

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

February 19, 2007

The Board of Directors of the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District met for a Regular Monthly Meeting on February 19, 2007, in the Cafeteria at the Blairsville Middle/High School with the following members present:

Lance Alexander	Paul Bell
Linda Brown	Michael LaMantia
Daniel McGregor	George Rowley
Karen Shusko	Edward Smith
Mary Whitfield	

Arnie Nadonley, Theresa Hanley, Leigh Free, Eric Kocsis, Ron Saffron, Emanuel Alexander, Brittany Conrad and a group of citizens also attended the meeting.

Mr. Paul Bell, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of the January 15, 2007, Regular Board Meeting was approved as mailed.

Indiana County Technology Center Report – Mr. Smith reported that there will be no meeting in February. At the January meeting the Board accepted the resignation of the business manager who will be taking the position at United.

ARIN Report – Mr. Rowley reported that all schools in the IU accepted the Gold Pass.

Legislative Report – Ms. Whitfield reported that there is information on Act 1 online through PSBA.

Standing Committee Reports – No reports.

Student Representative Reports

Brittany Conrad reported the following for Blairsville:

- Girls Basketball ended on Friday. Season was rocky but had fun.
- Boys Basketball will play Saltsburg.
- Wrestling team traveled to regionals. Matt Moore and Saltsburg student won.
- Working on Junior prom.
- Wellness Committee met with representatives from Blairsville and Saltsburg to discuss student health.
- Senior Class had sub sale and raised \$1,500. They will be going to Cleveland.
- Regional chorus will be held this week at Blairsville. Two students will participate.
- Three students placed in district band.

Emanuel Alexander reported the following for Blairsville:

- Stated he participated in a discussion group with Mr. Nadonley and talked about the schools. Students came together as one group. There were very positive comments about our schools. Students were happy to have Mr. Nadonley and Mrs. Hanley hear their voices.
- Passed out chart showing PJAS participants and projects.
- Mr. Kaylor is sponsoring a Stats Class where students can earn additional credits through a “P” program. Students can receive four college credits on a Pitt transcript. Credits are transferable.

Mr. Nadonley stated that on Friday, he held the first Student Leadership round table discussion. He will have follow-up meetings in the future.

Federal & State Programs Report – Mrs. Hanley reported that they are preparing for monitoring in May.

Citizens' Remarks

Mr. John Hanna, 722 Market Street, Saltsburg, signed in to address the Board regarding consolidation and technology. He stated that he feels the Board is lacking in their approach to make amends. Judge Olson gave the Board the opportunity to research other plans. The Board is only looking into plans to make the project more economically feasible. He stated that he would like to commend the new Superintendent and gives him credit for coming into the district and asking for ½ million dollars for technology but he supports the plan. He stated that the Board does not need to spend money on a third party to complete the strategic plan. This should have been started on time and not left go so long.

Remarks to Citizens

Mr. McGregor announced his resignation from the position of School Board Director effective immediately. Attached is the full text of the resignation submitted by Mr. McGregor. (Attachment #2)

Mr. Smith stated that he regretted seeing Mr. McGregor leave. He and Mr. McGregor have disagreed only on consolidation. Other than consolidation have agreed on most things. Mr. McGregor has always looked out for the kids.

Mr. Bell stated that he regrets Mr. McGregor is doing this but understands why. He hopes we can get beyond a win-loose situation. He looks at it like the District is moving ahead.

Ms. Brown stated that she has the deepest regrets that Dan is leaving. He has been a great community leader but she understands why. She wishes him well and hopes he has a bright and happy future.

FINANCE

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. Alexander, LaMantia, Smith, McGregor, Brown, Whitfield, Shusko, Rowley, 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. Alexander, Smith, McGregor, Brown, Whitfield, Shusko, Rowley, Bell voting yes. Motion carried. LaMantia voting yes to all payments with the exception of cafeteria check #5143 to which he abstained. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Mr. Smith that based upon the recommendation of the Business Manager, the Board of Directors hereby approves the exoneration from payment of 2006 Per Capita Taxes for Jamie Keibler, Robert E. Buskey, III., and Melanie Buskey, having met all the parameters established by the district. Alexander, LaMantia, Smith, McGregor, Brown, Whitfield, Shusko, Rowley, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Mr. Smith that based upon the recommendation of the Business Manager, the Board of Directors hereby approves the necessary budget transfers as presented. (Attachment #1) Alexander, LaMantia, Smith, McGregor, Brown, Whitfield, Shusko, Rowley, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Mr. Smith that based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Business Manager, the Board of Directors hereby approves the proposal submitted by ARIN IU 28 to provide contracted services for Phase II of the E-strategic Planning Process in the amount of \$6,100. Alexander, LaMantia, Smith, McGregor, Brown, Whitfield, Shusko, Rowley, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Mr. Smith that resolved that the Board of School Directors hereby authorizes the expenditure of funds in the amount of \$447,000.00 from the capital reserve fund account created under the General Municipal Law to be utilized to purchase district-wide technology capital improvements as outlined and presented in the technology improvement plan to the Board of Directors by the Superintendent and In-Shore Technologies at the February 12, 2007 workshop meeting and the Board of School Directors further authorizes the Business Manager to pay the bills related to the technology capital improvements from the capital

