

May 22, 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 6:50 pm to start the Regular Meeting.

The Blacklick Valley School Board met in person in Regular Session at 6:52 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 and/or attending via phone:

Michael Gdula, Elizabeth Kreashko, Larry Kupchella, Gregory O'Farrell, Shawn McMullen (phone), Jeffrey Szymusiak (phone), and Don Thomas.

Members Absent: Joe Villa.

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

Recognition of Guests- Morgan Chappell.

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2024 Regular Board 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

Motion Carried

Moved by Michael Gdula, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending April 30, 2024.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Don Thomas, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the following motions:

Motion to approve the payment of the Regular Bills in the amount of \$223,811.96.

Motion to approve the payment of the Cafeteria Bills in the amount of \$31,549.79.

Motion to approve the estimated payment of the May 2024 Payroll in the amount of \$470,535.54, and the estimated transfer of \$470,535.54 from the General Fund to the Payroll Account.

Motion to approve the estimated payment of the May 2024 Cafeteria Payroll in the amount of \$24,175.71 and the estimated transfer of \$24,175.71 from the Cafeteria Fund to the General Fund Account.

Motion to approve the Cafeteria Fund Report for the month ending April 30, 2024 showing a balance of \$437,097.72.

Motion to approve the Athletic Fund Report for the month ending April 30, 2024, showing a balance of \$3,862.21.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Larry Kupchella, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to approve the General Fund Budget for the 2024-2025 Fiscal year with a 2.00 mill tax increase on real estate as follows:

Revenues - \$12,137,155

Expenditures - \$14,637,938

Beginning Unassigned Fund Balance- \$4,000,000

Ending Unassigned Fund Balance- \$1,499,217

Voting on Motion by ROLL CALL:

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Larry Kupchella, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve fuel bids for the 2024-2025 school year as presented.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Larry Kupchella, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the school supply bids for the 2024-2025 school year as presented.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Larry Kupchella, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the milk bids for the 2024-2025 school year as presented.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Larry Kupchella, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the May 15, 2024 bond payment in the amount of \$171,375.00.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Larry Kupchella, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the Homestead-Farmstead resolution for 2024-2025 school year.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen 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 Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the Levy Taxes for the 2024-2025 school year.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen 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 Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the Tax Collectors for the 2024-2025 school year.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen 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 Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the School Depositories for the 2024-2025 school year.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen 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 Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the resolution corresponding to the exoneration of tax collectors for uncollected taxes.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Larry Kupchella, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, 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:

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Larry Kupchella, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to appoint the Ebandjieff Community Health Center as the school physicians for the 24-25 school year at a total cost of \$2,500.00.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Larry Kupchella, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the Audit Engagement Letter with Kotzan CPA & Associates, P.C. for a three-year term as follows: June 30, 2024- \$17,000.00, June 30, 2025- \$17,500.00, and June 30, 2026- \$18,000.00.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Larry Kupchella, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the quote from Fred J. Miller, Inc. in the amount of \$2,575.00 for new band raincoats.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Larry Kupchella, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the agreement between Blacklick Valley School District and Merakey Pennsylvania for educational services to school age children with Autism and/or Emotional Disturbance residing within the district for the 2024-25 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

Motion Carried

Moved by Larry Kupchella, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the Substitute Teacher Agreement between Ignited Education Solutions and the Blacklick Valley School District for the 2024-25 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

Motion Carried

Moved by Larry Kupchella, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the agreement between Extended Family Programs, Inc. and the Blacklick Valley School District for social/life skills support. counseling and education services for the 2024-25 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

Motion Carried

Moved by Larry Kupchella, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the Dual Credit agreement between Pennsylvania Highlands Community College and the Blacklick Valley School District for the 2024-25 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

Motion Carried

Moved by Larry Kupchella, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the quote from Band Shoppe in the amount of \$2,058.00 for new color guard uniforms.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Larry Kupchella, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the agreement between Appalachia Youth Services and the Blacklick Valley School District for the 2024-25 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

Motion Carried

Moved by Larry Kupchella, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve awarding a high school diploma to William Louis Sherwood under Pennsylvania Department of Education's Operation Recognition initiative.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Gregory O'Farrell, seconded by Michael Gdula, to approve the quote from West Central Equipment in the amount of \$13,899.00 for a new John Deere 1023E Sub-Compact Utility Tractor.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Don Thomas, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to renew Courtney Hirsch as a contracted school psychologist for a maximum of 125 days during the school year at a daily rate of \$385.00, term July 1, 2024 – June 30, 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

Motion Carried

Moved by Larry Kupchella, seconded by Michael Gdula, to approve raises for the following staff/departments for the 2024-2025 school year as listed:

Dan Palko (Cafeteria Supervisor)- \$1,500.00
Tim Williamson (Maintenance Supervisor)- \$1,500.00
Steve Szymusiak (SPO)- \$1,500.00
Admin- \$2,100.00
Secretaries- \$1,500.00
Cafeteria Staff- \$.50/hour
Para-Professionals- \$.50/hour
PT SPOs- \$.50/hour

