

**BLAIRSVILLE-SALTSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**102 School Lane**  
**Blairsville, PA 15717**  
**724-459-5500**  
**February 20, 2008**

**Final Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Meditation
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the minutes of the January 9, 2008, Regular Meeting  
Approval of the minutes of the January 16, 2008, Special Meeting
5. Indiana County Technology Center Report - Mr. M. Smith
6. ARIN Report – Mr. Rowley
7. Legislative Report – Mr. M. Smith
8. Standing Committee Report
9. State/Federal Programs Update & PSSA Update – Mrs. Hanley
10. Administrative Reports – Director of Education Report & Principals’ Reports (attachment to agenda under information)
11. Remarks
  - a. Citizens’ Remarks
  - b. Remarks to Citizens
12. Items of Business Regarding Finance:

**Motion to approve and/or ratify action on School Finance items 12a through 12h, in accordance with provisions of the Public School Code and Series 600 of the District Policy Manual, as hereinafter described:**

- a. Financial Reports – The Board of Director at this time shall consider ratification/approval of current School District financial reports including the treasurer’s report, all of which have been provided the Board in advance of tonight’s meeting and will be included in the official Minutes of this meeting.
- b. Payment of Bills – The Board shall consider ratification/approval of all the bills paid from the school district funds since the last regular meeting of the Board of Directors on January 9, 2008, with the exception of January 18, 2008, check #5330 and February 2008 check #5346 to D. LaMantia and Company Incorporated. Bill listings were provided to the Board prior to tonight’s meeting and will be included in the official Minutes of this meeting.
- c. Payment of Bills – The Board of Directors shall consider ratification/approval of check #5330 for January 2008 and check #5346 for February 2008 to D. LaMantia and Company Incorporated.
- d. The Board of Directors hereby approves the exoneration request of Paula Porch of Saltsburg Borough for the 2007 Per Capita Taxes, having met all the parameters established by the Board of Directors.

- e. The Board of Directors hereby reinstates the baseball program for the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District for the 2007-2008 school year at a cost to the district of \$12,000.
- f. The Board of Directors hereby approves the agreement contract between the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District and L. Robert Kimball & Associates of Ebensburg, PA, as presented and distributed on February 6, 2008, with terms specifically addressed in the contract. Furthermore, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the appropriate officers to execute the documents as presented.
- g. The Board of Directors hereby approves the budget transfers listed for Batch #25602.
- h. The Board of Directors hereby approves the rental of a cargo van for use on the Saltsburg campuses from 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional Region Equipment Company, Inc. at \$315 per month, not to exceed \$2,205 per year.

**For Board Action by Roll Call Vote on Finance Items 12a through 12h.**

13. Items of Business Regarding Curriculum:

There are no items for approve for Business Regarding Curriculum.

14. Items of Business Regarding Personnel:

**Motion to approve Personnel items 14a through 14s in accordance with provisions of the Public School Code and Series 300, 400 and 500 of the District Policy Manual, as hereinafter described:**

- a. The Board of Directors hereby approves the following conference/workshop requests (copies of all requests are attached for information purposes):

Name	Activity	Dates
Bowen, Donna BMS	1. Using Differentiated Teaching Strategies. Costs: \$195 registration; \$50 travel; \$25 meals; \$75 substitute; \$80 lodging (to share with Barbara Stile). Total \$425.	3/5-6/08
Stile, Barbara BMS	2. Using Differentiated Teaching Strategies. Costs: \$195 registration; \$25 meals; \$75 substitute. Total \$295	3/5-6/08
Board Members (Possible 2)	3. To attend the National School Board Associations conference in Orlando, FL, at an estimated cost of \$2120 per person.	3/29-4/1/08
McCloskey, Yolande BMHS	4. PA School Librarian's Association annual conference in Hershey. Costs: \$145 registration; \$210 travel; \$90 meals; \$150 substitutes; \$340 lodging. Total \$935.	5/1-2/08
Johnson, Shirley BES	5. International Reading Association Annual Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Costs: \$325 registration; \$219 travel; \$150 meals; \$1,200 lodging. Total \$1,794.	5/5-8/08

