

BLAIRSVILLE-SALTSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

102 School Lane
Blairsville, PA 15717
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May 15, 2006

Workshop Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Review of Agenda - Dr. Mencer
3. Principal's Reports
4. Items of Discussion
There are no discussion items at this time.

Regular Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of minutes of the April 10, 2006, Regular Meeting
3. Indiana County Technology Center Report - Mr. Smith
4. ARIN Report - Mr. Rowley
5. Legislative Report - Ms. Whitfield
6. Standing Committee Report
7. Student Representative Report
8. Remarks
 - a. Citizens' Remarks
 - b. Remarks to Citizens
9. Items of Business Regarding Finance:

Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and in accordance with provisions of the Public School Code and Series 600 of the Board Policy Manual, please consider a motion to approve and/or ratify action on School Finance items 9a through 9m, as hereinafter described:

- a. Ratification/Approval of Financial Reports - In conformity with provisions under the Public School Code and Series 600 of the Board Policy Manual, the Board at this time shall consider ratification/approval of current School District financial reports including the treasurer's report, all of which have been provided the Board in advance of tonight's meeting and will be included in the official Minutes of this meeting.
- b. Ratification/Approval of Payments of Bills - At this time, the Board shall consider ratification/approval of all the bills paid from the school district funds since the last regular meeting of the Board on April 10, 2006, with the exception of check #5010 to D. LaMantia and Company Incorporated. Bill listings were provided to the Board prior to tonight's meeting and will be included in the official Minutes of this meeting.
- c. Ratification/Approval of Payment of Bill - At this time the Board shall consider ratification/approval of check #5010 to D. LaMantia and Company Incorporated.
- d. Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Business Manager, the Board of Directors hereby approves the attached list of budget transfers dated May 8, 2006.

- e. Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Business Manager, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the continued participation in the ARIN's Cooperative Purchasing Program for the purpose of purchasing school supplies for the school year 2006-2007 and thereafter. This program shall continue as long as it is financially advantageous to the school district.
- f. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District Board of Directors hereby resolves as follows: The General County Assessment Law for the Valuation of Property, Printer's Number 1573 Act Number 91 of 2004 (HEREINAFTER "Act 91") was passed on July 15, 2004. The Act contains language which establishes a two-part process for political subdivisions, including school boards, to raise real estate tax following a county-wide revision of assessment of real property. The tax rate is to be fixed at a figure adjusted to reflect the preceding year levy based upon the revised assessment, notwithstanding the increased valuation of such properties under the revised assessments. Once the rate is identified to reflect the preceding year tax levy, the school board by a separate and specific vote, may establish a final tax rate. The final tax rate shall be fixed at a figure which limits the total amount of taxes levied for that year against the real properties contained in the duplicate for the preceding year to not more than ten percent greater than the total amount levied on such properties the preceding year, notwithstanding the increased valuations of such properties under the revised assessment. NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the aforesaid Act, it is now resolved and it is hereby resolved that the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District Board of Directors identifies the following fixed rate at a figure to reflect the preceding year tax levy based on the revised assessment for Indiana County. That revised assessment is equal to \$73,248,714 with a fixed rate of 115.42 mills to equal the preceding year's tax levy, effective July 1, 2006. Not Passed
- g. Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools ~~and the Business Manager~~, the Board of Directors hereby approves the adoption of the tentative budget for the 2006-2007 school year in the amount of \$25,757,667. It is understood that the tentative millage rate for Indiana County will be 111.37 mills and for Westmoreland County 110.57 mills. The tentative budge reflects a 4.05 mills increase for Indiana County and an 8.37 mills increase for Westmoreland County. The tentative budget will be available for public review, in the business office, until final vote on June 19, 2006.
- h. Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Business Manager the Board of Directors hereby approves a three-year Athletic Training Services Agreement with Keystone Rehabilitation Systems to provide athletic trainers to the district from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009, as presented.
- i. Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Business Manager, the Board of Directors hereby authorized the administration to bid for milk and milk products for the 2006-2007 school year.
- j. Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Business Manager, the Board of Directors hereby authorized the administration to bid for bread and bread products for the 2006-2007 school year.
- k. Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Business Manager, the Board of Directors hereby authorized the administration to bid for regular fuel and diesel fuel for the 2006-2007 school year.
- l. Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Business Manager, the Board of Directors hereby approves *Shantel Sechrist* for exoneration of per capita taxes for 2005.
- m. Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Business Manager, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the administration to add the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Treasurer Department for investments, as presented, effective immediately.

For Board Action by Roll Call Vote on Finance Items 9a through 9m.

