

January 17, 2024

At 6:00 p.m. the Board held their Committee Meeting, briefly reviewing agenda items. The Board ended their Committee Meeting and entered Executive Session to discuss personnel. The Board exited Executive Session at 6:11 pm to start the Regular Meeting.

The Blacklick Valley School Board met in person in Regular Session at 6:13 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, Board President, presiding and the following members present:

Michael Gdula, Gregory O'Farrell, Shawn McMullen, Jeffrey Szymusiak, Don Thomas, and Joe Villa.

Members Absent: Elizabeth Kreashko and Larry Kupchella

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

Recognition of Guests- None.

Moved by Don Thomas, seconded by Jeffrey Szymusiak, to approve the minutes from the December 6, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively	Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively	Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively
Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively	Motion Carried

Moved by Shawn McMullen, seconded by Don Thomas, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending December 31, 2023.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively	Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively	Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively
Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively	Motion Carried

Moved by Michael Gdula, seconded by Joe Villa, to approve the following motions:

Motion to approve the payment of the Regular Bills in the amount of \$188,186.99.

Motion to approve the payment of the Cafeteria Bills in the amount of \$22,627.83.

Motion to approve the estimated payment of the January 2024 Payroll in the amount of \$295,239.96 and the estimated transfer of \$295,239.96 from the General Fund to the Payroll Account.

Motion to approve the estimated payment of the January 2024 Cafeteria Payroll in the amount of \$12,463.96 and the estimated transfer of \$12,463.96 from the Cafeteria Fund to the General Fund Account.

Motion to approve the Cafeteria Fund Report for the month ending December 31, 2024, showing a balance of \$401,525.45.

Motion to approve the Athletic Fund Report for the month ending December 31, 2023, showing a balance of \$4,163.10.

Motion to approve the 4th Quarter Blacklick Valley Jr. Sr. High School Student Activities Account ending December 31, 2023.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Don Thomas, seconded by Jeffrey Szymusiak, to maintain the current tax collector compensation rates as is:

\$2.00 per each real estate tax bill collected

\$0.75 per each per capita tax 679 bill collected

\$0.75 per each per capita tax 511 bill collected

\$0.75 per each occupation tax bill collected

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Don Thomas, seconded by Jeffrey Szymusiak, to approve the Varsity Girls Basketball team to participate in a tournament in North Carolina over the 2024 Christmas break at no cost to the district.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Don Thomas, seconded by Jeffrey Szymusiak, to waive the second reading of the following policies:

- a. 701 Facilities Planning
- b. 702 Gifts, Grants, Donations
- c. 702.1 Crowd Funding
- d. 703 Sanitary Management
- e. 704 Maintenance
- f. 705 Facilities and Workplace Safety
- g. 706 Property Records
- h. 708 Lending Equipment and Books
- i. 709 Building Security
- j. 710 Use of Facility By Staff
- k. 716 Integrated Pest Management
- l. 717 Cellular Telephones
- m. 718 Service Animals
- n. 827 Conflict of Interest
- o. 918 Parent and Family Engagement

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Michael Gdula, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to approve Brianna Yoder as a mentor for the new second grade teacher (Livingston) at a salary of \$700.00.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Michael Gdula, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to approve Edward Hrtzog Junior as a bus driver.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Michael Gdula, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to approve the resignation of Nancy Yoder as a regular part-time cleaner effective immediately.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Michael Gdula, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to approve the hiring of Corbin Roles as a regular part-time cleaner at a rate of \$9.00/hour.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Michael Gdula, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to approve Taylor Price as a paraprofessional.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Michael Gdula, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to approve the resignation of Michelle Young, Cafeteria Worker, effective 1/26/24.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Michael Gdula, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to approve Sydney Solnosky as a paraprofessional.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

For the good of the organization:

Bill Kanich, Superintendent, read from an email that was sent to Ed from a Glendale Jr. High Parent on 12/21/23. They stated that our Jr. High Boys Basketball Team is a class act. Our coaches and players allowed two of the Glendale players to score their very first points of their career. They were very touched and are very appreciative.

Ron Rhoades shared that March 4th – March 8th is Read Across America Week (Dr. Seuss Week). Gina Kokoski asked Board Members to volunteer throughout the day to be a guest reader in one of the grades.

In addition, at the Elementary, Mrs. Eller asked to form a Student Counsel. They have since held elections and now have officers. The kids presented ideas to Mr. Rhoades, including doing morning announcements in 5th and 6th grade. They want to have student mentors. They also want to put up a suggestion box in the cafeteria for any student suggestions that can then be taken by the Student Counsel for a meeting with Mr. Rhoades.

Ed Alexander stated that the Girls' Basketball game is tonight. Kristen Szymusiak is on target for 1,000 points. Also, over Christmas break, we had banner night in our gym during basketball games. There was a good turnout.

Moved by Shawn McMullen, seconded by Jeffrey Szymusiak, to adjourn the meeting.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

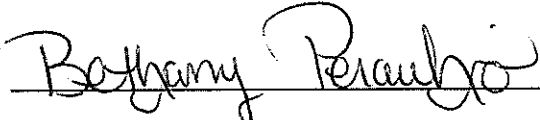
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.


Bethany Peracchino, Board Secretary