reserve fund account as such bills are incurred by the District, provided, that all bidding requirements are met and that all purchases and expenditures are approved by the Board. Alexander, LaMantia, Smith, McGregor, Brown, Whitfield, Shusko, Rowley, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Mr. Smith that the Board of School Directors hereby approves and enters into a one-year contract with In-Shore Technologies of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, in the amount of \$90,000 commencing on April 1, 2007, and ending March 31, 2008, to provide project management, training, procurement, assistance, domain migration, on-line incident management programs and other items as set forth in the attached contract for district-wide technology improvements and as outlined and presented in the technology improvement plan to the Board of Directors by the Superintendent and In-Shore Technologies at the February 12, 2007 workshop meeting; and the Board of School Directors hereby authorizes the appropriate officers of the Board to execute the contract on behalf of the District. The Board further authorizes the payments by the District to In-Shore Technologies as provided for in the contract to be made from the capital reserve fund account as a part of the authorized expenditures provided for in paragraph i above. Alexander, LaMantia, Smith, McGregor, Brown, Whitfield, Shusko, Rowley, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

Mr. McGregor stated that he had a concern on conference request #2. If we are going to pare down the budget, this is one we need to look at not approving. He stated he is not sure how much good this will do the coaches. These are all experienced coaches. Mr. Nadonley stated that he will be meeting with the Athletic Directors and Principals regarding this request. He will look at conference closely as they come in. He will also be looking at field trips and make sure they are age appropriate and tied into the curriculum. Ms. Shusko asked if the marching band is performing at the Altoona Curve baseball game. Mr. Nadonley replied that yes they are. Mr. LaMantia asked if there is validity to the experience the child may gain because the family cannot take them to this type of activity.

Motion by Mr. Alexander and seconded by Mr. Rowley that based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Directors hereby approves the following conference requests:

Name	Conference	Dates
Dill, Bernard BHS	1. Approval to attend the PA-FBLA State Leadership Conference in Hershey. There will be no cost to the district.	4/30-5/2/07
Berkey, Jim Frassenei, Tim Doak, Matt Wilson, Matt SMHS	2. Approval to attend the <i>Frank Glazier Football Clinics</i> in Monroeville. Total cost to the district will be \$990 (\$595 registration; \$150 meals; \$150 substitutes; \$95 lodging).	2/22-24/07

Alexander, LaMantia voting yes. Smith, McGregor, Brown, Whitfield, Shusko, Rowley, Bell voting yes for 1 and no for 2. Motion carried for 1. Motion not carried for 2.

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

Name	Activity	Dates
Kiebler, BethAnn SMHS	1. Approval to accompany students from the learning support class to various locations (according to their IEP's) for community based instruction. Total cost to the district will be \$363 for transportation.	1/30/07 2/14/07 3/7/07 3/21/07 4/11/07 4/25/07 5/9/07 5/23/07
McGee, Todd Foust, Jane Canzano, Tony Johns, Christine Stefanelli, Joanne BES	2. Approval to accompany the 5 th grade students to Mohawk Lanes in Indiana. Total cost to the district will be \$261.50 (\$226 transportation; \$45.50 ½ day substitute).	2/26/07
Jake, Stephanie Jasper, Wendy	3. Approval to accompany challenge class students to PJAS at Slippery Rock University for competition. Total cost to the	2/24/07

