael Gdula and Shawn McMullen.

Others Present: Mr. William Kanich, Superintendent, Bethany Peracchino, Business Manager/Board Secretary, Ed Alexander, High School Principal, Tammy Boring, Elementary Principal, and Nichole Kolarik, Special Ed Coordinator.

At this time, Mrs. Angela Villa, President, gave recognition to guests: None.

The Reorganization of the Board took place at this time.

Bethany Peracchino, Board Secretary, opened nominations for Board President.

Moved by Don Thomas, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to open nominations for election of Board President.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively	Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively	Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively	Motion Carried

Nomination/s for Board President: Larry Kupchella nominates Angela Villa for Board President.

Moved by Don Thomas, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to close nominations for Board President.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively	Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively	Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively	Motion Carried

Moved by Jeffrey Szymusiak, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve Angela Villa as Board President.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively	Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
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Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Abstains

Motion Carried

At this time during the meeting Angela Villa Board President, took the chair and called for the nomination of Board Vice-President.

Moved by Jeffrey Szymusiak, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to open nominations for election of Board Vice President.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Nomination/s for Board Vice President: Larry Kupchella nominates Don Thomas for Board Vice President.

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to close nominations for Board Vice President.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Gregory O'Farrell, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve Don Thomas as Board Vice President.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Abstains

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Angela Villa, Board President, called for the nomination of Board Treasurer.

Moved by Jeffrey Szymusiak, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to open nominations for election of Board Treasurer.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively	Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively	Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively	Motion Carried

Nomination/s for Board Treasurer: Larry Kupchella nominates Elizabeth Kreashko for Board Treasurer.

Moved by Don Thomas, seconded by Jeffrey Szymusiak, to close nominations for Board Treasurer.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively	Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively	Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively	Motion Carried

Moved by Don Thomas, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve Elizabeth Kreashko as Board Treasurer.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Abstains	Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively	Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively	Motion Carried

Angela Villa, Board President, called for the nomination of Board Vo-Tech Representative.

Moved by Jeffrey Szymusiak, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to open nominations for election of Board Vo-Tech Representative.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively	Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively	Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively	Motion Carried

Nomination/s for Board Vo-Tech Representative: Jeffrey Szymusiak nominates Shawn McMullen for Board Vo-Tech Representative.

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Jeffrey Szymusiak, to close nominations for Board Vo-Tech Representative.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively	Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively	Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively	Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Jeffrey Szymusiak, to approve Shawn McMullen as Board Vo-Tech Representative.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively	Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively	Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively	Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to appoint the Law Firm of DILLON MCCANDLESS KING COULTER & GRAHAM L.L.P. as the District's Solicitor.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively	Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively	Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively	Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Jeffrey Szymusiak, that the Regular School Board Meetings be held: January 15, 2025, February 19, 2025, March 19, 2025, April 16, 2025, May 21, 2025, June 25, 2025, NO July Meeting, August 20, 2025, September 17, 2025, October 22, 2025, November 19, 2025, and December 3, 2025.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively	Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively	Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively	Motion Carried

Moved by Jeffrey Szymusiak, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2024 Regular School Board Meeting.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively	Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively	Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively	Motion Carried

Moved by Gregory O'Farrell, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the Treasurer's Reports for the months ending October 31, 2024 and November 30, 2024.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively	Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively	Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively	Motion Carried

Moved by Don Thomas, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve the following motions:

Motion to approve the payment of the Regular Bills in the amount of **\$65,298.01**.

Motion to approve the payment of the Cafeteria Bills in the amount of **\$469.45**.

Motion to approve the payment of the December, 2024 Payroll in the estimated amount of **\$318,547.44** and the estimated transfer of **\$318,547.44** from the General Fund to the Payroll Account.

Motion to approve the payment of the December, 2024 Cafeteria Payroll in the estimated amount of **\$16,184.86** and the estimated transfer of **\$16,184.86** from the Cafeteria Fund to the General Fund Account.

Motion to approve the Cafeteria Fund Report for the months ending October 31, 2024 and November 30, 2024 showing balances of **\$382,323.88 and \$402,235.28**, respectively.

Motion to approve the Athletic Fund Report for the months ending October 31, 2024 and November 30, 2024 showing balances of **\$15,411.04 and \$6,899.81**, respectively.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively	Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively	Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively	Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Joe Villa, to approve the contract with In-Shore Technologies for IT services for one staff member three (3) days per week for July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2028 as follows:

7/1/25 – 6/30/26- \$49,800.00

7/1/26 – 6/30/27- \$49,800.00

7/1/27 – 6/30/28- \$49,800.00

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Joe Villa, to approve the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act – Part B, Section 611, sub grant contract with the Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 for the 2024-2025 school year.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Joe Villa, to approve the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act – Part B, Section 619, sub grant contract with the Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 for the 2024-2025 school year.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Joe Villa, to approve the attachment to Board Policy #331 Travel Reimbursement- Job Related Expenses.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Joe Villa, to authorize the Superintendent and Business Manager to contract with an engineer and environmental consultant to develop bid specifications for work needed for the High School auditorium ceiling.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Joe Villa, to approve the 3-year agreement between Finals site and Blacklick Valley School District for webpage management services at the following costs beginning July 1 2025:

Period 1 - July 1 2025 - \$7,451

Period 2 - July 1 2026 - \$7,898

Period 3 - July 1 2027 - \$8,371

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Jeffrey Szymusiak, seconded by Don Thomas, to approve the hire of Kayla Hamrock as School Nurse at a salary of \$46,700.00.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Jeffrey Szymusiak, seconded by Joe Villa, to approve the resignation of Michelle Gongloff, Cafeteria Worker, effective COB 11/12/24.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Jeffrey Szymusiak, seconded by Joe Villa, to approve homebound instruction for a high school student.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Jeffrey Szymusiak, seconded by Joe Villa, to approve Robert Wilson-Cokes as a bus driver for Mlaker Transportation.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

For the good of the organization: Elizabeth Kreashko stated that she went to both Veterans Day assemblies and both the High School and Elementary assemblies were fantastic. She was especially blown away from how well the Elementary students did.

Moved by Jeffrey Szymusiak, seconded by Joe Villa, to adjourn the meeting.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:11p.m.

_____ *Bethany Peracchino* _____

Bethany Peracchino, Board Secretary- Electronically Signed