

BLAIRSVILLE-SALTSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT
102 School Lane
Blairsville, PA 15717
724-459-5500
November 19, 2007

Final Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Meditation
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the minutes of the October 15, 2007, Regular Meeting
5. Indiana County Technology Center Report - Mr. Smith
6. ARIN Report – Mr. Rowley
7. Legislative Report – Ms. Whitfield
8. Standing Committee Report
 - a. Audit Report – Mr. Kocsis
9. State/Federal Program Update – Mrs. Hanley
10. Student Representative Report
11. Remarks
 - a. Citizens' Remarks
 - b. Remarks to Citizens
12. Items of Business Regarding Finance:

Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and in accordance with provisions of the Public School Code and Series 600 of the Board Policy Manual, please consider a motion to approve and/or ratify action on School Finance items 12a through 12j, as hereinafter described:

- a. Ratification/Approval of Financial Reports – In conformity with provisions under the Public School Code and Series 600 of the Board Policy Manual, the Board 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. Ratification/Approval of Payment of Bill – At this time, the Board shall consider ratification/approval of all the bills paid from the school district funds since the last regular meeting of the Board on October 15, 2007, with the exception of check #5296 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. Ratification/Approval of Payment of Bill – At this time, the Board shall consider ratification/approval of check #5296 to D. LaMantia and Company Incorporated.
- d. The Board of School Directors hereby adopts the following resolution with regard to the purchase ProSoft Financial software:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District Board of Directors hereby approves and authorizes the purchase of ProSoft Financial software at a purchase price of \$32,447, from ProSoft Technologies of Bethel Park, Pennsylvania

in further authorizes the payment thereof from the district's 2007-2008 capital reserve budget. After reviewing numerous software vendors over the last year ARIN IU 28, Blairsville-Saltsburg School District, Penns Manor School District, Purchase Line School District, Seneca Highlands IU 9 and Seneca Highlands Area Vocational-Technical School have agreed, as a consortium, to purchase financial software from ProSoft Technologies of Bethel Park.

- e. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the participation in ARIN IU 28 cooperative purchase program for the 2008-2009 school year, as long it is generally financially advantageous to the district.
- f. The Board of Directors hereby approves the request for exoneration from payment of 2007 Per Capita Taxes for the following individuals having met the parameters established by the Board of Directors:

1.	Loyalhanna Township	Boe Jeremy
2.	Conemaugh Township	Crusan, Mary
3.	Saltsburg Boro	Stuller, Mary

- g. The Board of School directors hereby adopts the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Blairsville-Saltsburg Board of School Directors approves and authorizes the submission of Plancon Part D, AProject Accounting Based on Estimates", for the Blairsville-Saltsburg Junior-Senior High School/District Administration Office project to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for review and approval.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Blairsville-Saltsburg Board of School Directors approves and authorizes the submission of Plancon Part E, ADesign Development", for the Blairsville-Saltsburg Junior-Senior High School/District Administration Office project to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for review and approval.

FURTHER, the Board Secretary is authorized to sign the necessary documents.

- h. The Board of School directors hereby adopts the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Directors of Blairsville-Saltsburg School District to undergo construction at the Blairsville-Saltsburg Junior/Senior High School/District Administration Office; and

WHEREAS, the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District acknowledges that the previous reimbursable project at this facility; PDE Project Number 1626 had a bid opening date of April 1993; and

WHEREAS, the Basic Education Circular (BEC) 24 PS 7-733, "School Construction Reimbursement Criteria," states that the Commonwealth will not reimburse alteration costs for any building which is less than 20 years old or for which a reimbursable project has been approved within the preceding 20 years unless a request for a variance is approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that the proposed project to the Blairsville-Saltsburg Junior-Senior High School/District Administration Office, with PDE Project Number yet to be assigned, with the estimated bid opening date of April, 2008 falls within the 20-year time period as set forth in BEC 24 P.S. 7-733;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Board of Directors of the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District hereby requests that the Department of Education approve the request for a variance from this requirement so that the proposed construction project be reimbursable. The requested variance is due to the unusual and unforeseen needs of the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District cited in the following attachments:

1. August 20, 2007 letter and attachments requesting a variance
2. September 6, 2007 video tour
3. October 15, 2007 site tour
4. Replacement of the existing High School gym bleachers and carpet in the instructional areas will also be included in the project scope of work.