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to approve the resignation of Rich Price as the Varsity Girls' Head Basketball Coach effective 5/22/24.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to approve the resignation of Tina Molesky, cleaner, effective COB May 6, 2024.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to approve the resignation of Denise Blanchard, cleaner, effective COB April 26, 2024.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to approve the resignation of Barbara Fertick, paraprofessional, effective COB May 22, 2024.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to approve the retirement of Kathy Cruley, paraprofessional, effective COB May 24, 2024.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to approve the resignation of Kristin Eller at the end of the 2023-24 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

Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to approve the resignation of David Eller at the end of the 2023-24 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

Motion Carried

Moved by Michael Gdula, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve the hiring of Noah Kanich as Elementary Guidance Counselor at a salary of \$39,200.00.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Gregory O'Farrell, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve the hiring of Victoria Sobecky as an elementary teacher at a salary of \$31,000.00.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve the hiring of Jessica King as an elementary teacher at a salary of \$30,000.00.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Don Thomas, seconded by Michael Gdula, to approve the transfer of Janel Gergley from Kindergarten to Second Grade.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Don Thomas, seconded by Michael Gdula, to approve the transfer of Samantha Karabinos from Third Grade to Second Grade.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Don Thomas, seconded by Michael Gdula, to approve Paul Hancharick as a substitute cleaner.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Gregory O'Farrell, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve the hiring of Heather Marsh as a Speech and Language Teacher at a salary of \$49,700.00.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Don Thomas, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to approve the hiring of Morgan Chappell as an Elementary Teacher at a salary of \$30,000.00.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Michael Gdula, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to STRIKE the motion to approve the hiring of _____ as an Elementary Teacher at a salary of \$_____.

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

Motion Carried- MOTION STRICKEN

For the good of the organization: Liz Kreashko congratulated Ron Rhoades and the Elementary School staff for how well their fishing trip went this year, and every year. The students are very well behaved and Joe Humphreys enjoys working with and teaching them every year. She also thanked the Board for allowing this trip.

Ed Alexander, High School Principal, reminded everyone that graduation is this Friday (5/24/24) at 7pm.

Moved by Michael Gdula, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, 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

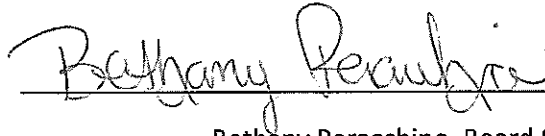
Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bethany Peracchino", is written over a solid horizontal line.

Bethany Peracchino, Board Secretary

2024-2025 FUEL BIDS

GASOLINE - For First Student

Glassmere Fuel Service, Inc.- Current Pump Price (net of all taxes) with a Minimum per Gallon Price of **\$1.255** and a Maximum per Gallon Price of **\$3.288**.

Current Market Price: \$3.59 per gallon

DIESEL – For First Student

Glassmere Fuel Service, Inc.- Regular Diesel & Diesel Mixed: Current Pump Price (net of all taxes) with a Minimum per Gallon Price of **\$1.255 (\$1.29 Mixed)** and a Maximum per Gallon Price of **\$3.689 (3.724 Mixed)**.

Average Current Market Price: \$3.772 per gallon

****Glassmere was the only company that submitted an official bid for gas and diesel. Sheetz offered the pump price, plus the Sheetz reward discount and potential rebates dependent on the number of gallons per month. Our usage wouldn't provide significant rebates. I spoke with Deb Ley at First Student and she wanted to go with Glassmere because they provided a fixed rate and the fueling station will remain the same.**

LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS (PROPANE) – For Mlaker Transportation

ProGas – Firm Pricing: \$1.66/Gallon

23-24 Price: \$1.59 per gallon

Smith Propane – Firm Pricing: \$1.585/Gallon

23-24- No Bid

****I spoke with Matt Mlaker regarding the two propane bids. The different in price based on our usage is approximately \$1,300.00 for the school year. He didn't feel that it would be worth it to switch from ProGas to Smith for that small savings due to the fact that there would have to be a complete change of equipment. His concerns are: having a new company come in that may have setup issues, possibly delay fueling or cause fill up concerns, and set up being more involved than they thought at the station location and cause additional costs. He felt that the chance was not worth the \$1,300 savings.**

Since we reduce our fuel costs from our transportation invoices, the cost of the fuel affects the bus companies, not us. That is why I wanted their choices when presenting the bids for award.

