

April 16, 2025

At 6:00 p.m. the Board held their Committee Meeting, briefly reviewing agenda items. Also during Committee, Bethany Peracchino, Business Manager, presented the 25-26 Budget. The Board ended their Committee Meeting and entered Executive Session to discuss personnel. The Board exited Executive Session at 6:56 pm to start the Regular Meeting.

The Blacklick Valley School Board met in person in Regular Session at 6:58 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:

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

Members Absent: Michael Gdula

Others Present: Mr. William Kanich, Superintendent, Bethany Peracchino, Business Manager/Board Secretary, Tammy Boring, Elementary Principal, Nichole Kolarik, Special Education Coordinator, and the Nanty-Glo Journal.

Recognition of Guests- None.

Moved by Larry Kupchella, seconded by Jeffrey Szymusiak, to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2025 Regular Meeting.

Voting on Motion:

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Joe Villa, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending March 31, 2025.

Voting on Motion:

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Gregory O'Farrell, seconded by Shawn McMullen, to approve the following motions:

Motion to approve the payment of the Regular Bills in the amount of \$107,805.98.

Motion to approve the payment of the Cafeteria Bills in the amount of \$37,247.02.

Motion to approve the estimated payment of the April 2025 General Fund Payroll in the amount of \$316,149.64, and the estimated transfer of \$316,149.64 from the General Fund to the Payroll Account.

Motion to approve the estimated payment of the April 2025 Cafeteria Payroll in the amount of \$14,562.92 and the estimated transfer of \$14,562.92 from the Cafeteria Fund to the General Fund Account.

Motion to approve the Cafeteria Fund Report for the month ending March 31, 2025, showing a balance of \$429,259.82.

Motion to approve the Athletic Fund Report for the month ending March 31, 2025, showing a balance of \$6,407.53.

Motion to approve the Student Activities Report for the 1st Quarter ending March 31, 2025.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Don Thomas, seconded by Shawn McMullen, to approve the Preliminary General Fund Budget for the 2025-2026 Fiscal year with a 0.00 mill tax increase on real estate as follows:

Revenues - \$13,078,110

Expenditures - \$15,730,966

Beginning Unassigned Fund Balance - \$4,824,855

Ending Unassigned Fund Balance - \$2,171,999

Voting on Motion BY ROLL CALL:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Jeffrey Szymusiak, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve the Business Manager to advertise for the 2025-2026 Fuel Bids.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Jeffrey Szymusiak, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve the quote for cheer uniforms in the amount of \$6,063.60 from Varsity Spirit Fashion (\$252.65/uniform).

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Joe Villa, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve the 25-26 – 29-30 Transportation Proposal of Mlaker Proposal Option 1.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 ESL Consortium Agreement for the 2025-26 school year at a cost of \$5,000.00.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve the Dual Credit Agreement between the Blacklick Valley School District and Pennsylvania Highlands Community College.

Voting on Motion:

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 Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve the Cooperative Agreement for College in High School Program between the Blacklick Valley School District and Mount Aloysius College for the 2025-26 school year.

Voting on Motion:

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 Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve the Athletic Director and High School Principal to apply for membership in Inter County Conference beginning in the 2026-27 school year.

Voting on Motion:

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 Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve the Blacklick Valley School District Special Education plan for the 2025 to 2028 school years.

Voting on Motion:

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 Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve the Business Manager to review ongoing bids from energy suppliers and approve the low bid supplier at a fixed price and term most beneficial to the District.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve the Nanty Glo Fire Company request for facilities for the 104th Cambria County Regional Firefighters Association Convention:

- Use of the Blacklick Valley Elementary Cafeteria for delegates day banquet on Friday August 1, 2025.
- Use of the Blacklick Valley Elementary School front parking lot for the parade judging from 8am until 6pm on Saturday August 2nd.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Don Thomas, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to remove the Athletic Director from Appendix C of the BVEA Contract effective July 1st 2025.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Don Thomas, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to create an Act 93 Supplemental Position for the Athletic Director position effective July 1st, 2025.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Don Thomas, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to approve the Agreement between the Board of School Directors of the Blacklick Valley School District and the Blacklick Valley Education Association beginning July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2030.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Don Thomas, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to approve Melanie Nedrich as a volunteer Girls' Basketball Coach.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Don Thomas, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to approve Andrew King as a driver for Mlaker Transportation.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Joe Villa, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to approve Maria Lauer as the Summer Stem Coordinator/Summer Special Education Program Coordinator at the homebound rate of \$30/hour not to exceed ten (10) hours.

Voting on Motion:

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Shawn McMullen, seconded by Jeffrey Szymusiak, to approve the resignation of Stan Pisarski as a paraprofessional, effective COB 2/7/25.

Voting on Motion:

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Shawn McMullen, seconded by Jeffrey Szymusiak, to approve the resignation of Sandy Jansure, substitute cafeteria worker, effective 4/10/25.

Voting on Motion:

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

Motion Carried

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION: Nothing Mentioned.

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, 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

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively


Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.



Bethany Peracchino, Board Secretary