

August 21, 2024

At 6:00 p.m. the Board held their Committee Meeting, briefly reviewing agenda items and presenting Ron Rhoades, Elementary Principal, with a retirement plaque. The Board ended their Committee Meeting and entered Executive Session to discuss personnel. The Board exited Executive Session at 6:34pm to start the Regular Meeting.

The Blacklick Valley School Board met in person in Regular Session at 6:35p.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- Pastor Russ from the Nanty Glo Alliance Church.

Moved by Michael Gdula, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the minutes from the June 26, 2024 Regular Meeting, July 24, 2024 Special Meeting, and the August 7, 2024 Special 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 Reports for the months ending June 30, 2024 and July 31, 2024, 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 Joe Villa, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve the following motions:

Motion to approve the payment of the Regular Bills in the amount of \$138,890.30.

Motion to approve the payment of the Cafeteria Bills in the amount of \$4,724.28.

Motion to approve the estimated payment of the August 2024 Payroll in the amount of \$280,114.80, and the estimated transfer of \$280,114.80 from the General Fund to the Payroll Account.

Motion to approve the estimated payment of the August 2024 Cafeteria Payroll in the amount of \$4,650.51 and the estimated transfer of \$4,650.51 from the Cafeteria Fund to the General Fund Account.

Motion to approve the Cafeteria Fund Reports for the months ending June 30, 2024 and July 31, 2024, showing balances of \$467,981.33 and \$454,738.34, respectively.

Motion to approve the Athletic Fund Reports for the months ending June 30, 2024 and July 31, 2024, showing balances of \$3,505.24 and \$3,574.85, respectively.

Motion to approve the June 30, 2024 Quarterly Student Activity Report.

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 Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the second and final 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

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Gregory O'Farrell, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the bus drivers and bus routes 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 Gregory O'Farrell, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the agreement between Blacklick Valley School District and Impact Counseling Services LLC. 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

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Gregory O'Farrell, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Blacklick Valley School District and Cambria County Drug and Alcohol Program, Cambria County Behavioral Health/Intellectual Disabilities and Early Intervention Programs 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

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Gregory O'Farrell, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to waive the first reading of the revisions 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 Gregory O'Farrell, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the Participation Agreement between Blacklick Valley School District and PHEAA for the PA Student Teacher Support Program 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

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Gregory O'Farrell, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve contracting with William Scheicher, Ed.D., Department of Psychology, Special Education, and Sociology, I.U.P. for co-teaching consulting at a rate of \$100/hour not to exceed 10 hours.

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 resignation of Heather Clark, Cafeteria Worker.

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 resignation of Marcia Good, Cafeteria Worker.

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 hiring Nicole Jorgenson as a Long Term Sub at the Elementary at a starting rate of \$105/day.

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 Cindy Simmons as a mentor for the Speech Teacher 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 Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve Shannon Tomlinson (Koss) as a mentor for the High School Special Ed Teacher 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 Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve Gina Kokoski as a mentor for the Fourth Grade Teacher 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 Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve Stacie Chuhran as a mentor for the Sixth Grade Teacher 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 Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve Cathy Swatsworth as a mentor for the Kindergarten Teacher 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 Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Don Thomas, to hire Michael Szewczk as a part time substitute school police officer at an hourly rate of \$28.50 per hour, to work on an as needed basis.

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 hiring Michelle Gongloff as a substitute cafeteria worker 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:

Elizabeth Kreashko- Stated that she represented the Board at a breakfast for Ron Rhoades retirement on Monday 8/19/24. She said it was very nice and the staff did an excellent job putting it together for him.

Bill Kanich, Superintendent- Reported that Meet the Teacher Night occurred on 8/20/24 and was very well represented at both buildings. The blessing closet at the elementary was full of donations and was well attended by District families. He also thanked Pastor Russ for their contribution of hotdogs, chips, and juice at Meet the Teacher Night. The food was available for District families in attendance.

Shawn McMullen- Stated that he has minutes from the Vo-Tech meetings. He also mentioned that they have a new Executive Director, Joe Luther and that Angela Hudak is now the Assistant Director.

Moved by Jeffrey Szymusiak, seconded by Larry Kupchella, 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 6:45p.m.

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

Bethany Peracchino, Board Secretary