RESOLVED AND APPROVED by the Board of Directors of the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District the 19th day of November, 2007.

- i. The Board of Directors hereby approves the technology upgrades to include gigabyte switches and serves, as presented at the workshop meeting, with funds to be considered as a capitol funds project in the amount of \$75,000, to be purchased through the CO-STAR State bidding system.
- j. Based upon the recommendation of the Business Manager, the Board of Directors hereby accepts the single audit report prepared by Wessel & Company, as presented by Mr. Kocsis.

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

13. Items of Business Regarding Curriculum:

There are no items for approve for Business Regarding Curriculum.

14. Items of Business Regarding Personnel:

Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, please consider a motion to approve Personnel items (14a) through (14l) in accordance with provisions of the Public School Code and Series 300, 400 and 500 of the Board Policy Manual, as hereinafter described:

a. The Board of Directors hereby approves the following conference/workshop requests:

Name	Activity	Dates
Lopata, Kevin BHS	1. Approval to attend the Governor’s Institute for Innovation in Education at Penn State University. All costs to be provided by the Project 720 grant.	12/17-19/07
Lopata, Kevin BHS	2. Approval to attend the PA Educational Technology Expo and Conference in Hershey. All costs to be provided by the Classrooms for the Future Grant.	2/9-12/08
Buckles, James BMS	3. Approval to attend the PA Educational Technology Expo and Conference in Hershey. Total cost to the district will be \$804 (\$175 registration; \$177 travel; \$50 meals; \$150 substitutes; \$252 lodging shared with Mr. Cunningham).	2/10-12/08
Cunningham, Joshua BMS	4. Approval to attend the PA Educational Technology Expo and Conference in Hershey. Total cost to the district will be \$552 (\$175 registration; \$87 travel; \$50 meals; \$150 substitutes; lodging shared with Mr. Buckles).	2/10-12/08
DeMarines, Valerie BMS	5. Approval to attend the PA Educational Technology Expo and Conference in Hershey. Total cost to the district will be \$655 (\$175 registration; \$50 meals; \$150 substitutes; \$280 lodging to be shared with Mrs. Henigin).	2/10-12/08

Henigin, Kimberly BMS	6. Approval to attend the PA Educational Technology Expo and Conference in Hershey. Total cost to the district will be \$525 (\$175 registration; \$150 travel; \$150 substitutes; lodging to be shared with Mrs. DeMarines).	2/10-12/08
Bole, Heather SES	7. Approval to attend the PA Educational Technology Expo and Conference in Hershey. Total cost to the district will be \$682 (\$160 registration; \$100 meals; \$150 substitutes; \$272 lodging).	2/10-12/08
Free, Leigh Admin	8. Approval to attend the PASBO Annual Conference in Hershey. Total cost to the district will be \$967 (\$285 registration; \$150 travel; \$120 meals; \$412 lodging).	3/4-7/08
Kocsis, Eric Admin	9. Approval to attend the PASBO Annual Conference in Hershey. Total cost to the district will be \$967 (\$285 registration; \$150 travel; \$120 meals; \$412 lodging).	3/4-7/08
Brida, Jim Admin	10. Approval to attend the PASBO Annual Conference in Hershey. Total cost to the district will be \$967 (\$285 registration; \$150 travel; \$120 meals; \$412 lodging).	3/4-7/08

b. The Board of Directors hereby approves the following school trip requests:

