

BLAIRSVILLE-SALTSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT
102 School Lane
Blairsville, PA 15717
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May 21, 2007

Final Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Meditation
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of minutes of the April 16, 2007, Regular Meeting
5. Indiana County Technology Center Report - Mr. Smith
6. ARIN Report – Mr. Rowley
7. Legislative Report – Ms. Whitfield
8. Standing Committee Report
9. Federal/State Programs Report – Mrs. Hanley
10. Student Representative Reports
11. Remarks
 - a. Citizens' Remarks
 - b. Remarks to Citizens
12. Items of Business Regarding Finance:

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 12a through 12i, 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 Payment of Bill – 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 16, 2007, with the exception of check #5198 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 #5198 to D. LaMantia and Company Incorporated.
- d. The Board of Directors hereby approves the adoption of the proposed budget for the 2007-2008 school year in the amount of \$27,615,438. It is understood that the proposed millage rate for Indiana County will be 120.75 mills and for Westmoreland County will be 115.94 mills. The proposed budget reflects a 5.33 mills increase for Indiana County and a 5.37 mills increase for Westmoreland County. The proposed budget will be available for public review, in the business office, during regular business hours, until final vote on June 18, 2007.
- e. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the administration to bid for bread and bread products for the 2007-2008 school year.
- f. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the administration to bid for milk and milk products for the 2007-2008 school year.

- g. The Board of Directors hereby approves the exoneration request of *Lauren Bishop* from payment of 2006 Per Capita Taxes, having met all the parameters established by the Board.
- h. The Board of Directors hereby approves the special education services and programs proposal for the school years between 2007 through 2010, as presented by special education supervisor, Ms. Patti Olson, at the May 14, 2007, workshop meeting. A copy of the plan is attached to the agenda. Furthermore, the Board of Directors authorizes the submission of this plan to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for approval.
- i. Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Business Manager, and in compliance with the requirements of Chapter 15 of Act 1 of Special Session 2006, the Board of School Directors hereby adopts the following Resolution authorizing the collection and payment of school real property taxes in three (3) installments subject to the terms and conditions provided for therein.

BLAIRSVILLE-SALTSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COLLECTION AND PAYMENT OF SCHOOL

REAL PROPERTY TAXES IN INSTALLMENTS

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 15 OF ACT 1 OF SPECIAL SESSION 2006

53 P.S. SECTION 6926.1501 ET SEQ.

WHEREAS, a School District has the power to provide for the collection and payment of its school real property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District believes that instituting installment payments will encourage the timely payment of current school real property taxes and thereby reduce delinquencies; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District believes that the installment payment of school real property taxes will benefit numerous property owners by extending their tax obligations over a longer period of time without incurring a penalty.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

1. **Installment Authorized.** In lieu of paying the current school real property taxes (excluding any interim or delinquent school real property taxes) in one lump sum, a taxpayer with homestead or farmstead property, approved pursuant to Section 341 of Act 1, Special Session of 2006, is hereby accorded the privilege of paying the annually levied school real property tax in three (3) installments as hereinafter set forth.
2. **Number of Installments and Due Dates.** School real property taxes may be paid in three (3) installments, which shall be paid and due as follows:
 - A. **First Installment** equal to 33 1/3 (33 1/3%) percent of the face (principal) amount shall be due on August 31st of each fiscal year;
 - B. **Second Installment** equal to 33 1/3 (33 1/3%) percent of the face (principal) amount shall be due on October 31st of each fiscal year, and
 - C. **Third Installment** equal to 33 1/3 (33 1/3%) percent of the face (principal) amount shall be due on or before December 15th of each fiscal year.
3. **Election to Pay by Installments.** To exercise the privilege of installment payments, the taxpayer must pay the First Installment on or before August 31st. Payment of the First Installment by a taxpayer before the installment becomes delinquent shall conclusively evidence an intention to pay the taxes on the installment plan, as provided above.
 - A. Where a taxpayer shall fail to pay the First Installment on or before August 31st, the taxpayer shall have waived the privilege to pay in installments. In such event, the entire school real property tax shall be due and payable in full and shall be collected as provided in the act of May 25, 1945 (P.L. 1050, No. 394) known as the Local Tax Collection Law, subject to the discounts and penalties provided by that act.

- B. A taxpayer who is delinquent by more than ten days on more than two (2) installment payments shall be ineligible for the installment payment option in the following school fiscal year.
4. **Discounts.** Where payment of school real property taxes is made on the installment basis, there shall be no discount allowed on said school real property taxes.
 5. **Penalty.** An unpaid installment shall not be considered delinquent if paid on or before the installment date established above. If the Second Installment becomes delinquent, a penalty of ten (10%) percent per centum shall be added to the amount of the Second Installment, and shall be collected by the tax collector. If the Third Installment becomes delinquent, a penalty of ten (10%) percent per centum shall be added to the amount of the Third Installment and shall be collected by the tax collector.
 6. **Commission.** Installments shall be collected by the elected tax collector. The elected tax collector shall be paid such commissions or compensation at the same rate on installment payments as is paid for the collection of school real property taxes generally. The expenses of postage and printing of tax notices shall be paid by the School District in the same manner as other school real property taxes.
 7. **Effective Date.** The provision of the Resolution shall be effective for fiscal year 2007-2008 and shall remain in effect for all subsequent fiscal years until or unless rescinded or amended.

