

February 19, 2025

At 6:00 p.m. the Board held their Committee Meeting, briefly reviewing agenda items. Also during Committee, Brenda Pawlowski from Kotzan's presented on the June 30, 2024 Audit Report. The Board ended their Committee Meeting and entered Executive Session to discuss personnel. The Board exited Executive Session at 6:34 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, Shawn McMullen, Jeffrey Szymusiak, Joe Villa, and Don Thomas (via phone).

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Mr. William Kanich, Superintendent, Bethany Peracchino, Business Manager/Board Secretary, and Nichole Kolarik, Special Education Coordinator.

Recognition of Guests- None.

Moved by Michael Gdula, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the minutes from the January 15, 2025 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 Shawn McMullen, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 31, 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
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	Motion Carried

Moved by Joe Villa, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to approve the following motions:

Motion to approve the payment of the Regular Bills in the amount of \$97,859.50.

Motion to approve the payment of the Cafeteria Bills in the amount of \$822.76.

Motion to approve the payment of the February, 2025 Payroll in the estimated amount of \$311,464.00, and the estimated transfer of \$311,464.00 from the General Fund to the Payroll Account.

Motion to approve the payment of the February, 2025 Cafeteria Payroll in the estimated amount of \$12,830.88 and the estimated transfer of \$12,830.88 from the Cafeteria Fund to the General Fund Account.

Motion to approve the Cafeteria Fund Report for the month ending January 31, 2025, showing a balance of \$408,942.54.

Motion to approve the Athletic Fund Report for the month ending January 31, 2025, showing a balance of \$3,432.11.

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 Local Auditor's Report for the year ending June 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

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve the 2025-2026 School Calendar.

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 H.F. Lenz Proposal for High

School Auditorium Engineering Services in the amount of \$15,600.00.

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
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to authorize the Superintendent to enter into and accept P.C.S. proposal for repairing the roof over the back steps of the High School in the amount of \$14,525.00, at his discretion, contingent upon all notification parameters and responses being met.

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 waive the second reading of the following Board Policies:

- a. 901 Public Relations Objectives
- b. 902 Publications Programs
- c. 903 Public Comment in Board Meetings
- d. 904 Public Attendance at School Events
- e. 905 Citizen Advisory Committees
- f. 906 Public Complaint Procedures
- g. 907 School Visitors
- h. 908 Relations with Parents/Guardians
- i. 909 Municipal Government Relations
- j. 910 Community Engagement
- k. 911 News Media Relations
- l. 912 Relations with Educational Institutions
- m. 913 Non School Organizations/Groups/Individuals
- n. 914 Relations with Intermediate Units
- o. 916 Volunteers
- p. 917 Parent/Family Involvement
- q. 918 Title I Parent/Family Engagement

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

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 Larry Kupchella, to approve the agreement between The Meadows Psychiatric Center for the 2025-2026, 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years at a rate of \$100/day for educational services offered while students attending The Meadows.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

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 Michael Gdula, seconded by Joe Villa, to approve the resignation of Nichole Zimmerman as Assistant Softball Coach effective 1/16/25.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

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 Gregory O'Farrell, seconded by Shawn McMullen, to hire Makayla Strushensky as Assistant Softball Coach at a 24-25 salary of \$2,846.00.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

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 Shawn McMullen, to hire Ed Alexander as Varsity Football Coach at a 24-25 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

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Michael Gdula, to approve the retirement of Levi-Scott Cook, High School Social Studies teacher, at the end of the 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 Michael Gdula, to approve Donna J. Settle as a bus driver for Mlaker.

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 Michael Gdula, to approve Kiera Boring as a substitute cleaner at a rate of \$9/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 Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Michael Gdula, to approve Isaac Laughard as a substitute cleaner at a rate of \$9/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

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION: Nothing noted.

Moved by Joe Villa, 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

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 6:41 p.m.

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

Bethany Peracchino, Board Secretary