

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

December 13, 2006

The Board of Directors of the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District met for a Special Voting Meeting on December 13, 2006, in the Cafeteria of the Blairsville Middle/High School with the following members present:

Lance Alexander
Linda Brown
Dan McGregor
Ed Smith

Paul Bell
Michael LaMantia (arrived 5:32 pm)
George Rowley
Mary Whitfield

Karen Shusko was absent.

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

Mr. Paul Bell, Board President, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Citizens Remarks

Tim Chelsted, Saltsburg, signed in to address the Board regarding a coaches position. He asked the Board to reconsider and vote again on the temporary junior varsity wrestling coach position. He does not want this to turn into a lawsuit. He stated he has been volunteering even after the vote was taken. He cannot continue to attend practice on a voluntary basis.

Remarks to Citizens

Mr. McGregor stated that he is not at all reluctant to revisit the issue. He stated that he is concerned because there seems to be continued input from the Athletic Director. The Athletic Director did not feel he needed to contact Mr. Chelsted because the position was not open. Mr. Lowman said he did not bring the application to Dr. Mencer's desk. Mr. McGregor asked if there is any chance we can revisit this. If Ms. Shusko was here he is sure the three of them would ask for it to be on the agenda. He received a document last week that says the Athletic Director will contact future incumbents about the applications.

Mr. Bell stated that he has no problem amending the agenda to add a resolution to the agenda to vote again. Mr. McGregor, Mr. Bell and Ms. Brown are the three Board members who agreed to have the item added to the agenda.

Mr. Smith stated that he was fortunate to be at a banquet that had Blairsville and Saltsburg girls. They asked how can Blairsville and Saltsburg ever get together when the Board acts like they do. He feels the Board actions are degrading and the members should not let consolidation get in the way of anything.

Mr. Bell stated that he agrees with Mr. Smith. Until Mr. Chelsted said he was from Saltsburg, I never knew where he was from. Mr. Chelsted chose to make this a Blairsville/Saltsburg issue.

Mr. McGregor talked about Saltsburg not having good feelings toward Blairsville because they continually say no to things that Saltsburg wants and they support consolidation. Saltsburg does not want consolidation.

Ms. Brown stated that she has been on the Board for only one year. She has heard only one thing talked about and that is that if the buildings were 10 miles closer and half way in between there would not be a problem. Everything Saltsburg wants is turned down.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Bell welcomed Mr. Nadonley stating that he is looking forward to his leadership.

Motion by Mr. McGregor and seconded by Ms. Brown to amend the Personnel section of the agenda to include the following resolution:

Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the administration to establish an additional junior varsity wrestling coach for the 2006-2007 school year only, at a contractual salary of \$3635. Furthermore, the Board of Directors authorizes the administration to post and/or advertise for this position.

McGregor, Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Bell voting yes. Alexander, LaMantia, Smith voting no. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Mr. Smith that the Board of School Directors hereby elects *Arnold J. Nadonley* as Superintendent of the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District, for a term of 4 years commencing on January 8, 2007, at a starting yearly salary of \$99,000.00, together with such other fringe benefits as are negotiated between the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District and Arnold J. Nadonley, and also hereby authorizing the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District to enter into a written employment contract with Mr. Nadonley for the position of Superintendent of the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District and further authorizing the appropriate officers of the Board of School Directors to execute said employment contract on behalf of the District. McGregor, Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Alexander, LaMantia, Smith, 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 Board of Directors hereby approves that *Matthew Rebovich* be added to the professional substitute list for the 2006-2007 school year as a special education or elementary certification areas. McGregor, Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Alexander, LaMantia, Smith, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

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OTHER

There was discussion regarding the Gold Pass which would be available to individuals 65 years old and used to get into sporting events free of charge. The Board had asked the IU to look at it and the IU said it is really a school district issue. Mr. Bell stated he is reluctant to approve because this is a source of funds and the cost of sporting events is nominal. He is not sure given the financial situation of the district if this is a good move.

Mr. McGregor stated that he looks at field trips and does not think students should be taken bowling, to ball games, etc. Point well taken.

Mr. Smith stated that he would like to thank Mr. Robinson from Saltsburg for bringing this to the table.

Dr. Mencer gave the Board information regarding attendance regulations regarding cyber schools. He stated the law is irreprehensible.

Mr. Alexander asked if there is anything in the code that says we cannot bill the charter school for part of the budget for attendance officer's salary.

Mr. Bell stated that this is the last meeting before December 28 which is the last day to bring a plan to the Judge for redistricting. He stated he checked the docket today and there was a plan to remain the same and also a regional plan that broke the district into three new regions. 1: Saltsburg, Conemaugh 1&3, Loyalhanna 1&2; 2: Conemaugh 2, Burrell 1, Black Lick; 3: Blairsville 1, 2, 3 and Burrell 2. He has seen the petition for this plan going around and has signed it. If the Board wants to submit a plan, we would have to direct Ron to do this.

Mr. McGregor asked what is the requirement for Board members for the 18th and 19th for the hearing. Mr. Saffron stated that if you are going to attend you should be there by 8:30 am. Mr. Saffron discussed how the trial procedure will work and stated that there is no requirement to be there unless you are subpoenaed or given notice.

Mr. McGregor asked if the Board would be getting feedback from the individual the District had hired to conduct a survey on technology. Dr. Mencer stated that sometime in January the information will be given to the Board.

Motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Rowley to amend the agenda to include the following resolution:

The Board of Directors hereby approves the District's participation in the Gold Pass for seniors program in the form of the sample Gold Pass as presented to the Board.

McGregor, Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Alexander, LaMantia, Smith, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Mr. Smith that the Board of Directors hereby approves the District's participation in the Gold Pass for seniors program in the form of the sample Gold Pass as presented to the Board. McGregor, Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Alexander, LaMantia, Smith, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Bell asked if there was any public comment on the resolution. There was none.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 pm.

Paul A. Bell, Board President

Leigh A. Free, Board Secretary