- b. The Board of Directors hereby approves the following school trip requests (copies of all field trip requests are attached for information purposes):

Building/Grade	Activity	Cost	Date(s)
SMHS Majorettes	1. TIA Contest at McKeesport High School	\$222	2/23/08
BHS 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	2. ICTC Shadowing	\$84	2/28/08
BHS 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	3. College Fair at the David Lawrence Convention Center	\$211	2/29/08
SMHS Majorettes	4. TIA Contest at Windber High School	\$275	3/1/08
SMHS	5. Heritage Conference Cook-Off at IUP	\$153	3/10/08
SES & BES Music	6. PMEA District 3 SongFest	\$697.30	3/14/08
BMHS Majorettes	7. Bedford County Majorette	TBD	3/15/08
SES Kindergarten	8. Pittsburgh Children's Museum	\$377	3/19/08
SMHS Sophomores	9. Kiwanis Regional Leadership Workshop at IUP	\$112	3/19/08
BHS Chorus	10. PMEA Region II	\$195	3/26-29/08
SMHS Majorettes	11. Cambria County Contest	\$332	3/29/08

BMHS Majorettes	12. Cambria County Contest	TBD	3/29/08
SMHS Challenge Class	13. Second Mile Leadership Institute.	Transportation costs TBD	3/30/08
BHS FBLA	14. State Leadership Conference	\$3762	3/31-4/2/08
SMHS Majorettes	15. TIA Contest at Connellsville	\$220	4/5/08
BMHS Majorettes	16. Blair County Contest	TBD	4/5/08
SES 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	17. PMEA District 3 Band Fest	TBD	4/11/08
BHS Brain Drain Team	18. Brain Drain Games at Apollo-Ridge High School	\$438	4/12/08
SMHS Majorettes	19. Indiana Competition at BHS	\$161	4/19/08
BMHS Majorettes	20. Indiana County Contest	TBD	4/19/08
SMHS Majorettes	21. TIA Championship at Avonworth	\$267	4/26/08
BES 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	22. Lutherlyn Environmental Education Center	\$2210	4/29-30/08
SES 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	23. Carnegie Museum	PTA	4/30/08
SMHS Majorettes	24. TIA All-Chapter Championship at Wildwood, NJ.	Group	5/1-4/08
SMHS Eco Team	25. Indiana County Envirothon at Blue Spruce Park	\$228	5/7/08
BES 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	26. National Aviary and Playhouse Jr.	\$87 & PTO	5/7/08
BES 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	27. Fort Ligonier	\$75 & PTO	5/8/08
BMS Student Council	28. Student Council Day at PNC Park	\$460	5/8/08
SES 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	29. Gettysburg National Battlefield	\$2400	5/8/08
BMS 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	30. Outdoor Classroom Math in Motion at Idlewild Park	\$489	5/22/08
BHS Spanish IV	31. Mallorca Restaurant authentic Spanish experience	\$180	5/23/08

- c. The Board of Directors hereby approves the following individuals as professional substitute teachers for the 2007-2008 school year:

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Certification</b>
1.	West, Heath	Indiana	Music
2.	Dull, Lindsey	Avonmore	Elementary
3.	Bechtold, David	Johnstown	Social Studies

- d. The Board of Directors hereby approves the following non-professional substitutes for the 2007-2008 school year:

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Certification</b>
1.	Raypush, Wendy	Saltsburg	Aide, noon-hr., copy aide
2.	Reisinger, Beverly	Blairsville	Attendance, cafeteria aide, copy aide, aide, secretary

- e. The Board of Directors hereby approves the appointment of *Hope Staats* as a long-term substitute teacher at Blairsville Middle School from January 28, 2008, through the end of the 2007-2008 school year, prorated to number of days worked based on a 184-day/year at \$20,000 with no additional benefits.
- f. The Board of Directors hereby approves the request of *Michele Sisitki*, elementary teacher at Blairsville Elementary School, for leave without pay under the provisions of Article XIII, Leaves, Paragraph C, with an effective commencement date and return to work date to be provided to the District by the employee, provided, however, that such unpaid leave shall not exceed twelve (12) months, as provided for under Article XIII, paragraph C.
- g. The Board of Directors hereby approves the request of *Diane Antonacci*, elementary teacher and reading specialist at Saltsburg Elementary School, for leave without pay under the provisions of Article XIII, Leaves, Paragraph C, with an effective commencement date and return to work date to be provided to the District by the employee, provided, however, that such unpaid leave shall not exceed twelve (12) months, as provided for under Article XIII, paragraph C.