Name	Activity	Dates
Fazi, Denise BES	1. Approval to accompany the elementary chorus and band to senior citizen care homes in the area. Total cost to the district will be \$130 for transportation.	11/28/07 12/19/07 1/30/08 2/27/08 3/19/08 4/23/08
Laub, BethAnn SMHS	2. Approval to accompany the Community Based Instruction learning support students on skill building trips to Saltsburg ShopNSave. Total cost to the district will be \$123 for transportation.	Friday's throughout the school year
Spadafora, Jolene SMHS	3. Approval to accompany the AP Physics and Physics I students to St. Francis College for Science Day Competition. Total cost to the district will be \$468 (\$140 registration; \$243 transportation; \$75 substitute).	11/20/07
Pritts, Jessica Stone, Neil Kessler, Marty Wydareny, Mark Scardina, Brandon Thompson, Laura BHS	4. Approval to accompany the 9 th grade students to ICTC. Total cost to the district will be \$614 (\$239 transportation; \$375 substitutes).	12/4/07
Moore, Alice BHS	5. Approval to accompany the band to district band competition at Indiana Senior High School. Total cost to the district will be \$233 (\$83 transportation; \$150 substitutes) plus cost of registration.	1/9/08
Zerfoss, Mark Rovison, Brenda Bowen, Donna Stuchal, Scott Popp, Fred Joyce, Kim BMS	6. Approval to accompany the 6 th grade to ICTC. Total cost to the district will be \$278.50 (\$240 transportation; \$38.50 for ½ day substitute).	1/14/08
Moore, Alice BHS	7. Approval to accompany the band to county band activities at Marion Center Area High School. Total cost to the district will be \$255 (\$180 transportation; \$75 substitute) plus cost of registration.	1/18&19/08
Moore, Alice BHS	8. Approval to accompany the band to regional band activities at Marion Center Area High School. Total cost to the district will be \$267 (\$117 transportation; \$150 substitute) plus cost of registration.	2/20-23/08
Moore, Alice BHS	9. Approval to accompany the band to "Dallas Brass" at United High School. Total cost to the district will be \$125 (\$50 transportation; \$75 substitute).	2/29/08

Spadafora, Jolene Droste, Heather SMHS	10. Approval to accompany students to the 2008 PA Science Olympiad competition at California University of PA. Total cost to the district will be \$625 (\$195 registration; \$280 transportation; \$150 substitutes).	3/26/08
Moore, Alice BHS	11. Approval to accompany the band students to Bandfest at Keystone High School. Total cost to the district will be \$407 (\$332 transportation; \$75 substitute) plus cost of registration.	4/11/08
Ruff, Susan Ferencz, Joanna Joyce, Alissa Sisitki, Michele Orvosh, James BES	12. Approval to accompany the 4 th grade students to the Carnegie Science Center. Total cost to the district will be \$75 for a substitute. Transportation costs to be provided by the PTO.	4/18/08
Richards, Tracy SMHS	13. Approval to accompany biology students to Blackleggs Creek Watershed Association Symposium in Saltsburg. Total cost to the district will be \$450 (\$150 transportation; \$300 substitutes).	Two dates to be determined.

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

	Name	Residence	Certification
1.	Aikins, Katie	Blairsville	English 7-12
2.	Stewart, Charles	Blairsville	Physics

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

	Name	Residence	Classification
1.	Eaton, Andrea	Apollo	Cafeteria
2.	Swan, Wendy	Blairsville	Cafeteria, Custodian, Noon-hour

e. The Board of Directors hereby approves the following individuals as spare bus drivers for the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District as employees of Smith Bus Company and contingent upon receipt of all required documental according to Board Policy #817, for the 2007-2008 school year:

	Name	Residence
1.	Mottillo, JoAnn	Blairsville
2.	Barkley, Kimberly	Derry
3.	Higgins, Martin	New Alexandria
4.	Foresman, Ellen	Latrobe
5.	Goulding, Sarah	Derry

f. The Board of Directors hereby approves the uncompensated leave of absence request of *Lynn R. Soltesz*, technology aide at Blairsville Middle School for December 7 through 21, 2007. It is understood that all accumulated personal leave will be exhausted before any unpaid leave.