10. Items of Business Regarding Curriculum:

Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, please consider a motion to approve Items of Business Regarding Curriculum items (10a) through (10c) in accordance with provisions of the Public School Code and Series 300, 400 and 500 of the Board Policy Manual, as hereinafter described:

- a. Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Directors hereby approves the Blairsville High School tentative list of 2006 graduates, as attached.
- b. Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Directors hereby approves the Saltsburg High School tentative list of 2006 graduates, as attached.
- c. Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the administration to proceed with plans to conduct a summer school remedial program for middle school students.

For Board Action by Roll Call Vote on Items of Business Regarding Curriculum 10a through 10c

11. Items of Business Regarding Personnel:

Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, please consider a motion to approve Personnel items (11a) through (11p) in accordance with provisions of the Public School Code and Series 300, 400 and 500 of the Board Policy Manual, as hereinafter described:

- a. Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Directors hereby approves the following conference requests:

Name	Conference	Dates
Haselhoff, Timothy Lopata, Kevin Kaylor, Gregory Brady, John Heinnickel, Philip	1. Approval to attend a Adali E. Stevenson High School Site Visit in Lincolnshire, IL. All costs are funded from the 720 Project Grant.	5/14-16/06
Barbi, Cindy Jones, Jackie Ferencz, Joanna Lupyan, Kathy Antonacci, Diane Ross, Janet Taylor, Ramona Onorato, Leah Rovison, Brenda Henderson, Joyce	2. Approval to attend the Reading Workshop Institute in Lancaster. All costs are funded from the Title I grant.	6/19-23/06

- b. Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Directors hereby approves the following school trip requests:

Name	Activity	Dates
Smathers, Jeff Titmus, Doug Rado, Kristy SES	1. Approval to accompany the 3 rd grade students to the Carnegie Science Center and OmniMax theater. There will be no cost to the district. Transportation cost to be provided by the PTA.	5/15/06
Bole, Heather Dick, Elizabeth	2. Approval to accompany the 6 th grade students to the Carnegie Science Center. Total cost to the district will be \$337 for transportation.	5/18/06

Murphy, Janet Bell, Bonnie SES		
Jake, Stephanie SES/SMS	3. Approval to accompany the Challenge Class students to a Math/Problem Solving Competition at the Blairsville Middle School. Total cost to the district will be \$104 for transportation.	5/18/06
Meighan, James Buckles, James Faulk, Stacy Forte, John Onorato, Leah BMS	4. Approval to accompany the 7 th grade students to the Johnstown Flood Memorial and Johnstown Incline. Total cost to the district will be \$354 for transportation.	5/19/06
Muir, Kathy SMHS	5. Approval to accompany the senior class to a Pirate's Game. Total cost to the district will be \$70 for a substitute.	6/1/06
Muir, Kathy Pietrala, Jim SMHS	6. Approval to accompany the National Honor Society students to a Pirate's game. There will be no cost to the district.	6/2/06
Jake, Stephanie SMS	7. Approval to accompany the Challenge Class students to a Mock Trial presentation at Saltsburg Elementary School. Total cost to the district will be \$29 for transportation.	6/6/06
Foust, Jane Johns, Chris Canzano, Anthony Stefanelli, Joanne BES	8. Approval to accompany the 5 th grade students to the Indiana Skating Center. Total cost to the district will be \$178 for transportation.	6/7/06
Hanlon, Kathleen Hanlon, Jeff BSSD	9. Approval to accompany the student studying French to Quebec, Canada. There will be no cost to the district.	6/11-15/06

c. Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Directors hereby approves the following as professional substitutes for the 2005-2006 school year:

	Name	Residence	Certification
1.	Bothel, Ashley	Indiana	Mathematics
2.	Bush, Amanda	Derry	Elementary
3.	Duska, James	Latrobe	Biology, General Science, Chemistry
4.	Harr, Jordon	Saltsburg	Art
5.	Kline, Kathryn	Indiana	Music
6.	McAdoo, Dawn	Homer City	Elementary
7.	Michalides, Ashley	New Stanton	Elementary
8.	Naser, Dayna	Greensburg	Social Studies, Middle Math, Middle Science
9.	Tatala, Kelly	Pittsburgh	Social Studies, Elementary, Special Education
10.	Weber, Michele	Carrolltown	Elementary, Special Education

d. Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Directors hereby approves the following as non-professional substitutes for the 2005-2006 school year:

	Name	Residence	Classification
1.	Fritz, Caleb	Blairsville	Summer Maintenance
2.	Ramsden, Tiffany	New Alexandria	Summer Maintenance
3.	Stiffler, Gretchen	Blairsville	Secretary, N.Hr., Aide, Cafeteria

e. Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Directors hereby approves the following as spare bus drivers and spare bus aides for the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District as employees of Smith Bus Company 2005-2006 school year:

	Name	Residence	Driver/Aide

1.	Bizich, Regina	Derry	Driver
2.	Haggerty, Leona	Shelocta	Driver
3.	Rura, Dee	Blairsville	Aide
4.	Shupe, Christine	Blairsville	Aide

