

June 25, 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 and the end of the year safety report. The Board exited Executive Session at 6:19 pm to start the Regular Meeting.

The Blacklick Valley School Board met in person in Regular Session at 6:20 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, Gregory O'Farrell, Shawn McMullen, Jeffrey Szymusiak, Joe Villa, and Don Thomas.

Members Absent: Larry Kupchella

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

Recognition of Guests- None.

Moved by Gregory O'Farrell, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2025 Regular Meeting.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko 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 Michael Gdula, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending May 31, 2025.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko 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 following motions:

Motion to approve the payment of the Regular Bills in the amount of \$161,628.87.

Motion to approve the payment of the Cafeteria Bills in the amount of \$7,459.73.

Motion to approve the estimated payment of the June 2025 Payroll in the amount of \$325,067.28, and the estimated transfer of \$325,067.28 from the General Fund to the Payroll Account.

Motion to approve the estimated payment of the June 2025 Cafeteria Payroll in the amount of \$9,211.62 and the estimated transfer of \$9,211.62 from the Cafeteria Fund to the General Fund Account.

Motion to approve the Cafeteria Fund Report for the month ending May 31, 2025, showing a balance of \$453,974.82.

Motion to approve the Athletic Fund Report for the month ending, May 31, 2025 showing a balance of \$3,250.23.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko 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 2025-2026 Cafeteria Budget.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko 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 meal prices for the 2025-2026 school year as listed:

- HS & Elem 1st Breakfast for Students- \$0.00
- HS & Elem 1st Lunch for Students- \$0.00
- HS & Elem Breakfast Reduced- N/A
- HS & Elem Lunch Reduced- N/A
- HS & Elem Breakfast Paid for Students- After 1st Free Breakfast- \$2.25
- HS & Elem Lunch Paid for Students- After 1st Free Lunch- \$3.50
- HS & Elem Breakfast Paid- Adults- \$2.95
- HS & Elem Lunch Paid- Adults- \$4.85
- Ala Carte- \$1.50
- Milk- \$0.55

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko 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 budgeted transfer from the General Fund to the Reserve Account in the amount of \$695,000.00.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko 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 Business Manager to make transfers from the Capital Improvements Fund and/or the Capital Reserve Fund to the General Fund, as necessary, for the payments for the auditorium ceiling project between June 2025 and December 2025.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko 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 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

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 Addendum #8 to the contractual agreement between Pressley Ridge Johnstown and Blacklick Valley School District.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko 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 agreement between the Blacklick Valley School District and Ignite Education Solutions for a seat in the Behavioral Classroom at Forest Hills Elementary School.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko 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 agreement between the Blacklick Valley School District and ACRP for Licensed Therapy Services 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

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 agreement between the Blacklick Valley School District and ACRP's Center for School Achievement 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

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 agreement between the Blacklick Valley School District and ACRP's Adolescent Partial Hospitalization Program 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

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Michael Gdula, seconded by Joe Villa, to allow the Business Manager and Superintendent to authorize the KOZ for the properties listed in Exhibit A of the Nanty Glo Boro Resolution.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko 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 Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve raises for the Business Manager and Superintendent for the 2025-2026 school year as listed.

Business Manager- 4%

Superintendent- \$3,500.00

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko 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 Shawn McMullen, to approve the arrangements pertaining to Scott Levi Cook's retirement as follows: remaining sick days as of June 30, 2025: 297 days = \$20,790.00.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko 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 Shawn McMullen, to renew Courtney Hirsch as a contracted school psychologist for a maximum of 95 days during the school year at a daily rate of \$500.00, term July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko 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 Shawn McMullen, to approve the retirement of Dan Szymala, substitute cleaner, effective May 23, 2025.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko 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 Shawn McMullen, to approve the resignation of Christine Rosko as a paraprofessional effective immediately.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko 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 Shawn McMullen, to approve the hiring of Darlene Noble as a paraprofessional at a starting salary of \$10/hour.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko 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 Shawn McMullen, to approve the transfer of Kim Smith from paraprofessional to the Elementary Center 10-month secretary at her current hourly rate.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko 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 Shawn McMullen, to approve the resignation of Lorie Rudnik as the High School 10-month secretary, effective August 29, 2025.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko 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 Michael Gdula, seconded by Jeffrey Szymusiak, to approve the transfer of Nicole Jorgenson to Kindergarten.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko 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 Shawn McMullen, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to approve the transfer of Shelley Kirsch to 3rd grade.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko 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 Jeffrey Szymusiak, to approve the hiring of Laura Maul as a paraprofessional at a starting rate of \$10/hour.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko 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 Jeffrey Szymusiak, to approve the hiring of Natalie Kasecky as a paraprofessional at a starting rate of \$10/hour.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko 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 Jeffrey Szymusiak, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Blacklick Valley School District and the Blacklick Valley Educational Support Personnel.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko 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: There will be no July Board Meeting. Next Meeting is Wednesday August 20, 2025.

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Shawn McMullen, to adjourn the meeting.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko 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 6:25 p.m.


Bethany Peracchino, Board Secretary