BSSD	district will be \$512 (\$85 registration; \$56 meals; \$371 transportation).	
DelVecchio, Frank SMHS	4. Approval to accompany the CAD and Physical Tech. students to Triangle Technology in Greensburg. Total cost to the district will be \$177 (\$102 Transportation; \$75 substitute).	2/26/07
Hanlon, Kathleen BSSD	5. Approval to accompany French II students to a production at Carnegie Science Center in Pittsburgh. Total cost to the district will be \$297 (\$222 transportation; \$75 substitute).	3/15/07
Jake, Stephanie SMHS	6. Approval to accompany students to the Brain Drain Games at Apollo-Ridge High School. Total cost to the district will be \$375 (\$250 registration; \$125 transportation).	3/31/07
Richards, Tracy Shirley, Debbie SMHS	7. Approval to accompany biology students to the Kiski-Conemaugh Watershed Symposium in Saltsburg. Total cost to the district will be \$225 (\$75 transportation; \$150 substitutes).	April 2007
Campbell, Vicky BHS	8. Approval to accompany the Key Club to Chestnut Ridge Conference Center in Blairsville. There will be no cost to the district.	4/11/07
Palazzi, Linsey SMHS	9. Approval to accompany biology II students to Earth Day at Pittsburgh Zoo. Total cost to the district will be \$75 for a substitute.	4/20/07
Bell, Monica Marshall, Sue SES	10. Approval to accompany 1 st grade students to Carnegie Museum of Natural History in Pittsburg. There will be no cost to the district. All costs will be provided by the PTA.	4/25/07
Hall, Melissa Ross, Janet Taylor, Ramona SES	11. Approval to accompany the 2 nd grade students to the Pittsburgh Zoo. There will be no cost to the district. All costs will be provided by the PTA.	4/27/07
Dill, Bernard BHS	12. Approval to accompany students to the PA-FBLA State Leadership Conference in Hershey. Total cost to the district will be \$2538 plus transportation costs to be shared with Indiana Area School District (\$416 registration; \$1897 lodging; \$225 substitutes).	4/30-5/2/07
Palazzi, Linsey SMHS	13. Approval to accompany students to the Indiana County Envirothon at Blue Spruce Park. Total cost to the district will be \$205 (\$130 transportation; \$75 substitute).	5/2/07
Palazzi, Linsey Spadafora, Jolene SMHS	14. Approval to accompany students to the IUP Annual Science Festival. Total cost to the district will be \$280 (\$130 transportation; \$150 substitutes).	5/4/07
Carr, Molly Gerstel, Dave Titmus, Doug SES	15. Approval to accompany 5 th grade students to the Gettysburg National Battlefield. Total cost to the district will be for transportation \$2736.	5/7/07
Castellani, Maryrose Jones, Jackie Frola, Kathy BES	16. Approval to accompany the 1 st grade students to the National Aviary and Playhouse Jr. in Pittsburgh. Total cost to the district will be \$105 (\$30 admissions; \$75 nurse substitute).	5/9/07
Barbi, Cindy Ross, Sandi Rich, Lindsay Stofa, Amy BES	17. Approval to accompany the kindergarten students to the Children's Museum in Pittsburgh. Total cost to the district will be \$75 for a nurse substitute.	5/16/07
Moore, Alice Orvosh, Malinda Mottillo, Josh BHS	18. Approval to accompany the BHS Marching Band to an Altoona Curve Baseball Game. Total cost to the district will be \$ (\$360 registration; \$ transportation; \$75 substitute).	5/31/07

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

Motion by Mr. Alexander and seconded by Mr. Rowley 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.	Adams, Bradley	Indiana	General Science/Secondary Science
2.	Flick, Jenna	Avonmore	Elementary
3.	Meckley, Hannah	Ernest	Health & PE
4.	Michaels, Jason	Penn Run	Social Studies
5.	Rechichar, Nicole	Indiana	Music Education
6.	Speal, Dan	Saltsburg	Physical Education
7.	Yurky, Kayla	Homer City	Family & Consumer Science

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

Motion by Mr. Alexander and seconded by Mr. Rowley that based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the transportation coordinator, the Board of Directors hereby approves the following as spare bus drivers for Smith Bus Company for the 2006-2007 school year:

	Name	Residence
1.	Pynos, Donald	Latrobe
2.		