- e. Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Directors hereby accepts, with regret, the resignation request, due to retirement of *Norma R. Dunlap* as teacher at Blairsville Elementary School, effective June 10, 2006. Ms. Dunlap has been a teacher with the district for 38 years.
- f. Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Directors hereby accepts, with regret, the resignation request, due to retirement of *Edward J. Hunter* as a biology/science teacher at Saltsburg Middle/High School, effective June 10, 2006. Mr. Hunter has been a teacher with the district for 34 years.
- g. Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Directors hereby accepts, with regret, the resignation request, due to retirement of *Judith I. Koontz* as teacher at Saltsburg Elementary School, effective June 9, 2006. Ms. Koontz has been a teacher with the district for 35 years.
- h. Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Directors hereby accepts, with regret, the resignation request, due to retirement of *Kathy A. McGeary* as teacher at Blairsville Elementary School, effective June 9, 2006. Ms. McGeary has been a teacher with the district for 37 years.
- i. Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Directors hereby accepts, with regret, the resignation request, due to retirement of *Donald Kealey*, as part-time custodian at the Blairsville campus, effective June 9, 2006.
- j. Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Directors hereby approves the appointment of *Leigh A. Free* as board secretary for July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2009, at an annual salary of \$3000.
- k. Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the administration to post and/or advertise to fill the following positions:
 - 1. Elementary Teacher(s)
 - 2. Special Education Teacher
 - 3. Biology Teacher
 - 4. Secondary Guidance Counselor
- l. Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Directors hereby approves the request of *Patricia Prenni*, school nurse at Saltsburg Elementary School, for leave without pay under the provisions of Article XIII, Leaves, Paragraph C, with an effective commencement date and return to work date to be provided to the District by the employee, provided, however, that such unpaid leave shall not exceed twelve (12) months, as provided for under Article XIII, paragraph C.
- m. Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and the Building Administrators, the Board of Directors hereby approves the hiring of the attached list of supplemental contract positions for 2006-2007 & 2007-2008 school years.
- n. Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the negotiation team and the Business Manager, the Board of Directors hereby ratifies the tentative six (6) year agreement extending from July 1, 2006, and ending on June 30, 2012, between the Blairsville-Saltsburg School

District and the Service Employees International Union Local 3 on April 22, 2006, and further, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the appropriate officers of the Board of Directors to execute the collective bargaining agreement once the final draft of the collective bargaining agreement is completed.

- o. Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the District Solicitor, and upon consideration of the evidence presented at the Grievance Hearing held on May 15, 2006, the Board of School Directors hereby denies the Grievance filed by the Blairsville-Saltsburg Support Personnel Association received on March 28, 2006, filed on behalf of all affected employees, Grievance No. 05-06-3, and further the Board authorizes the appropriate Board Officers to prepare and execute a written decision to the Grievance.
- p. Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the District Solicitor, and upon consideration of the evidence presented at the Grievance Hearing held on May 15, 2006, the Board of School Directors hereby denies the Grievance filed by the Blairsville-Saltsburg Support Personnel Association received on March 31, 2006, filed on behalf of all affected employees, Grievance No. 05-06-4, and further the Board authorizes the appropriate Board Officers to prepare and execute a written decision to the Grievance.

For Board Action by Roll Call Vote on Personnel Items (11a) through (11p).

12. Policy:

There are no Policy Items for approval at this time.

13. Other Business:

Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, please consider a motion to approve Other Business items 13a through 13e in accordance with provisions of the Public School Code and Series 300, 400 and 500 of the Board Policy Manual, as hereinafter described:

- a. Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Business Manager, the Board of Directors hereby approves the appointment of *Linda Brown* as treasurer commencing July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.
- b. Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Business Manager, the Board of Directors hereby approves the securing of a bond for *Linda Brown*, treasurer, in the amount of \$10,000 with Ohio Casualty Insurance Company.
- c. Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Business Manager, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the administration to advertise a public auction for the 1990 Ford dump truck with trailer in June 2006, according to State regulations and provisions. Furthermore, the Board of Directors authorizes the appropriate district officials to approve and proceed with this action.
- d. The Board of School Directors hereby authorizes the Superintendent and the Transportation Coordinator to contact Smith Bus Company and schedule a bus run for the proposed Slickville bus route during normal bus run times, if possible, and to provide notice to all school board members of the time of the scheduled bus run so as to enable the Board Members to attend the bus run.
- e. Motion to hold a special meeting on May 22, 2006, to discuss and act on the tentative budget for the 2006-2007 school year at the Blairsville Middle/High School cafeteria at 6:00 p.m.

For Board Action by Roll Call Vote on Other Business Items 13a through 13e.

14. Report of the Superintendent

15. Report of the Solicitor

16. Adjournment