

BLAIRSVILLE-SALTSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT
102 School Lane
Blairsville, Pennsylvania 15717

April 16, 2007

The Board of Directors of the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District met for their Regular Monthly Voting Meeting on Monday, April 16, 2007, in the Cafeteria at the Blairsville Middle/High School with the following members present:

Paul Bell	Linda Brown
George Rowley	Ed Smith
Dan Speal	Mary Whitfield

Lance Alexander, Michael LaMantia and Karen Shusko were absent.

Mr. Nadonley, Eric Kocsis, Ron Saffron, Leigh Free and group of citizens also attended the meeting.

Mr. Paul Bell, Board President, called the meeting to order at 8:15 pm. The minutes of the March 12, 2007, Special Voting Meeting and March 19, 2007, Regular Voting Meeting were approved as mailed.

Indiana County Technology Center Report – Mr. Smith asked that the Board and public attend the Technology Show that was talked about by Mrs. Miller. He reported that at the last meeting the Board passed the tentative budget. There was a 3.43% increase over last year. The Board also hired a new business manager.

ARIN Report – Mr. Rowley reported that the ARIN convention will be held tomorrow evening at Marion Center. Last month, our Board voted on the ARIN budget. Tomorrow evening the results of all school district votes will be presented. There will be a program at the end of the meeting regarding homeless students.

Legislative Report – No report.

Standing Committee Report – No report.

Federal/State Programs Update – Mrs. Hanley reported that a federal programs audit will be conducted on April 30th. Someone from the Auditor General's office will do the audit.

Citizens' Remarks

John Hanna, 722 Market Street, Saltsburg, signed in to address the Board regarding the scope of the parking lot repairs and consolidation. He stated that he understands the parking lot in Saltsburg will be out for bid. Can the Board report on the scope of work?

Mr. Nadonley reported that the potholes at the main entrance and main lot will be dug out and patched. They will make the loop where the buses go wider and put in reflectors and add some additional parking spaces. In the back of the school there is a crack the entire length of the lot that will be taken care of. Regarding the drainage issue, the water is coming up through the lot. There will be higher birms put in.

Mr. Hanna continued his comments by asking what the reimbursement amount will be based on the true reimbursement of the consolidation proposal. Mr. Kocsis stated that he has put a request out to the architect for an answer.

Mr. Hanna asked what are the total dollars paid to the architect for work on the proposed consolidation project. Mr. Kocsis stated that the total is \$26,000.

Dianne Miller, 202 Hickory Street, Blairsville, signed in to address the Board regarding the ICTC Technology Show. She asked the Board and public to attend the Technology Show which will be held at ICTC.

Remarks to Citizens – No additional remarks to citizens.

Mr. Bell announced the following resolutions would be added to the Finance and Personnel sections of the agenda:

- Ratification/Approval of Payment 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 March 19, 2007, with the exception of check #5181 to D. LaMantia and Company Incorporated. Bill listings were provided to the Board prior to this meeting and will be included in the official minutes of this meeting.
- Ratification/Approval of Payment of Bill – At this time the Board shall consider ratification/approval of check #5181 to D. LaMantia and Company Incorporated.
- The Board of Directors hereby approves the appointment of *Mark Zerfoss* as head coach for the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District baseball team, for the 2007 season at a salary of \$3,119.
- The Board of Directors hereby approves the resignation request of *Frank Berzansky* as Blairsville 3rd assistant football coach, effective April 16, 2007. Furthermore, the Board authorizes the administration to post and/or advertise to fill this vacancy.
- Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Business Manager and the School Solicitor, and upon consideration of the facts presented to the Board of School Directors at the grievance hearing held on April 16, 2007, the Board of School Directors hereby denies the grievance filed on March 9, 2007, by the Blairsville-Saltsburg Education Support Professionals PSEA/NEA at Grievance No. 06/07-1. The Board further authorizes the Board President to complete and execute the grievance form on behalf of the Board of School Directors.

FINANCE

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Ms. Whitfield to amend the *Finance* section of the agenda to include the amount of \$934.79 to the resolution regarding approval of check #5181 to D. LaMantia and Company Inc. Whitfield, Rowley, Smith, Speal, Brown, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Mr. Smith that based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following Financial Report be approved and placed on file. Whitfield, Rowley, Smith, Speal, Brown, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

(Financial Report available for public review in the Office of the Board Secretary)

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Mr. Smith that the following Accounts Payable be paid. Whitfield, Rowley, Smith, Speal, Brown, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

(Bill listing available for public review in the Office of the Board Secretary)