Blacklick Valley School District
Bids to be Awarded for the
2024-2025 School Year

	CY (24-25)	PY (23-24)	22-23	21-22	20-21	19-20	18-19	Variance
High School Instructional General Supplies	14,990.40	13,257.28	9,713.12	7,054.91	8,707.77	9,766.91	7,693.61	1,733.12
Elementary Instructional/Supplemental Supplies	25,303.64	25,040.66	29,040.05	15,329.40	12,532.14	12,138.40	10,482.23	262.98
Total Instructional General Supplies	40,294.04	38,297.94	38,753.17	22,384.31	21,239.91	21,905.31	18,175.84	1,996.10
Science Supplies	9,431.93	5,061.79	6,719.74	6,095.54	3,510.15	6,177.62	8,642.12	4,370.14
High School Art Supplies	4,598.06	5,107.38	2,921.21	17,642.16	2,873.28	2,612.05	780.18	(509.32)
Elementary Art Supplies	4,598.06	5,107.38	1,568.19	1,923.02	2,346.17	1,411.93	520.12	(509.32)
Total Art Supplies	9,196.12	10,214.76	4,489.40	19,565.18	5,219.45	4,023.98	1,300.30	(1,018.64)
Athletic & Athletic Training Supplies	10,839.58	11,313.09	12,904.25	10,854.49	10,916.32	12,364.75	13,176.79	(473.51)
Learning Support General Supplies	5,673.63	5,694.65	5,374.42	2,373.95	2,945.49	3,092.00	1,506.56	(21.02)
Janitorial Supplies	34,737.80	14,810.46	14,370.84	16,391.80	21,186.79	29,971.64	19,011.56	19,927.34
Wood/Power Technology Supplies (NEW)	7,790.08	9,954.68	-	-	-	-	-	(2,164.60)
Paper	6,164.00	7,530.00	3,527.90	4,638.00	5,158.00	6,207.00	5,065.50	(1,366.00)
Grand Total Bids to be Awarded	\$ 124,127.18	\$ 102,877.37	\$ 86,139.72	\$ 82,303.27	\$ 70,176.11	\$ 83,742.30	\$ 66,878.67	\$ 21,249.81

****The main reason for the increase from last year is the increase in Janitorial supplies. This is Tim's first year doing the budget, so he tried to account for what he thought would be needed for the whole year. He felt that not enough was budgeted in the last couple of years. I told him that I would continuously monitor his costs throughout the year and let him know if he was approaching his budget. The last several years, almost all cleaning supplies were purchased with ESSER funds, so it will take a year without those funds to get a handle on the new budget moving forward.**

Item	Size	Vale- Wood Bid Amt	Discount on State Milk Price Given to School	Gallikers Bid Amt	Discount on State Milk Price Given to School	Compared to Last Year
1% Milk, Unflavored	1/2 Pint	0.2948	4%	0.2998		.0148 INCREASE (Based on State Milk Price)
Non-Fat Vanilla	1/2 Pint	0.2970	4%	0.3020		.017 INCREASE (Based on State Milk Price)
Non-Fat Strawberry	1/2 Pint	0.2970	4%	0.3020		.017 INCREASE (Based on State Milk Price)
Non-Fat Chocolate	1/2 Pint	0.2970	4%	0.3020		.017 INCREASE (Based on State Milk Price)
100% Juice (Apple)	4 Oz Carton	0.2000		0.1800		No Change
100% Juice (Orange)	4 Oz Carton	0.2400		0.2300		.005 INCREASE
Lactose Reduced	1/2 Pint	-		-		N/A
Lactose Free	1/2 Pint	0.7000		0.5443		.0194 INCREASE
Lo-Cal Tea, All Flavors	12 Oz	-		0.4500		No Change
Lo-Cal Drinks, All Flavors	12 Oz	-		0.4500		No Change
Buttermilk	1/2 Gallon	2.6000		2.2490		.2101 INCREASE

All regular Milk for both schools (except Lactose Free and Buttermilk) will be ordered from Vale-Wood Farms and all Juice, Tea, Lo-Cal drinks, lactose free, and buttermilk for both schools will be ordered from Gallikers.

BLACKLICK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

2024 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, 2024, 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, 2024:

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 \$253,813.28.

b. **Aggregate amount available.** Adding these amounts, the aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction is \$253,813.28.

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 1,344.

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 1,350.

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 \$253,813.28 by the paragraph 2(c) aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads of 1,350, the maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$188.01.

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 \$1,068.27 will be available during the school year for real estate tax reduction applicable to approximately 26 homesteads and farmsteads, resulting in an additional real estate tax reduction amount available for each homestead and farmstead of \$0.79. Adding this additional amount to the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate reduction amount of \$188.01, the final maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$188.80.

4. **Homestead exclusion calculation.** Dividing the paragraph 3 maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$188.80 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 \$3,420, and the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a farmstead exclusion for each approved farmstead is \$3,420.

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 \$3,420. 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 \$3,420. 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 Angela Mulla
President

By Bethany Peruchio
Secretary

LEVY TAXES FOR THE 2024-2025 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- 2.00 Mill Increase

TAX COLLECTORS

2024-2025

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 2024-2025 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 2023-2024 Real Estate Taxes, unpaid 2023-2024 Per Capita Taxes, and unpaid 2023-2024 Occupational Privilege Taxes.

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

Judith Sherwood- Vintondale.....	\$15,111.80
Judith Sherwood- Nanty Glo.....	\$90,012.61
Justine Malcotti-Coll- Blacklick Township.....	\$ <u>57,681.17</u>
Total Returned.....	\$162,805.58

WHEREAS, the responsibility for payment of unpaid 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 Real Estate Taxes, unpaid 2023-2024 Per Capita taxes, and unpaid 2023-2024 Occupational Privilege Taxes.