

March 19, 2025

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 6:21 pm to start the Regular Meeting.

The Blacklick Valley School Board met in person in Regular Session at 6:22 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, Elizabeth Kreashko, Larry Kupchella, Gregory O'Farrell, Shawn McMullen, Jeffrey Szymusiak, Joe Villa, and Don Thomas.

Members Absent: None.

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 Education Coordinator.

Recognition of Guests- None.

Moved by Gregory O'Farrell, seconded by Michael Gdula, to approve the minutes from the February 19, 2025 Regular Meeting.

Voting on Motion:

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

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Jeffrey Szymusiak, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending February 28, 2025.

Voting on Motion:

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

Moved by Michael Gdula, seconded by Shawn McMullen, to approve the following motions:

Motion to approve the payment of the Regular Bills in the amount of \$63,035.43.

Motion to approve the payment of the Cafeteria Bills in the amount of \$1,080.08.

Motion to approve the estimated payment of the March 2025 General Fund Payroll in the amount of \$400,873.40, and the estimated transfer of \$400,873.40 from the General Fund to the Payroll Account.

Motion to approve the estimated payment of the March 2025 Cafeteria Payroll in the amount of \$14,120.04 and the estimated transfer of \$14,120.04 from the Cafeteria Fund to the General Fund Account.

Motion to approve the Cafeteria Fund Report for the month ending February 28, 2025, showing a balance of \$419,768.46.

Motion to approve the Athletic Fund Report for the month ending February 28, 2025, showing a balance of \$6,736.12.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Michael Gdula, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve the Business Manager to advertise for bids for milk and school supplies for the 2025-2026 school year.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Michael Gdula, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve the IU8 General Fund Operating Budget for the 2025-26 school year.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Michael Gdula, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve the Admiral Peary AVTS 2025-2026 preliminary budget.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively
Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively
Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Michael Gdula, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve the agreement between the Alternative Community Resource Program, Inc. and the Blacklick Valley School District for Extended School Year services for the 2025 school year as needed.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively
Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively
Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Michael Gdula, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve the service agreement between the Blacklick Valley School District and Extended Family Programs, Inc. for the 2025-2026 school year.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively
Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively
Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Larry Kupchella, seconded by Shawn McMullen, to approve the hiring of Steve Szymusiak as an Assistant Senior High Football coach at a salary of \$4,686.00.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively
Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively
Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
Jeffrey Szymusiak Abstains
Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Larry Kupchella, seconded by Shawn McMullen, to approve the hiring of Dan Palko as an Assistant Junior High Football coach at a salary of \$4,374.00.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Larry Kupchella, seconded by Shawn McMullen, to approve Kiera Boring as a regular part-time cleaner at a rate of \$9.00/hour, effective 3/20/25.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION: Liz Kreashko stated that the play was phenomenal and the singing was fantastic. The Board was very impressed with the drama group. Liz also praised the Elementary staff and students for their door decorating competition this year.

Moved by Shawn McMullen, seconded by Joe Villa, to adjourn the meeting.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

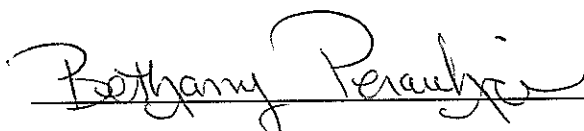
Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.


Bethany Peracchino, Board Secretary