

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

**June 18, 2007**

The Board of Directors of the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District met for their Regular Voting Meeting on June 18, 2007, in the Cafeteria of the Blairsville Middle/Senior High School with the following members present:

Lance Alexander  
Linda Brown  
George Rowley  
Dan Speal

Paul Bell  
Michael LaMantia  
Ed Smith  
Mary Whitfield

Karen Shusko was absent.

Arnie Naddonley, 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 7:02 pm.

The minutes of the May 21, 2007, Regular Voting Meeting was approved as mailed.

**Indiana County Technology Center Report** – Mr. Smith reported that the ICTC graduation was held at IUP with 102 students graduating. The meeting will be held next week.

**ARIN Report** – Mr. Rowley reported that the meeting will be held tomorrow night and he has no report.

**Legislative Report** – Ms. Whitfield reported that there is a lot of discussion about the Governor's budget and the funding for special education and regular education. PSBA's statement says that although we appreciate the 3.0-3.5% increase in funding, costs are going up 7.6-8%. PSBA is trying to convince the Governor to look at individual school districts.

**Standing Committee Reports** – Mr. Alexander reported that the Policy Committee held a meeting prior to the Board meeting at 6:00 pm. The Committee looked at revisions to the following policies: 216, 223, 225, 243, 244 & the adoption of two (2) new policies. There will be other policies the Board will be looking at that need revisions, e.g., NCLB, Internet, Hazardous Materials, Cell Phones, Weapons (to address look-alike weapons) and fliers.

**Federal & State Program Reports** – Mrs. Hanley reported that she worked on reallocating money for a grant today. We will be working on consolidating the application for federal and state programs.

**Student Representative Reports** – No reports.

**Citizens' Remarks**

Reverend Dan Satler, Saltsburg resident, signed in to address the Board regarding the testimony at the recent trial. He stated he would like to commend two (2) people from our school district for their testimony at the recent trial – Leigh Free and Eric Kocsis. They were very composed and answered the questions concisely. He stated that during Mr. Bell's testimony he stated that academics has been a priority all along during the consolidation process. Mr. Satler said the people of the school district will hold Mr. Bell and the Board accountable for that statement. He stated he has no problem with the people or administration from Blairsville. The problem has been the way the Board has come about this consolidation. Parents will hold

the Board accountable but will work with the Board so that our children will receive better electives and academics. Mr. Satler also questioned the revisions and additions to school district policy and how the public can find out what changes are being made.

### **Remarks to Citizens**

Mr. Speal reported that Blairsville-Saltsburg SD had three boys graduate through the YES Program or Alternative Ed Program. He would like to commend the people at these programs for the job they did with the boys from our school district.

Mr. Nadonley responded to Mr. Satler's remarks regarding the policies stating that the current and new policies will be on the web site for public review.

Mr. Rowley stated that he read an article last Thursday saying that school districts will trim their budgets. The article indicated that small schools are spending \$9674 per student and the larger schools are spending about \$8,000 per student and are able to offer more electives. He also read the article about the long bus rides. He indicated he had received information last year from Leigh that Derry school district has 17 school buses a year on Route 22 and have not reported since 1986 which did not occur while picking up the student. When consolidation happens, our school buses will be entering Route 22 at a red light and travel on a divided highway and leave Route 22 at a red light.

Dr. Jerry Longo from the University of Pittsburgh presented the Educational Leadership Initiative to the Board, which is a comprehensive, integrated professional development initiative. Mr. LaMantia questioned the cost factor, as to whether there would be an escalation or reduction in the second year. Dr. Longo stated that there is a \$10,000 fee. Money should not be the obstacle and if it does become one, the initiative will work with the school district to continue the program.

The Board recessed for an executive session at 7:28 pm to discuss personnel, negotiation and legal issues. The Board reconvened at 9:06 pm.

### **FINANCE**

Mr. Speal stated that he will be voting no on resolutions 11 h, k, l, m, o, p, q, r and it is a symbolic vote because of the increase in taxes. He would like to make the statement that the District needs to keep the tax increases to a bare minimum. Ms. Brown stated that she is voting yes for the budget but would like to have the record show that she is not in favor of the four (4) mill tax increase for consolidation.