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Mr. Smith that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the administration to prepare specifications and advertise for the repair and paving at the Saltsburg Middle/High School. Whitfield, Rowley, Smith, Speal, Brown, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Mr. Smith that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the administration to enter into a partnership and become a member of the Central Pennsylvania Digital Learning Foundation. Whitfield, Rowley, Smith, Speal, Brown, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Mr. Smith that the Board of Directors hereby approves the attached list of budget transfers, dated April 12, 2007. (Attachment #1) Whitfield, Rowley, Smith, Speal, Brown, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Mr. Smith that the Board of Directors hereby approves the exoneration from payment of 2006 Per Capita Taxes, having met the parameters established by the Board of Directors for the following individuals:

1. Bankosh, Danielle
2. Elliot, Crystal
3. Elliot, Warren

Whitfield, Rowley, Smith, Speal, Brown, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Mr. Smith that the Board of School Directors, upon making the determination that it is in the best interest of the School District to participate in the tax assessment appeal case filed by Chestnut Ridge Golf, L.P. in the Court of Common Pleas of Indiana County, at No. 10233 CD 2006, hereby authorizes the School District to share in the cost for an independent appraisal of the property that is the subject of said tax assessment appeal case. The School District's share of the costs of the independent appraisal shall be the same proportion as the millage rate of the School District is to the total combined millage of the school district, the county and the township. The estimated cost to the School District is \$8,500.00. Whitfield, Rowley, Smith, Speal, Brown, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Mr. Smith that the Board of Directors hereby approves the proposed budget for the Indiana County Technology Center for the 2007-2008 school year in the amount of \$5,084,748, with the share for Blairsville-Saltsburg School District at \$503,144 based on 86 students, an increase of 3.43% from the previous year. The ICTC tentative budget was included with the agenda mailing. Whitfield, Rowley, Smith, Speal, Brown, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Bell read Mr. Berzansky's resignation letter. He stated that for 19 years Mr. Berzansky has done a great job and has been there for the kids. He is sorry to see him go.

Mr. Nadonley stated that regarding the appointment of Alice Moore, he would like to thank the BSEA for waiving the 10 day posting and getting a memorandum of understanding for the last day of school.

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Mr. Smith to amend the *Personnel* section of the agenda to include the name of Alice Moore to be appointed to the two-year contracted supplemental position for music director of the musical at Blairsville Middle/High School. Whitfield, Rowley, Smith, Speal, Brown, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Whitfield that based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Directors hereby approves the following school trip requests:

Name	Activity	Dates
Dollman, David BHS	1. Approval to accompany students to 2007 Indiana Regional Safe Driving Competition at IUP. Total cost to the district will be \$186 (\$111 transportation; \$75 substitute).	4/19/07
Hanlon, Kathleen Palazzi, Linsey SMHS	2. Approval to accompany students to the Carnegie Science Center. Total cost to the district will be \$321 (\$171 transportation; \$150 substitutes).	4/30/07
Kaylor, Greg BHS	3. Approval to accompany students to the annual Mathematics Competition at IUP. Total cost to the district will be \$176 (\$101 transportation; \$75 substitute).	5/2/07
Chakot, John Kern, Joyce Baker, Lori SMHS	4. Approval to accompany <i>Remembering Adam</i> students to Indiana. Total cost to the district will be \$104 for transportation.	5/3/07
Lind, Mary Ann Pontillo, Elaine SMHS	5. Approval to accompany students to the Frick Art museum and historical center. Total cost to the district \$293 (\$143 transportation; \$150 substitutes).	5/10/07
DelVecchio, Frank SMHS	6. Approval to accompany creative technology students to Kales Kitchen in Leaper, PA. Total cost to the district will be \$ (\$ transportation; \$75 substitute).	5/16/07
Jasper, Wendy Lopata, Kevin BHS	7. Approval to accompany Physics students to Kennywood Education Day. Total cost to the district will be \$1975 (\$1400 registration; \$425 transportation; \$150 substitutes).	5/18/07
Jake, Stephanie SMHS	8. Approval to accompany students to PJAS at Penn State. Total cost to the district will be \$725 (\$575 registration; \$150 substitutes). Transportation to be shared with BHS.	5/20-22/07
Chapla, Linda BHS	9. Approval to accompany the Art students to Carnegie Museum of Art. Total cost to the district will be \$263 (\$188 transportation; \$75 substitute).	5/22/07

Dollman, David BHS	10. Approval to accompany student government students to Senator White's Student Government Seminar at IUP. Total cost to the district will be \$186 (\$111 transportation; \$75 substitute).	5/24/07
Pritts, Jessica Diloretto, Tammy Heinnickel, Phil Heinnickel, Penny BHS	11. Approval to accompany the student council to a "Science Rocks" event in Ohio. Total cost to the district will be \$75 for a substitute.	5/25-27/07
Jake, Stephanie Kunkle, Karen SES & BMS & BES	12. Approval to accompany challenge class students to 24 Game Challenge at Apollo-Ridge Elementary School. Total cost to the district will be \$170 for transportation.	5/30/07

Whitfield, Rowley, Smith, Speal, Brown, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Whitfield that based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Directors hereby approves the following as professional substitutes for the 2006-2007 school year:

