

June 26, 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 and school safety and security. The Board exited Executive Session at 6:35 pm to start the Regular Meeting.

The Blacklick Valley School Board met in person in Regular Session at 6:36 p.m. for General Purposes in the Conference Room of the Blacklick Valley Jr. Sr. High School, 555 Birch Street, Nanty Glo, PA 15943 with Angela Villa, Board President, presiding and the following members present:

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

Members Absent: Shawn McMullen.

Others Present: Mr. William Kanich, Superintendent, Bethany Peracchino, Business Manager/Board Secretary, Ed Alexander, High School Principal, and Tammy Boring, Special Ed Director.

Recognition of Guests- None.

Moved by Jeffrey Szymusiak, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the minutes from the May 22, 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

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

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

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Don Thomas, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve the following motions:

Motion to approve the payment of the Regular Bills in the amount of \$168,615.56.

Motion to approve the payment of the Cafeteria Bills in the amount of \$614.40.

Motion to approve the estimated payment of the June 2024 Payroll in the amount of \$326,829.66, and the estimated transfer of \$326,829.66 from the General Fund to the Payroll Account.

Motion to approve the estimated payment of the June 2024 Cafeteria Payroll in the amount of \$9,906.16 and the estimated transfer of \$9,906.16 from the Cafeteria Fund to the General Fund Account.

Motion to approve the Cafeteria Fund Report for the month ending May 31, 2024, showing a balance of \$446,958.04.

Motion to approve the Athletic Fund Report for the month ending, May 31, 2024 showing a balance of \$3,486.49.

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

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Don Thomas, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve the 2024-2025 Cafeteria Budget.

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

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Don Thomas, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve the meal prices for the 2024-2025 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- \$1.70
- HS & Elem Lunch Paid for Students- After 1st Free Lunch- \$2.00
- HS & Elem Breakfast Paid- Adults- \$2.85
- HS & Elem Lunch Paid- Adults- \$4.75
- 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

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Gregory O'Farrell, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to award extra-curricular bus runs 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

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Gregory O'Farrell, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the budgeted transfer from the General Fund to the Reserve Account in the amount of \$500,000.00.

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

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Gregory O'Farrell, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the budgetary transfers as listed:

Transfer \$15,000 from Maintenance Supplies to Maintenance Repairs and Maintenance Services

Transfer \$40,000 from the Budgetary Reserve to Maintenance Repairs and Maintenance Services

Transfer \$49,000 from the Budgetary Reserve to Maintenance Equipment Replacement

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

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Gregory O'Farrell, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the quote from Trane in the amount of \$6,186.00 to replace the existing Tracer System Controller responsible for building level control and generation of the user interface with a new Tracer System Controller Plus (SC+).

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

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Gregory O'Farrell, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the first reading of Board Policy Attachment: 626- Procurement Federal Programs for suggested language changes resulting from ESSER Monitoring.

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

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Gregory O'Farrell, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the Blacklick Valley School District Panel of Physicians for Worker's Compensation.

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

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Gregory O'Farrell, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the agreement between the Blacklick Valley School District and the Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 for school age 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
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Gregory O'Farrell, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the agreement between the Blacklick Valley School District and the Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Extended Campus for cyber/cyber school options 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
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Gregory O'Farrell, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve awarding a high school diploma to George James Younkin 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
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Larry Kupchella, seconded by Jeffrey Szymusiak, to approve raises for the Business Manager and Superintendent for the 2024-2025 school year as listed:

Superintendent- \$4,275.00

Business Manager- 4%

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

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Michael Gdula, to approve the revision to Act 93 Employee Contracts to reflect sick leave retirement payout up to 300 days.

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

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Michael Gdula, to approve the retirement of Ron Rhoades, Elementary Principal, effective upon a future agreeable date on behalf of Blacklick Valley School District and Ron Rhoades.

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

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Michael Gdula, to approve the arrangements pertaining to Ron Rhoades's retirement as follows: remaining sick days as of June 30, 2024- \$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

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Michael Gdula, to hire Rich Price as the Head Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach for the 24-25 school year at a salary of \$6,250.00.

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

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Michael Gdula, to approve the resignation of Stephen Potochniak, High School Special Ed Teacher, at the end of the 23-24 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

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Michael Gdula, to approve the retirement of Francis Markovich, custodial/maintenance worker, effective 12/31/24.

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

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Michael Gdula, to approve the hire of Lynn Hockenberry as a regular part-time cleaner effective 6/27/24.

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

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Michael Gdula, to approve the hire of Paul Hancharick as a regular part-time cleaner effective 6/27/24.

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

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Michael Gdula, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve the hire of Nicole Crum as an elementary teacher at a starting 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

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Don Thomas, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve the hire of Sydney Shaffer as a Special Education teacher at a starting 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

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to approve the resignation of Peggy Borlie as Senior Class Advisor effective immediately.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella 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 Gregory O'Farrell, to approve the hiring of Ashley Frank as Senior Class Advisor at a salary of \$2,178.00.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella 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 Gregory O'Farrell, to approve Tenure for the following teachers as they have successfully completed three years of teaching with satisfactory ratings:

Nicole Barelich
Samantha Conrad
Darlene Dugas
Ashley Frank
Jennifer Litzinger

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella 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 Gregory O'Farrell, to hire Annette Rigby as a paraprofessional at a rate of \$9/hour.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

For the good of the organization- Nothing.

Moved by Larry Kupchella, seconded by Joe Villa, to adjourn the meeting.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.



Bethany Peracchino, Board Secretary