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. Speal, Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Alexander, LaMantia, Smith, 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. Whitfield that the following Accounts Payable be paid. Speal, Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Alexander, LaMantia, Smith, Bell voting yes. LaMantia voting yes to all payments with the exception of cafeteria check #5215 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 Ms. Whitfield that the Board of Directors hereby awards the bids for general, art and miscellaneous supplies for the 2007-2008 school year through the ARIN IU 28 Cooperative Bulk Bid process as per attached information. (Attachment #1) Speal, Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Alexander, LaMantia, Smith Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Ms. Whitfield that the Board of Directors hereby approves and authorizes the Business Manager to pay all remaining bills for the 2006-2007 fiscal year prior to June 30, 2007. Speal, Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Alexander, LaMantia, Smith Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Ms. Whitfield that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Business Manager to complete all necessary budgetary transfers to close out the fiscal year 2006-2007. (Attachment #2) Speal, Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Alexander, LaMantia, Smith Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Ms. Whitfield that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Business Manger to transfer excess funds, if any, from the general account to the capital reserve account to close out the fiscal year 2006-2007. Speal, Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Alexander, LaMantia, Smith Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Ms. Whitfield that the Board of Directors hereby adopts the annual budget for the 2007-2008 school year in the amount of \$27,615,438. It is further understood that the millage rate for Indiana County will be 120.75 mills and for Westmoreland County 115.94 mills. The budget includes a 5.33 mills tax increase for Indiana County and a 5.37 mills tax increase for Westmoreland County. Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Alexander, LaMantia, Smith Bell voting yes. Speal voting no. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Ms. Whitfield that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the administration to seek alternative funding when appropriate to benefit the district. Speal, Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Alexander, LaMantia, Smith Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Ms. Whitfield that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the administration to make application for federal programs that will benefit the district. Speal, Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Alexander, LaMantia, Smith Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Ms. Whitfield that the Board of Directors hereby adopts a resolution levying, assessing and re-enacting a Per Capita Tax of \$5.00 under Section 679 of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended, on each resident or inhabitant of the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District, eighteen years or older, beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008. Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Alexander, LaMantia, Smith Bell voting yes. Speal voting no. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Ms. Whitfield that the Board of Directors hereby adopts a resolution levying, assessing and re-enacting a Per Capita Tax of \$5.00 on each inhabitant or resident of the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District of the age of eighteen years or older for the period beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008. Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Alexander, LaMantia, Smith Bell voting yes. Speal voting no. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Ms. Whitfield that the Board of Directors hereby adopts a resolution levying and assessing on each resident and inhabitant of the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District an earned income and net profits tax on earned income received and net profits earned by the residents and inhabitants of the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District at the rate of three-fourths of one percent (.75%) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Resolution Repealing the Occupation Tax and Restating and Amending a Resolution Imposing a Tax on Earned Income and Net Profits of Individual Residents of the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District (the "Resolution"), adopted by the Board of School Directors on May 29, 2002, and which Resolution by its terms shall continue each year thereafter, without annual reenactment, and which Resolution shall continue in force and effect until the repeal thereof or until the rate of the tax is changed. Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Alexander, LaMantia, Smith Bell voting yes. Speal voting no. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Ms. Whitfield that the Board of Directors hereby adopts a resolution levying, assessing and re-enacting a Real Estate Transfer Tax of one percent on all real estate transferred within the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District for the period beginning July 1, 2007, and ending on June 30, 2008, pursuant to the provisions of the District's Realty Transfer Tax Resolution, which resolution shall continue in full-force and effect, without annual reenactment. Speal, Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Alexander, LaMantia, Smith Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Ms. Whitfield that the Board of Directors hereby adopts a resolution levying and assessing an emergency and municipal services tax (formerly referred to as an Occupation Privilege Tax) of \$10.00 on all persons engaging in an occupation in the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District for the period beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, under the provisions of the District's Occupation Privilege Tax Resolution heretofore adopted in accordance with Act 511, which Occupation Privilege Tax Resolution shall continue full force and effect without reenactment. In accordance with Section 6 of 2004, December 1, P.L. 1729, No. 222, all references in the District's Occupation Privilege Tax Resolution to an occupation privilege tax shall be deemed to be a reference to an emergency and municipal services tax. Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Alexander, LaMantia, Smith Bell voting yes. Speal voting no. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Ms. Whitfield that the Board of Directors hereby approves setting the real estate discount rate of 2% and penalty rate of 10%. Speal, Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Alexander, LaMantia, Smith Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Ms. Whitfield that the Board of Directors hereby approves, levies and assesses for the 2007-2008 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2007 and ending on June 30, 2008, on the real estate within the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District in Indiana County, a tax on all the real property within the District upon which the County taxes are levied and assessed, at the rate of 120.75 mills of the assessed value of such real property as provided by the Indiana County Board of Assessments, which equates to \$12.08 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property. Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Alexander, LaMantia, Smith Bell voting yes. Speal voting no. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Ms. Whitfield that the Board of Directors hereby approves, levies and assesses for the 2007-2008 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2007 and ending on June 30, 2008, on the real estate within the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District in Westmoreland County, a tax on all the real property within the District upon which the County taxes are levied and assessed, at the rate of 115.94 mills of assessed value of such real property as provided by the Westmoreland County Board of Assessments, which equates to \$11.59 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property. Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Alexander, LaMantia, Smith Bell voting yes. Speal voting no. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Ms. Whitfield that the Board of Directors hereby approves the agreement for Citizens' Ambulance Service, Inc. for services for the 2007-2008 school year in the amount of \$1,950. Speal, Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Alexander, LaMantia, Smith 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, and in response to the inability of the Indiana County Tax Assessment Office to print tax duplicates with fractional percentages, the resolution adopted by the Board of School Directors at the May 21, 2007 regular board meeting is hereby rescinded; 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 FOR WESTMORELAND COUNTY  
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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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.

