

May 21, 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 6:58 p.m. to start the Regular Meeting.

The Blacklick Valley School Board met in person in Regular Session at 6:59 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, Ed Alexander, High School Principal, Nichole Kolarik, Special Education Coordinator, and the Nanty-Glo Journal.

Recognition of Guests- None.

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Jeffrey Szymusiak, to approve the minutes from the April 16, 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 Don Thomas, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending April 30, 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 Shawn McMullen, seconded by Joe Villa, to approve the following motions:

Motion to approve the payment of the Regular Bills in the amount of \$199,376.52.

Motion to approve the payment of the Cafeteria Bills in the amount of \$23,965.25.

Motion to approve the estimated payment of the May 2025 Payroll in the amount of \$467,066.19, and the estimated transfer of \$467,066.19 from the General Fund to the Payroll Account.

Motion to approve the estimated payment of the May 2025 Cafeteria Payroll in the amount of \$22,000.83 and the estimated transfer of \$22,000.83 from the Cafeteria Fund to the General Fund Account.

Motion to approve the Cafeteria Fund Report for the month ending April 30, 2025 showing a balance of \$429,376.53.

Motion to approve the Athletic Fund Report for the month ending April 30, 2025, showing a balance of \$3,991.07.

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

Revenues - \$13,081,910

Expenditures - \$15,732,382

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

Ending Unassigned Fund Balance - \$2,174,383

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 Larry Kupchella, seconded by Joe Villa, to approve fuel bids for the 2025-2026 school year as presented.

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 Larry Kupchella, seconded by Joe Villa, to approve the school supply bids for the 2025-2026 school year as presented.

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 Larry Kupchella, seconded by Joe Villa, to approve the milk bids for the 2025-2026 school year as presented.

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 Larry Kupchella, seconded by Joe Villa, to approve the May 15, 2025 bond payment in the amount of \$163,300.00.

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 Larry Kupchella, seconded by Joe Villa, to approve the Homestead-Farmstead resolution for the 2025-2026 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 Larry Kupchella, seconded by Joe Villa, to approve the Levy Taxes for the 2025-2026 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 Larry Kupchella, seconded by Joe Villa, to approve the Tax Collectors for the 2025-2026 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 Larry Kupchella, seconded by Joe Villa, to approve the School Depositories for the 2025-2026 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 Larry Kupchella, seconded by Joe Villa, to approve the resolution corresponding to the exoneration of tax collectors for uncollected taxes.

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 Larry Kupchella, seconded by Joe Villa, to authorize the Business Manager and Local Auditor to make any necessary fund adjustments and Budgetary Transfers so they may complete the year-end accounting procedures.

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 Larry Kupchella, seconded by Joe Villa, to approve the payment of \$4,000 to the Nanty Glo Borough Municipal Authority for the 24-25 field rental.

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 Larry Kupchella, seconded by Joe Villa, to approve the payment of \$1,500 to the Nanty Glo Borough Municipal Authority for the 24-25 Park & Pool donation.

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 Larry Kupchella, seconded by Joe Villa, to approve the COSTARS quote from Institutional Specialties, Inc. in the amount of \$22,450.00, which includes a sponsor/donor panel to be utilized for the sponsor paying for the scoreboard.

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 Larry Kupchella, seconded by Joe Villa, to approve the Culinary Depot quote of \$7,129.38 for the purchase of a new Convection Oven at the High School.

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 Larry Kupchella, seconded by Joe Villa, to approve the transportation contract with Mlaker for the term of 2025-2026 through 2029-2030.

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 Larry Kupchella, seconded by Joe Villa, to retroactively approve the Settlement Agreement with Pennsylvania Leadership Charter School in the amount of \$670.00 for a balance owed from the 2016-2017 school year.

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 Gregory O'Farrell, to approve the Alternate Bid No. 1 by Mid-State Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$690,200.00 for complete abatement and reconstruction of 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

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to approve the proposal by Allegheny Mountain Research, Inc. to provide asbestos abatement project daily air monitoring/oversight services at the costs of \$450.00/day for asbestos daily oversight/air monitoring services and \$550.00 per set of AHERA Required TEM Clearance Sampling Analysis. Total estimated cost of \$9,550.00.

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 Gregory O'Farrell, seconded by Joe Villa, to approve the agreement between Blacklick Valley School District and A.Y.S. for the Day Treatment Program the 2025-26 school year.

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 Joe Villa, to approve the agreement between the Blacklick Valley School District and Impact Counseling for the 2025-26 school year.

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 Joe Villa, to approve the Substitute Teacher Agreement between the Blacklick Valley School District and Ignite Education Solutions for the 2025-26 school year.

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 Joe Villa, to authorize the solicitor to file suit against Mallin Remodeling for breach of contract.