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

Motion by Mr. Alexander and seconded by Mr. Rowley that based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Directors hereby accepts the resignation request of *Kristin Shearer*, noon-hour supervisor at Saltsburg Elementary School, effective January 18, 2007. Alexander, LaMantia, Smith, McGregor, Brown, Whitfield, Shusko, Rowley, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Alexander and seconded by Mr. Rowley that based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Directors hereby accepts the resignation request of *Michelle Clark*, noon-hour supervisor at Saltsburg Elementary School, effective February 2, 2007. Alexander, LaMantia, Smith, McGregor, Brown, Whitfield, Shusko, Rowley, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Alexander and seconded by Mr. Rowley that based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Directors hereby approves the hiring of *Merry Lou Pratt* as noon-hour supervisor at Saltsburg Elementary School at a starting salary \$6.50 per hour with an effective starting date of February 19, 2007. Alexander, LaMantia, Smith, McGregor, Brown, Whitfield, Shusko, Rowley, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Alexander and seconded by Mr. Rowley that based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, building principal and coach, the Board of Directors hereby approves the appointment of *Brian Pender*, as a volunteer coach for the BSSD girl's softball team for the 2006-2007 season. Alexander, LaMantia, Smith, McGregor, Brown, Whitfield, Shusko, Rowley, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Alexander and seconded by Mr. Rowley that based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, building principal and coach, the Board of Directors hereby approves the appointment of *Calvin Snyder*, as a volunteer coach for the BSSD girl's softball team for the 2006-2007 season, upon receipt of appropriate clearances. Alexander, LaMantia, Smith, McGregor, Brown, Whitfield, Shusko, Rowley, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Alexander and seconded by Mr. Rowley that based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Directors hereby approves granting tenure to *Joanna Morgan*, life skills support teacher in the district, effective February 19, 2007, after successfully completing three years of teaching in the state of Pennsylvania. Alexander, LaMantia, Smith, McGregor, Brown, Whitfield, Shusko, Rowley, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Alexander and seconded by Mr. Rowley that based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Directors hereby approves the resignation request of *Toby D. Angove*, elementary teacher for Saltsburg Elementary School, effective February 11, 2007. Alexander, LaMantia, Smith, McGregor, Brown, Whitfield, Shusko, Rowley, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

OTHER

Motion by Ms. Brown and seconded by Ms. Shusko to amend the *Other* section of the agenda to include the following resolution:

The Board of Directors hereby accepts the resignation of F. Daniel McGregor as school board director for the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District, Region 3, effective immediately.

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

Motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Rowley that the Board of Directors hereby accepts the resignation of F. Daniel McGregor as school board director for the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District, Region 3, effective immediately. Alexander, LaMantia, Smith, McGregor, Brown, Whitfield, Shusko, Rowley voting yes. Bell voting no. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Alexander and seconded by Mr. LaMantia to amend the *Other* section of the agenda to include the following resolution:

The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Board Secretary to advertise for the vacancy of school board director in Region III resulting from the resignation of F. Daniel McGregor. The individual appointed would remain in the position until the first Monday of December 2007.

Letters of interest will be accepted until March 8th.

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

Motion by Mr. Alexander and seconded by Mr. LaMantia that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Board Secretary to advertise for the vacancy of school board director in Region III resulting from the resignation of F. Daniel McGregor. The individual appointed would remain in the position until the first Monday of December 2007. Letters of interest will be accepted until March 8th. Alexander, LaMantia, Smith, Brown, Whitfield, Shusko, Rowley, Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Saffron explained that the Board has 30 days to appoint someone to the vacancy for school director. Board can interview candidates if they wish. If the Board fails to appoint someone in 30 days, the Board will have to petition the court. The appointed individual will serve until the first Monday of December 2007. This position will go on the ballot for this year's election.

Motion by Mr. Alexander and seconded by Mr. LaMantia to amend the *Other* section of the agenda to include the following resolution:

The Board of Directors of the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District will hold a special workshop meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2007, at 6:00 pm in the Cafeteria at the Blairsville Middle High School for the purpose of a presentation by the architect of the changes to the proposed plan of consolidation and for general purposes.

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

Motion by Mr. Alexander and seconded by Mr. LaMantia that the Board of Directors of the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District will hold a special workshop meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2007, at 6:00 pm in the Cafeteria at the Blairsville Middle High School for the purpose of a presentation by the architect of the changes to the proposed plan of consolidation and for general purposes. Alexander, LaMantia, Smith, Whitfield, Rowley, Bell voting yes. Brown, Shusko voting no. Motion carried.

Mr. Bell asked if there were any comments regarding the amendments made to the agenda. Mr. Hanna spoke up and stated that it has been past practice of the Board to hold any special meetings at the location of the regularly scheduled monthly meetings.

Report of the Superintendent – Mr. Nadonley reported that the policy manual is now on-line under the school board option. The student the Board talked about last week will be coming back. Regarding the parking lot in Saltsburg, an engineer from a paving company is coming in to look at the parking lot. Principals are working on enrollment figures for next year. We do have realignments coming in. Will have nothing definite until March 1.

Report of the Solicitor – No report.

Mr. Alexander stated that he does not care if the special meeting to be held on March 15th is in Blairsville or Saltsburg as long as the Board can see and hear what the architect is presenting.

Mr. Smith stated that he wants Mr. Nadonley to make sure this is not an employment office. Over the next year, make sure that every position is warranted.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Paul A. Bell, Board President

Leigh A. Free, Board Secretary