Speal, Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Alexander, LaMantia, Smith 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, and in response to the inability of the Indiana County Tax Assessment Office to print tax duplicates with fractional percentages, the resolution adopted by the

Board of School Directors at the May 21, 2007 regular board meeting is hereby rescinded; 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 FOR INDIANA COUNTY  
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 15 OF ACT 1 OF SPECIAL SESSION 2006**

53 P.S. SECTION 6926.1501 ET SEQ.

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**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:

8. **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.
9. **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 34% percent of the face (principal) amount shall be due on August 31<sup>st</sup> of each fiscal year;
  - B. **Second Installment** equal to 33% percent of the face (principal) amount shall be due on October 31<sup>st</sup> of each fiscal year, and
  - C. **Third Installment** equal to 33% percent of the face (principal) amount shall be due on or before December 15<sup>th</sup> of each fiscal year.
10. **Election to Pay by Installments.** To exercise the privilege of installment payments, the taxpayer must pay the First Installment on or before August 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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.
11. **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.

12. **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.
13. **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.
14. **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.

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

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Ms. Whitfield that the Board of Directors hereby approves the attached list of capital projects for the 2007-2008 school year. (Attachment #3) Speal, Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Alexander, LaMantia, Smith Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Ms. Whitfield that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the administration to enter into a partnership between the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District and Western Pennsylvania Educational Leadership Initiative to enhance the quality of student achievement and professional development, at an initial cost of \$10,000 for the first year of the partnership. Memorandum of Understanding is included with the agenda. (Attachment #4) Speal, Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Alexander, LaMantia, Smith Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Ms. Whitfield that the Board approve the awarding of a contract to Derry Construction of Latrobe, PA, in the amount of \$58,500 for base bid; alternate bid #1 \$4,500; alternative bid #2 \$4,800 for a total of \$67,800 for paving at the Saltsburg Middle/High School. Speal, Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Alexander, LaMantia, Smith Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Ms. Whitfield that the Board of Directors hereby approves the exoneration of Jaymes Crusan and William Valors, Jr. of Loyalhanna Township from payment of 2006 Per Capita Taxes, having met all the parameters established by the Board of Directors. Speal, Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Alexander, LaMantia, Smith Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Ms. Whitfield that the Board of School Directors hereby approves participation in the Blended Schools.net Consortium for 100 users at a cost of \$8,500 for the school year 2007-2008. It is understood that the contract will be up for renewal and revision in the following school year. Speal, Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Alexander, LaMantia, Smith Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

## **PERSONNEL**

Motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Whitfield to amend the *Personnel* section of the agenda to include the following:

- Appoint Laura Thompson, as a long-term substitute teacher, to fill a temporary vacancy, of health and physical education for the 2007-2008 school year.
- Appoint Jaison Blystone as a social studies teacher at the first step of the bargaining unit agreement on the bachelor's salary scale of \$41,935 with initial placement at Blairsville High School and pending receipt of appropriate and necessary forms.
- Table the following resolution: The Board of Directors hereby approves the hiring of \_\_\_\_\_ as a social studies teacher at the \_\_\_\_ step of the bargaining unit agreement on the \_\_\_\_\_ salary scale of \$\_\_\_\_\_, with initial placement at SHS.