For Board Action by Roll Call Vote on Finance Items 12a through 12i.

13. Items of Business Regarding Curriculum:

For consideration, a motion to approve Items of Business Regarding Curriculum 13a through 13c in accordance with provisions of the Public School Code and Series 300, 400 and 500 of the Board Policy Manual, as hereinafter described:

- a. The Board of Directors hereby approves the attached tentative list of 2007 Blairsville High School graduates.
- b. The Board of Directors hereby approves the attached tentative list of 2007 Saltsburg Middle/High School graduates.
- c. The Board of Directors hereby approves the attached list of proposed textbooks and materials for the 2007-2008 school year. The proposed materials are available in the curriculum office during regular office hours, for review.

For Board Action by Roll Call Vote on Items of Business Regarding Curriculum 13a through 13c.

14. Items of Business Regarding Personnel:

For consideration, a motion to approve Personnel items (14a) through (14h) in accordance with provisions of the Public School Code and Series 300, 400 and 500 of the Board Policy Manual, as hereinafter described:

- a. The Board of Directors hereby approves the following school trip requests:

Name	Activity	Dates
Smathers, Jeff Blake, Carly 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.	5/17/07
Chakot, John Kern, Joyce Baker, Lori SMHS	2. Approval to accompany participating students to an event for the Remembering Adam Drug-Free program. Total cost to the district will be \$175 (\$100 transportation; \$75 substitute).	5/25/07
Faulk, Stacy Buckles, James Henigin, Kimberly BMS	3. Approval to accompany participating students to an event for the Remembering Adam Drug-Free program. Total cost to the district will be \$400 (\$100 transportation; \$300 substitutes).	5/25/07
Muir, Kathy SMHS	4. Approval to accompany the seniors to PNC Park and banquet in Pittsburgh. There will be no cost to the district.	5/30/07
Stefanelli, Joanne Johns, Chris Foust, Jane	5. Approval to accompany the 5 th grade students to a promotion day activity at the Indiana Roller Rink. Total cost to the district will be \$218.50 (\$180 transportation; \$38.50 for ½ day substitute).	6/6/07

Simon, Lila BES		
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- b. The Board of Directors hereby approves the following as professional substitutes for the 2006-2007 school year:

	Name	Residence	Certification
1.	Bebar, Jennifer	Greensburg	English
2.	Joyce, Alissa	Blairsville	Elementary
3.	Saylor, Tiffany	Crabtree	Mathematics
4.	Schrock, Barrett	Derry	Mathematics
5.	Shaw, Robyn	Blairsville	Early Childhood Education English 7-12
6.	Soohy, Nicole	Windber	Secondary Spanish Education

- c. The Board of Directors hereby approves the following as non-professional substitutes for the 2006-2007 school year:

	Name	Residence	Classification
1.	Spade, John	Blairsville	Custodian/Maintenance
2.	Widdowson, Becky	Indiana	Custodian – Summer only

- d. The Board of Directors hereby approves the following as bus aide for the district as an employee of Smith Bus Company and contingent upon receipt of all required documentation according to Board Policy #817, for the 2006-2007 school year:

	Name	Residence
1.	Baker, Valerie	New Alexandria

- e. Based upon the recommendation of the booster group representing the golf and baseball programs, the Board of Directors hereby approves the hiring of *Bryan Gould* as assistant baseball coach for the 2007 season, at a salary of \$2219.
- f. Based upon the recommendation of the administration, the Board of Directors hereby approves a one-year (2007-2008) contract to *Neil Stone* as Blairsville High School 3rd assistant football coach at a salary of \$3772.
- g. The Board of School Directors hereby approves the sabbatical leave of absence request of professional employee number 0423, for restoration of health, for the entire 2007-2008 school year, in accordance with the provisions of Article XIII, F. Sabbatical Leave, of the collective bargaining agreement, and Section 1166 of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended, *et seq.*, subject, however, to the terms, conditions and requirements of the provisions of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended, governing sabbatical leaves of absence for purposes of restoration of health.
- h. The Board of Directors hereby authorized the administration to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Blairsville-Saltsburg Education Association as presented to the Board.

For Board Action by Roll Call Vote on Personnel Items (14a) through (14h).

15. Policy:

There are no Policy Items at this time.

16. Other Business:

For consideration, a motion to approve Other Business items 16a through 16b in accordance with provisions of the Public School Code and Series 300, 400 and 500 of the Board Policy Manual, as hereinafter described:

- a. The Board of Directors hereby approves the appointment of B. Edward Smith as treasurer for the district, commencing July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008.
- b. The Board of Directors hereby approves the securing of a bond for B. Edward Smith, treasurer, in the amount of \$10,000 with Ohio Casualty Insurance Company.

For Board Action by Roll Call Vote on Other Business Items 16a through 16b.

17. Report of the Superintendent

18. Report of the Solicitor

19. Adjournment