	Name	Residence	Certification
1.	Hixson, Scott	Indiana	Social Studies
2.	Lupyan, Heather	Saltsburg	Elementary
3.	McMahen, Melina	Derry	Special Education
4.	Santoro, Alicia	Blairsville	Mathematics
5.	Smail, Jeremy	Avonmore	Health/PE & Elementary
6.	Vick, Jaime	Apollo	Mathematics

Whitfield, Rowley, Smith, Speal, Brown, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Whitfield that based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Directors hereby approves the following as non-professional substitutes for the 2006-2007 school year:

	Name	Residence	Classification
7.	Smith, Bonnie	Saltsburg	Secretary, Noon-hour, Aide, Cafeteria
8.	Troup, Brian	Indiana	Custodian, Cafeteria

Whitfield, Rowley, Smith, Speal, Brown, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Whitfield that the Board of Directors hereby approves the uncompensated leave absence request of *Kirk Lentz*, teacher at Blairsville High School, from March 13, 2007, through April 16, 2007. Whitfield, Rowley, Smith, Speal, Brown, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Whitfield that the Board of Directors hereby approves the uncompensated leave of absence for *Randall Thorn*, music teacher at Blairsville Middle & High Schools, for three (3) days, March 22, 23 & 26, 2007. Whitfield, Rowley, Smith, Speal, Brown, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Whitfield that the Board of Directors hereby approves the two-year contracted supplemental position resignation request of *Randall Thorn* as music director for the musical at Blairsville Middle/High School, effective April 12, 2007. Furthermore the Board authorizes the administration to post this vacancy. Whitfield, Rowley, Smith, Speal, Brown, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Whitfield that the Board of Directors hereby approves the appointment of *Alice Moore* for a two-year contracted supplemental position for music director for the musical at Blairsville Middle/High School for the 2006-2007 & 2007-2008 school years at a contractual salary of \$2327 for the 2006-2007 school year and \$2386 for the 2007-2008 school year. Whitfield, Rowley, Smith, Speal, Brown, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Whitfield that the Board of Directors hereby approves the appointment of *Mark Zerfoss* as head coach for the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District baseball team, for the 2007 season at a salary of \$3,119. Whitfield, Rowley, Smith, Speal, Brown, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Whitfield that the Board of Directors hereby approves the resignation request of *Frank Berzansky* as Blairsville 3rd assistant football coach, effective April 16, 2007. Furthermore, the Board authorizes the administration to post and/or advertise to fill this vacancy. Whitfield, Rowley, Smith, Speal, Brown, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Whitfield that based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Business Manager and the School Solicitor, and upon consideration of the facts presented to the Board of School Directors at the grievance hearing held on April 16, 2007, the Board of School Directors hereby denies the grievance filed on March 9, 2007, by the Blairsville-Saltsburg Education Support Professionals PSEA/NEA at Grievance No. 06/07-1. The Board further authorizes the Board President to complete and execute the grievance form on behalf of the Board of School Directors. Whitfield, Rowley, Smith, Speal, Brown, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Motion by Ms. Whitfield and seconded by Mr. Rowley that based upon the recommendation of the Committee of the Board of School Directors appointed to conduct student disciplinary hearings, and after reviewing the Adjudication and Recommended Disposition prepared by the Committee regarding Student No. 076655, a copy of which was provided to each Board member prior to this meeting, and the record of such hearing having been made available to the Board members for review prior to this meeting, and after having had an opportunity to review the entire record of the Disciplinary Hearing involving such Student, including the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves and adopts the Adjudication and Recommended Disposition of the Committee regarding Student No. 076655 and hereby authorizes the administration to implement the provisions of the Adjudication and Recommended Disposition as therein provided. Whitfield, Rowley, Smith, Speal, Brown, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Whitfield and seconded by Mr. Rowley that based upon the recommendation of the Committee of the Board of School Directors appointed to conduct student disciplinary hearings, and after reviewing the Adjudication and Recommended Disposition prepared by the Committee regarding Student No. 075307, a copy of which was provided to each Board member prior to this meeting, and the record of such hearing having been made available to the Board members for review prior to this meeting, and after having had an opportunity to review the entire record of the Disciplinary Hearing involving such Student, including the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves and adopts the Adjudication and Recommended Disposition of the Committee regarding Student No. 075307 and hereby authorizes the administration to implement the provisions of the Adjudication and Recommended Disposition as therein provided. Whitfield, Rowley, Smith, Speal, Brown, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Whitfield and seconded by Mr. Rowley that the Board of Directors hereby approves the list of participants for the Comprehensive Strategic Planning Committee as presented. (Attachment #2) Whitfield, Rowley, Smith, Speal, Brown, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Report of the Superintendent – No report.

Report of the Solicitor – No report.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Paul A. Bell, Board President

Leigh A. Free, Board Secretary