

September 18, 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 6:15 pm to start the Regular Meeting.

The Blacklick Valley School Board met in person in Regular Session at 6:16 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, Jeffrey Szymusiak, Joe Villa, and Don Thomas.

Members Absent: None.

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

Recognition of Guests- None.

Moved by Michael Gdula, seconded by Shawn McMullen, to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2024 Regular 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

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending August 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

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Larry Kupchella, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the following motions:

Motion to approve the payment of the Regular Bills in the amount of \$37,378.54.

Motion to approve the payment of the Cafeteria Bills in the amount of \$23,587.62.

Motion to approve the payment of the September, 2024 Payroll in the estimated amount of \$312,127.50, and the estimated transfer of \$312,127.50 from the General Fund to the Payroll Account.

Motion to approve the payment of the September, 2024 Cafeteria Payroll in the estimated amount of \$7,570.52 and the estimated transfer of \$7,570.52 from the Cafeteria Fund to the General Fund Account.

Motion to approve the Cafeteria Fund Report for the month ending August 31, 2024, showing a balance of \$446,889.13

Motion to approve the Athletic Fund Report for the month ending August 31, 2024, showing a balance of \$7,725.35.

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

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Michael Gdula, seconded by Joe Villa, to waive the second and final reading of the following Board Policies as recommended by PSBA:

- a. 103 Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Students
- b. 103.1 Nondiscrimination-Qualified Students with Disabilities
- c. 104 Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Staff
- d. 234 Pregnant/Parenting /Married Students
- e. 247 Hazing
- f. 249 Bullying/Cyberbullying
- g. 252 Dating Violence
- h. 317 Educator Misconduct
- i. 336 Personal Necessity Leave
- j. 339 Uncompensated Leave
- k. 807 Open Exercises/Moment of Silence/Flag Displays
- l. 824 Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries

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

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Michael Gdula, seconded by Joe Villa, to approve the Trane Service Agreement for the years 24-25, 25-26, and 26-27, for amounts not to exceed: \$4,095.06, \$4,353.00, and \$4,627.00, respectively.

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
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	Motion Carried

Moved by Michael Gdula, seconded by Joe Villa, to approve auctioning off fine china from the High School Life Skills room. Any funds received will be allocated to High School Life Skills expenses.

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
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	Motion Carried

Moved by Michael Gdula, seconded by Joe Villa, to approve the Quadient Postage Machine 60 Month Lease at a rate of \$123.16/month.

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
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	Motion Carried

Moved by Michael Gdula, seconded by Joe Villa, to approve the Targeted School Improvement Plan for Blacklick Valley Jr/Sr. High School.

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

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Michael Gdula, seconded by Joe Villa, to approve homebound instruction for an elementary student from September 23 to November 1, 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

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Jeffrey Szymusiak, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve the hire of Michelle Gongloff as a cafeteria worker at a rate of \$9.00/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

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Jeffrey Szymusiak, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve the hire of Marla Laughard as a cafeteria worker at a rate of \$9.00/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

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Jeffrey Szymusiak, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve Darlene Noble as a substitute cafeteria worker at a rate of \$9.00/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

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Jeffrey Szymusiak, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve Damian Delarre as a paraprofessional with a retroactive start date of 8/29/24 at a rate of \$9.00/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

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Gregory O'Farrell, seconded by Jeffrey Szymusiak, to approve Lisa Sokira as a mentor for the Elementary Long-Term Sub at a salary of \$700/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

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Shawn McMullen, seconded by Michael Gdula, to approve Amy Smith as the Advisor for Elementary Reading Competition at a salary of \$1,082.00 for the 24-25 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

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve the maternity leave for employee number 90164 to begin on approximately February 23, 2025 and last until the estimated

return of April 7, 2025, or approximately 6 weeks, once medically cleared.

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

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

At this point in the meeting, the Board voted on PSBA Officers.

VOTING ON PSBA OFFICERS:

Moved by Larry Kupchella, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the Board Secretary to vote for the PSBA candidates as listed:

- 2025 President-Elect- Sabrina Backer (only 1 candidate)
- 2025 Vice President- Matt Vannoy (only 1 candidate)
- PSBA Insurance Trust Trustees (pick 3)- Nathan G. Mains, Richard Frerichs, & William S. LaCoff (only 3 candidates)
- School Board Secretaries Forum Steering Committee (pick 2)- Mary Dougherty and Betsy Gates (only 2 candidates)

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

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

For the good of the organization- Nothing mentioned.

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Joe Villa, to adjourn the meeting.

Voting on Motion:

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

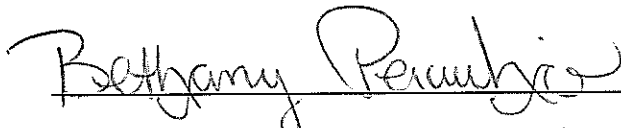
Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.


Bethany Peracchino, Board Secretary