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 COSTARS proposal of \$52,935.00 from Stuckey Ford for the purchase of a 2025 F-250 4x4 SD Regular Cab with Boss Plow.

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 Joe Villa, to approve raises for the following staff/departments for the 2025-2026 school year as listed:

Dan Palko (Food Service Director)- \$2,000.00

Tim Williamson (Maintenance Supervisor)- \$2,000.00

Steve Szymusiak (SPO)- \$2,000.00

Admin- \$2,800.00

Secretaries- \$1,700.00

Cafeteria Staff- \$1.00/hour

Paraprofessionals- \$1.00/hour

PT SPOs- \$.50/hour

Starting Hourly Rate for Cleaners, Cafeteria Staff, and Paraprofessionals- \$10.00/hour

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 resignation of Morgan Chappell, Elementary Teacher, at the end of the 24-25 School Year.

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 Gregory O'Farrell, to approve Stacie Chuhran as the Special Ed Department Head for the 25-26 School Year at a salary of \$2,083.00.

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 Aaron Wiegand as the Assistant Esports Advisor for the 25-26 School Year at a salary of \$3,281.00.

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 Larry Kupchella, seconded by Joe Villa, to approve the transfer of Sarah McCormick from Kindergarten to Life Skill Teacher.

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 Larry Kupchella, seconded by Joe Villa, to approve the hiring of Nicole Jorgenson as an Elementary Teacher at a salary of \$35,000.00.

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 Larry Kupchella, seconded by Joe Villa, to approve the hiring of Chris Zamboni for the Act 93 Supplemental Athletic Director position.

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 Jeffrey Szymusiak, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to hire Ethan Joiner as a High School Social Studies teacher at a salary of \$35,000.00.

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 Joe Villa, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to hire Haley Teeter as an Elementary teacher at a salary of \$35,000.00.

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 ABSTAINS

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Jeffrey Szymusiak, to approve John Coyne as a driver for Mlaker Transportation.

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 Jeffrey Szymusiak, to approve the leave for employee number 108, taking place from the start of the 25-26 school year and returning on January 5, 2026.

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 Jeffrey Szymusiak, to approve the termination of Paul Hancharick, maintenance employee, effect May 15, 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 Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Jeffrey Szymusiak, to approve the retirement of Marlene Krampy, 10-month secretary, at the end of the school year, May 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

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION:

High School Principal, Ed Alexander, announced that graduation is this Friday, 5/23/25, at 7pm in the gymnasium. There was practice this morning and everything went smoothly. He thanked all those who are helping for their phenomenal work. He also stated that the sound system is exponentially better than what it was for awards night. Chairs are currently set up in the gym and we are able to seat around 600 people for graduation. We have 52 students graduating this year.

Also, 6th grade transfer was yesterday. It was about an hour to an hour and fifteen minutes long. It was a good time and everything went well.

Liz Kreashko stated that the District took the students fly fishing again this year. The kids were extremely well behaved and everyone had a great time.

Moved by Larry Kupchella, seconded by Shawn McMullen, 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

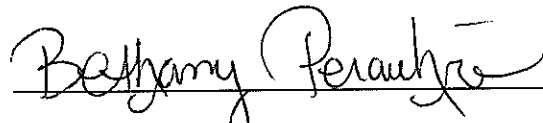
Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.


Bethany Peracchino, Board Secretary

2025-2026 FUEL BIDS

GASOLINE

Stuck Enterprises, Inc. DBA Barber Oil- Current Pump Price (net of all taxes) with a Minimum per Gallon Price of **\$1.105** and a Maximum per Gallon Price of **\$3.207**.

Current Market Price: \$3.299 per gallon

DIESEL

Stuck Enterprises, Inc. DBA Barber Oil - Regular Diesel & Diesel Mixed: Current Pump Price (net of all taxes) with a Minimum per Gallon Price of **\$1.105 (\$1.105 Mixed)** and a Maximum per Gallon Price of **\$3.586 (3.586 Mixed)**.

Average Current Market Price: \$3.965 per gallon

**Stuck Enterprises Inc. (DBA Barber Oil) is the only company to bid on gas and diesel. Our only other option would be to go with Sheetz, but they only offer the current rate and their Sheetz reward discount.

LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS (PROPANE)

ProGas – Firm Pricing: \$1.77/Gallon

24-25 Price: \$1.66 per gallon

**ProGas is the only company to bid on propane.

Blacklick Valley School District
Bids to be Awarded for the
2025-2026 School Year

	CY (25-26)	PY (24-25)	23-24	22-23	21-22	20-21	19-20	18-19	Variance
High School Instructional General Supplies	17,820.97	14,990.40	13,257.28	9,713.12	7,054.91	8,707.77	9,766.91	7,693.61	2,830.57
Elementary Instructional/Supplemental Supplies	25,922.66	25,303.64	25,040.66	29,040.05	15,329.40	12,532.14	12,138.40	10,482.23	619.02
Total Instructional General Supplies	43,743.63	40,294.04	38,297.94	38,753.17	22,384.31	21,239.91	21,905.31	18,175.84	3,449.59
Science Supplies	6,308.87	9,431.93	5,061.79	6,719.74	6,095.54	3,510.15	6,177.62	8,642.12	(3,123.06)
High School Art Supplies	3,863.67	4,598.06	5,107.38	2,921.21	17,642.16	2,873.28	2,612.05	780.18	(734.39)
Elementary Art Supplies	3,863.66	4,598.06	5,107.38	1,568.19	1,923.02	2,346.17	1,411.93	520.12	(734.40)
Total Art Supplies	7,727.33	9,196.12	10,214.76	4,489.40	19,565.18	5,219.45	4,023.98	1,300.30	(1,468.79)
Athletic & Athletic Training Supplies	10,838.10	10,839.58	11,313.09	12,904.25	10,854.49	10,916.32	12,364.75	13,176.79	(1.48)
Learning Support General Supplies	4,374.22	5,673.63	5,694.65	5,374.42	2,373.95	2,945.49	3,092.00	1,506.56	(1,299.41)
Janatorial Supplies	39,698.89	34,737.80	14,810.46	14,370.84	16,391.80	21,186.79	29,971.64	19,011.56	4,961.09
Wood/Power Technology Supplies (NEW)	5,478.17	7,790.08	9,954.68	-	-	-	-	-	(2,311.91)
Paper	6,224.00	6,164.00	7,530.00	3,527.90	4,638.00	5,158.00	6,207.00	5,065.50	60.00
Grand Total Bids to be Awarded	\$ 124,393.21	\$ 124,127.18	\$ 102,877.37	\$ 86,139.72	\$ 82,303.27	\$ 70,176.11	\$ 83,742.30	\$ 66,878.67	\$ 266.03

****There is only an increase of \$266.03 from last year to this year. All supplies are budgeted for.**

Item	Size	Vale-		Discount on		Discount on		Compared to Last Year
		Wood Bid	State Milk	Price Given to	Gallikers	State Milk	Price Given to	
		Amt	School	Bid Amt	School			
1% Milk, Unflavored	1/2 Pint	0.3183	4%	0.3183				.0235 INCREASE (Based on State Milk Price)
Non-Fat Vanilla	1/2 Pint	0.3243	4%	0.3243				.0273 INCREASE (Based on State Milk Price)
Non-Fat Strawberry	1/2 Pint	0.3243	4%	0.3243				.0273 INCREASE (Based on State Milk Price)
Non-Fat Chocolate	1/2 Pint	0.3243	4%	0.3243				.0273 INCREASE (Based on State Milk Price)
100% Juice (Apple)	4 Oz Carton	0.2000		0.2300				.0200 INCREASE
100% Juice (Orange)	4 Oz Carton	0.3000		0.2800				.0500 INCREASE
Lactose Reduced	1/2 Pint	-		N/A				N/A
Lactose Free	1/2 Pint	0.7000		0.5713				.0270 INCREASE
Lo-Cal Tea, All Flavors	12 Oz	-		0.5000				.0500 INCREASE
Lo-Cal Drinks, All Flavors	12 Oz	-		0.5000				.0500 INCREASE
Lo-Cal Tea, All Flavors	1 Pint	-		0.6900				.0600 INCREASE
Buttermilk	1/2 Gallon	2.6000		2.3734				.1244 INCREASE

All regular Milk for both schools (except Lactose Free and Buttermilk) will be ordered from Vale-Wood Farms

Apple Juice (4 Oz ONLY) will be ordered from Vale-Wood Farms.

All other Juice, Tea, Lo-Cal drinks, lactose free, and buttermilk for both schools will be ordered from Gallikers.

BLACKLICK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

2025 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution

RESOLVED, by the Board of School Directors of Blacklick Valley School District, that homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions are authorized for the school year beginning July 1, 2025, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), as follows:

1. **Aggregate amount available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction.** The following amounts are available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction for the school year beginning July 1, 2025:

a. **Gambling tax funds.** The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.505(b), as a property tax reduction allocation funded by gambling tax funds, the amount of \$280,021.54.

b. **Aggregate amount available.** Adding these amounts, the aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction is \$280,021.54.

2. **Homestead/farmstead numbers.** Pursuant to Act 50, 54 Pa. C.S. § 8584(i), and Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), the County has provided the School District with a certified report listing approved homesteads and approved farmsteads as follows:

a. **Homestead property number.** The number of approved homesteads within the School District is 1,343.

b. **Farmstead property number.** The number of approved farmsteads within the School District is 6.

c. **Homestead/farmstead combined number.** Adding these numbers, the aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads is 1,349.