Speal, Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Alexander, Smith Bell voting yes. LaMantia voting yes to all but tabling the social studies teacher resolution. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Alexander and seconded by Mr. Smith 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:

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Classification</b>
1.	Testa, LeAnne	Saltsburg	Secretary, Noon Hr., Aide, Cafeteria
2.	Nepsha, John	Saltsburg	Custodial Summer Help

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

Motion by Mr. Alexander and seconded by Mr. Smith that the Board of Directors hereby approves the resignation request of *Donna J. Hill* as noon-hour supervisor for the Blairsville Middle/High School, effective June 5, 2007. Furthermore, the Board authorizes the administration to post and/or advertise to fill this vacancy. Speal, Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Alexander, LaMantia, Smith Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Alexander and seconded by Mr. Smith that the Board of Directors hereby approves the appointment of *Laura Thompson* as a long-term substitute teacher, to fill a temporary vacancy, of health and physical education for the 2007-2008 school year at a salary prorated to number of days worked, based on a 184/day school year of \$20,000 with no additional benefits. Assignment within the district to be determined. Speal, Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Alexander, LaMantia, Smith Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Alexander and seconded by Mr. Smith that the Board of Directors hereby approves the two-year supplemental contract for *Mark Wydareny* as class advisor for Blairsville 9<sup>th</sup> grade during the 2006-2007 school year, at a salary of \$664 and Blairsville 10<sup>th</sup> grade class advisor during the 2007-2008 school year, at a salary of \$680. Speal, Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Alexander, LaMantia, Smith Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Alexander and seconded by Mr. Smith that in consideration of the revised job descriptions for each of the positions referred to herein as previously approved by the Board, the Board of Directors hereby approves the job title revisions for the following non-union support staff positions and the addition of \$1,500 to the base salaries for each position and approves salary increases for the 2007-2008 school year; 2008-2009 school year; and 2009-2010 school year of 3.5 percent for each year and further approves the changes to the current health care plan as presented to the Board, effective July 1, 2007:

	Employee	Current Job Title	Proposed Job Title
1.	Jason Batsa	Technology Technician	Information Technology Systems Technician
2.	Becky Halberg	Payroll Specialist	Payroll Specialist/Accounts Payable
3.	Kathy Himes	Secretary to the Superintendent	Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
4.	Nancy Powell	Secretary to the Business Manager	Administrative Assistant to the Business Manager

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

Motion by Mr. Alexander and seconded by Mr. Smith that the Board of Directors hereby approves the conference request of *Ronald J. Saffron*, district solicitor, to attend the 2007 annual PSBA School Solicitor's Symposium in State College, PA, with the costs to be shared with Penns Manor Area School District. Speal, Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Alexander, LaMantia, Smith Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Alexander and seconded by Mr. Smith that the Board of Directors hereby approves the hiring of *Jaison Blystone* as a social studies teacher at the first step of the bargaining unit agreement on the bachelor's salary scale of \$41,935, with an effective hire date of August 22, 2007, with initial placement at Blairsville High School, pending receipt of appropriate and necessary forms. Speal, Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Alexander, LaMantia, Smith Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Alexander and seconded by Mr. Smith that the Board of Directors hereby approves of the appointment of *Jill Mountain* as 3 ¾ hour cafeteria aide at Saltsburg Elementary School, effective with the beginning of the 2007-2008 school year at the contractual salary and benefits. Further, the Board authorizes the administration to post and/or advertise to fill the vacancy created by this appointment. Speal, Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Alexander, LaMantia, Smith Bell voting yes. Motion carried.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Whitfield to amend the *Other Business* section of the agenda to include the following resolution:

The Board of Directors hereby approves the scheduling of a special workshop and special voting meeting on June 27, 2007, at 6:00 pm in the Blairsville Middle/High School cafeteria to discuss consolidation issues with the architectural firm, HHSDR, and with the financial advisor firm of Parker/Hunter, and for the purpose of scheduling a special voting meeting of the Board of Directors in July 2007 and for general business purposes.

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

Motion by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Mr. Alexander that the Board of Directors hereby approves the scheduling of a special workshop and special voting meeting on June 27, 2007, at 6:00 pm in the Blairsville Middle/High School cafeteria to discuss consolidation issues with the architectural firm, HHSDR, and with the financial advisor firm of Parker/Hunter, and for the purpose of scheduling a special voting meeting of the Board of Directors in July 2007 and for general business purposes. Speal, Brown, Whitfield, Rowley, Alexander, LaMantia, Smith 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 9:18 pm.

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Paul A. Bell, Board President

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Leigh A. Free, Board Secretary