

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

December 6, 2006

The Board of Directors of the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District met for their Regular Voting Meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 2006, in the Large Group Area at the Blairsville Elementary School with the following members present:

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

Lance Alexander, Michael LaMantia and Karen Shusko were absent.

Dr. Mencer, Theresa Hanley, Eric Kocsis, Ron Saffron, Leigh Free and a group of citizens also attended the meeting.

Mr. Paul Bell, Board President, called the meeting to order at 8:34 pm.

Indiana County Technology Center Report – Mr. Smith reported that there was no meeting in November.

ARIN Report – Mr. Rowley reported that the meeting will be held next week. Last month's meeting was business as usual.

Legislative Report – Ms. Whitfield reported that the Board should be mindful of the timeline for Act 1.

Standing Committee Reports – No reports.

Student Representative Reports

Brittany Conrad reported the following for Blairsville:

- Brittany thanked the Board for allowing her the opportunity to attend the Student Delegate Program in Hershey.
- Student Council is holding a door decorating contest.
- Girl's Basketball ceremony was held at Chestnut Ridge.
- Boys Basketball going to Central Cambria. They were second in the tip-off tournament.
- The musical "Annie" will be presented on Thursday, Friday, Saturday.

Citizens' Remarks – No citizens signed in to address the Board.

Remarks to Citizens – No remarks to Citizens.

FINANCE

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Ms. Whitfield that based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following Financial Report be approved and placed on file. Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Smith, McGregor, 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 Ms. Whitfield that the following Accounts Payable be paid. Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Smith, McGregor, 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 Ms. Whitfield that based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Business Manager, the Board of Directors hereby approves the budget transfer as presented. (Attachment #1) Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Smith, McGregor, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Ms. Whitfield that based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Business Manager, the Board of Directors hereby expresses appreciation for services of the Local Tax Commission and discharges the commission from its responsibility once the recommendation has been presented; furthermore the commission will be reimbursed for necessary and reasonable expenses in the discharge of their duties, with valid receipts. Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Smith, McGregor, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Ms. Whitfield that based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Business Manager, the Board of Directors hereby requires that the Local Tax Commission return, to the Board, all records, including receipts, tapes, minutes of meetings and written communications. These records will be available for public inspection, in the business office, during regular business hours of the school district. Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Smith, McGregor, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Ms. Whitfield that based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Business Manager, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the administration to make the Local Tax Commission recommendation available to all interested persons, upon request, within the policy guidelines consistent with public records adopted previously by the Board of Directors. Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Smith, McGregor, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Rowley to amend the *Personnel* section of the agenda to include the name of Jill Elkin as a part-time (3 ¾ hour) instructional aide. Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Smith, McGregor, 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
Muir, Kathy Droste, Heather Highberger, Sharon SMHS	1. Approval to accompany the senior class to a Pittsburg Penguins Game. There will be no cost to the district.	12/15/06
Bowen, Donna Popp, Fred Rovison, Brenda Stuchal, Scott Joyce, Kim BMS	2. Approval for the 6 th grade students to Idlewild Park for an Outdoor Classroom – Math in Motion. Total cost to the district will be \$477 (\$402 transportation; \$75 substitute).	5/24/07

Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Smith, McGregor, 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.	Aion, Justin	Saltsburg	Math
2.	Newcamp, Matthew	Homer City	Biology

Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Smith, McGregor, 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
3.	Henigin, Kimberly	Indiana	Instructional Aide

Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Smith, McGregor, 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 hiring of *Jill Elkin* as a part-time (3¼ hour) instructional aide, with initial placement in a special education classroom at Blairsville Middle School, at the salary of \$7.86 per hour and official date of hire as December 7, 2006. Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Smith, McGregor, 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 hiring of *Melinda Street* as a part-time custodian for Blairsville Middle School at a beginning salary of \$9.80 per hour and an official date of hire as December 7, 2006. Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Smith, McGregor, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

OTHER

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Mr. Smith that the Board of Directors will hold a Special Voting Meeting on Wednesday, December 13, 2006, beginning at 5:30 pm in the Cafeteria and the Blairsville Middle/High School. The purpose of the meeting will be to hire a Superintendent and also other business. Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Smith, McGregor, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Report of the Superintendent – Dr. Mencer reported on the School District’s updated web site. The past Board agendas are available on the web site. Beginning in January, the agenda will be available on the web site at 4:00 pm. Policies are in the process of being put on and the minutes will be put on in January.

Report of the Solicitor – No report.

Mr. Bell announced there would be an executive session following the meeting to discuss legal and personnel issues.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Paul A. Bell, Board President

Leigh A. Free, Board Secretary