g. The Board of Directors hereby approves the hiring of _____ as a special education teacher with initial placement at Saltsburg Elementary School, at a salary of \$_____ prorated to number of days worked based on a 184-day school year, at the _____ step of the _____ salary scale. Official date of hire will be upon release from current employer and upon receipt of all necessary documents for personnel records.

h. The Board of Directors, in accordance with the provisions of Section 1164 of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended, governing Administrator Compensation Plans, hereby approves the Act 93 Agreement between the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District and the District's Administrative Team consisting of the District's principals, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010. A copy of said Act 93 Agreement was provided to each member of the Board of Directors prior to the adoption of this motion and the provisions of said Act 93 Agreement are incorporated into this motion in its entirety.

- i. The Board of Directors, in accordance with the provisions of Section 1164 of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended, governing Administrator Compensation Plans, hereby approves the Act 93 Agreement between the Director of Education and the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010. A copy of said Act 93 Agreement was provided to each member of the Board of Directors prior to the adoption of this motion and the provisions of said Act 93 Agreement are incorporated into this motion in its entirety.
- j. The Board of Directors, in conformity with the terms of the Superintendent's Contract dated July 6, 2007, hereby grants a salary increase of 4 percent (4%) to Superintendent Arnold J. Nadonley, effective January 8, 2008.
- k. The Board of Directors hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement with the Blairsville-Saltsburg Education Association concerning two (2) parent/teacher conference days during the 2007-2008 school year.
- l. The Board of Directors hereby approves the Request for Family or Medical Leave for *Charles E. Jones*, custodian for the Saltsburg campus, effective immediately having met all the necessary criteria established by district.

For Board Action by Roll Call Vote on Personnel Items (14a) through (14l).

15. Policy:

There are no policies for approval at this time.

16. Other Business:

Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, please consider a 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 Board Policy Manual, as hereinafter described:

- a. Based upon the recommendation of the Committee of the Board of School Directors appointed to conduct Student Disciplinary Hearings, upon reviewing the Adjudication and Recommended Disposition prepared by the Committee regarding Student No. 075222, a copy of which was provided to each Board Member prior to this meeting, and the entire record of such hearing having been available to the Board members for review prior to this meeting, and after having had an opportunity to review the entire record of the disciplinary hearing involving such Student, the Board of Directors hereby approves and adopts the Adjudication and the Recommended Disposition of the Committee regarding Student No. 075222. Therefore, Student No. 075222 is hereby suspended from school for the equivalent of two grading periods of the 2007-2008 school year effective October 29, 2007. The District may readmit the Student to the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District after the expiration of the first forty-five (45) day period upon a determination by the District's administration that the Student has successfully met the criteria for early readmission as delineated in the Committee's Recommended Disposition. The Board further hereby authorizes the Administration to fully implement the Adjudication and all other terms and conditions of the Recommended Disposition as therein stated.
- b. Based upon the recommendation of the Committee of the Board of School Directors appointed to conduct Student Disciplinary Hearings, upon reviewing the Adjudication and Recommended Disposition prepared by the Committee regarding Student No. 072945, a copy of which was provided to each Board Member prior to this meeting, and the entire record of such hearing having been available to the Board members for review prior to this meeting, and after having had an opportunity to review the entire record of the disciplinary hearing involving such Student, the Board of Directors hereby approves

and adopts the Adjudication and the Recommended Disposition of the Committee regarding Student No. 072945. Therefore, Student No. 072945 is hereby suspended from school for the equivalent of two grading periods (90) days of the 2007-2008 school year effective October 29, 2007. The District may readmit the Student to the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District after the expiration of the first forty-five (45) day period upon a determination by the District's administration that the Student has successfully met the criteria for early readmission as delineated in the Committee's Recommended Disposition. The Board further hereby authorizes the Administration to fully implement the Adjudication and all other terms and conditions of the Recommended Disposition as therein stated.

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