3. **Real estate tax reduction calculation.** The homestead exclusion amount and the farmstead exclusion amount shall be equal. Dividing the paragraph 1(b) aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction of \$280,021.54 by the paragraph 2(c) aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads of 1,349, the maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$207.577.


Based on calculations provided by the School District Business Office from the best available information and carefully evaluated by the School Board, considering the assessed value of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads having an assessed value below the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate assessed value reduction amount to be

established as the homestead exclusion and the farmstead exclusion amount, an additional aggregate amount of \$1,854.77 will be available during the school year for real estate tax reduction applicable to approximately 41 homesteads and farmsteads, resulting in an additional real estate tax reduction amount available for each homestead and farmstead of \$1.418. Adding this additional amount to the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate reduction amount of \$207.577, the final maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$209.00.

4. **Homestead exclusion calculation.** Dividing the paragraph 3 maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$209.00 by the School District real estate tax rate of 55.21 mills (.05521), the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a homestead exclusion for each approved homestead is \$3,786, and the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a farmstead exclusion for each approved farmstead is \$3,786.

5. **Homestead/farmstead exclusion authorization – July 1 tax bills.** The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved homestead within the School District shall reflect a homestead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the homestead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$3,786. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved farmstead within the School District shall reflect an additional farmstead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the farmstead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$3,786. For purposes of this Resolution, “approved homestead” and “approved farmstead” shall mean homesteads and farmsteads listed in the report referred to in paragraph 2 above and received by the School District from the County Assessment Office on or before May 1 pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), based on homestead/farmstead applications filed with the County Assessment Office on or before March 1. This paragraph 5 will apply to tax notices issued based on the initial tax duplicate used in issuing initial real estate tax notices for the school year, which will be issued on or promptly after July 1, and will not apply to interim real estate tax bills.

6. **Interim Real Estate Tax Bills.** No homestead/farmstead exclusion will apply to any interim property until the next tax year, if approved by the County Assessment Office.

By 
President

By 
Secretary

LEVY TAXES FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

\$5.00 Per Capita Tax Under Act 679

\$5.00 Per Capita Tax Under Act 511

\$10.00 Occupational Privilege Tax Under Act 511

½ of 1% Earned Income Tax Under Act 511

½ of 1% Real Estate Transfer Tax Under Act 511

Set Real Estate Millage at 55.21 Mills- 0.00 Mill Increase

TAX COLLECTORS

2025-2026

NANTY GLO BOROUGH

Elect Judith Sherwood, Special Tax Collector in Nanty Glo Borough for School District Real Estate, Act 679 Per Capita, Act 511 Per Capita, and Act 511 Occupational Privilege Tax.

BLACKLICK TOWNSHIP

Elect Justine Malcotti-Coll, Special Tax Collector in Blacklick Township for School District Real Estate, Act 679 Per Capita, Act 511 Per Capita, and Act 511 Occupational Privilege Tax.

VINTONDALE BOROUGH

Elect Judith Sherwood, Special Tax Collector in Vintondale Borough for School District Real Estate, Act 679 Per Capita, Act 511 Per Capita, and Act 511 Occupational Privilege Tax.

School Depositories for the 2025-2026 School Year

1st Summit Bank

Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT)

Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mrs. Judith Sherwood and Mrs. Justine Malcotti-Coll, Tax Collectors of the Blacklick Valley School District, have requested exoneration from the collection of all unpaid 2024-2025 Real Estate Taxes, unpaid 2024-2025 Per Capita Taxes, and unpaid 2024-2025 Occupational Privilege Taxes.

WHEREAS, the amount of property taxes returned to the County are listed as follows:

Judith Sherwood- Vintondale.....	\$13,395.28
Judith Sherwood- Nanty Glo.....	\$93,093.99
Justine Malcotti-Coll- Blacklick Township.....	\$ <u>49,823.35</u>
Total Returned.....	\$156,312.62

WHEREAS, the responsibility for payment of unpaid 2024-2025 Real Estate, Per Capita, and Occupational Privilege Taxes shall in no manner be affected by this action.

WHEREAS, it is the purpose and intention of this Board that unpaid 2024-2025 Real Estate, Per Capita, and Occupational Privilege Taxes shall not be exonerated or released from the liability for payment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mrs. Judith Sherwood and Mrs. Justine Malcotti-Coll are hereby exonerated and released from the collection of all unpaid 2024-2025 Real Estate Taxes, unpaid 2024-2025 Per Capita taxes, and unpaid 2024-2025 Occupational Privilege Taxes.