- h. The Board of Directors hereby approves the appointment of *Melissa Hall* as a long-term substitute teacher for Saltsburg Elementary School from March 17, 2008, through the end of the 2007-2008 school year, prorated to number of days worked based on a 184-day/year at \$20,000, with no additional benefits
- i. The Board of Directors hereby approves *Elmer Mottillo* of Blairsville as a spare bus driver and *Richard Erickson* of Shelocta as a bus aide for the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District as an employee of Smith Bus Company and contingent upon receipt of all required documentation according to Board Policy #817.
- j. The Board of Directors hereby approves the additional bereavement day request of *Joanna Ferencz*, reading specialist at Blairsville Elementary School for January 25, 2008.
- k. The Board of Directors hereby approves the resignation request of *Valerie DeMarines* as Blairsville junior high girls' volleyball, effective immediately. The position has been posted as per contract directives.
- l. The Board of Directors hereby approves the resignation request of *Matt Doak* as assistant girls' track coach, effective immediately. The position has been posted as per contract directives.
- m. The Board of Directors hereby approves the one-year supplemental contract (2007-2008) for *James Buckles* as Blairsville junior high girls' volleyball, at a contracted salary of \$2275.
- n. The Board of Directors hereby approves the resignation, due to retirement, request of *Jane Kokolis*, elementary teacher Blairsville Elementary School, effective the last day of the 2007-2008 school year. Mrs. Kokolis has been employed with the district for 35 years.
- o. The Board of Directors hereby approves the resignation, due to retirement, request of *James Orvosh*, elementary teacher Blairsville Elementary School, effective the last day of the 2007-2008 school year. Mr. Orvosh has been employed with the district for nearly 35 years.
- p. The Board of Directors hereby approves the resignation, due to retirement, request of *Joanne Stefanelli*, elementary teacher Blairsville Elementary School, effective the last day of the 2007-2008 school year. Ms. Stefanelli has been employed with the district for 35 years.
- q. The Board of Directors hereby approves the resignation, due to retirement, request of *Susan Jack*, reading specialist at Blairsville Elementary School, effective the last day of the 2007-2008 school year. Ms. Jack has been employed with the district for 23 years.
- r. The Board of Directors hereby approves the resignation, due to retirement, request of *Karen Smith*, reading specialist at Saltsburg Elementary School, effective the last day of the 2007-2008 school year. Ms. Smith has been employed with the district for 8 years.
- s. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the administration to comply with grievance #06/07-4 agreement between the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District and the Blairsville-Saltsburg Education Association, effective February 20, 2008.

**For Board Action by Roll Call Vote on Personnel Items 14a through 14s.**

15. Policy:

**There are no policies for approval at this time.**

16. Other Business:

**Motion to approve Other Business items 16a through 16b in accordance with provisions of the Public School Code and Series 300, 400 and 500 of the District Policy Manual, as hereinafter described:**

- a. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the administration to pursue the using of bachelor of science degree personnel to serve as non-certified substitute teachers, under an emergency certification program with written approval and advice from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, target date to begin with the 2008-2009 school year.
- b. The Board of Directors hereby adopts the discipline report, discussion and memorandum of understanding dated January 3, 2008. The hearing on this matter was scheduled for December 21, 2007, involving the alleged violation of the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District student discipline code for student #74986.

**For Board Action by Roll Call Vote on Other Business Items 16a through 16b.**

17. Report of the Superintendent
18. Report of the Solicitor
19. Adjournment