

**BIG BEAVER FALLS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
MAY 16, 2024**

**PRESENTATION:** National AGOLA Tournament - Gifted Students  
Representative Jim Marshall – Presentation

**INFORMATIONAL:** Medical Opt-Out Incentive

**1. PERSONNEL**

**A. Resignations**

1. Ms. Catherine Brown has submitted her letter of resignation as a cafeteria server at Central Elementary School effective April 24, 2024.

**MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** Catherine Brown's resignation as a cafeteria server at Central Elementary School effective April 24, 2024.*

2. Ms. Tonya Romigh has submitted her letter of resignation as a cafeteria server at the Middle School effective June 7, 2024.

**MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** Tonya Romigh's resignation as a cafeteria server at the Middle School effective June 7, 2024.*

3. Miss Bella Posset has submitted her letter of resignation as Central Elementary School secretary effective June 7, 2024.

**MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** Bella Posset's resignation as Central Elementary School secretary effective June 7, 2024.*

**B. Leave of Absence**

1. Mrs. Darcy Clark is requesting a Family and Medical Leave of Absence beginning April 29 through May 24, 2024.

**MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** Darcy Clark's request for a Family and Medical Leave of Absence beginning April 29 through May 24, 2024.*

2. Mr. Ryan Houk is requesting a ½ day unpaid leave for Wednesday, May 1, 2024 and two unpaid leave days for May 14 & 16, 2024.

**MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** Ryan Houk's request for a ½ day unpaid leave for Wednesday, May 1, 2024 and two unpaid leave days for May 14 & 16, 2024.*

3. Mrs. Paige Grim is requesting a Family and Medical Leave of Absence beginning September 13, 2024 through January 5, 2024.

**MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** Paige Grim's request for a Family and Medical Leave of Absence beginning September 13, 2024 through January 5, 2024.*

**C. Appointments**

1. The Administration recommends appointing Tiffany Slappy as the secretary at Central Elementary School at a Step 1 rate of \$18.40 per hour effective May 17, 2024.

**MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** appointing Tiffany Slappy as the secretary at Central Elementary School at a Step 1 rate of \$18.40 per hour effective May 17, 2024.*

2. The Administration recommends appointing Najhier Troy-Payne as a para-professional at Central Elementary School at a Step 1 rate of \$15.65 per hour effective May 17, 2024.

**MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** appointing Najhier Troy-Payne as a para-professional at Central Elementary School at a Step 1 rate of \$15.65 per hour effective May 17, 2024.*

3. The Food Service Director recommends appointing Joyce McCutcheon as a server in the Central Elementary School cafeteria at a Step 1 rate of \$14.37 per hour effective May 17, 2024.

**MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** appointing Joyce McCutcheon as a server in the Central Elementary School cafeteria at a Step 1 rate of \$14.37 per hour effective May 17, 2024.*

4. The Building & Grounds Director recommends appointing Tom Beighey as a maintenance worker at a Step 1 rate of \$23.17 per hour effective June 17, 2024.

**MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** appointing Tom Beighey as a maintenance worker at a Step 1 rate of \$23.17 per hour effective Jun 17, 2024.*

5. The Building & Grounds Director recommends appointing Monica Box as a custodian at a Step 1 rate of \$19.83 per hour effective July 1, 2024.

**MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** appointing Monica Box as a custodian at a Step 1 rate of \$19.83 per hour effective July 1, 2024.*

6. The Athletic Director recommends appointing the following football coaching staff effective the 2024/2025 school year:

1. Jacarri Cleckley, Assistant Varsity \$3,800
2. Michael Nardone, Assistant Varsity \$3,800
3. Dwight Collins, Assistant Varsity \$3,000
4. Bryan Weaver, Assistant Varsity \$2,700
5. Marlo Cleckley, Assistant Varsity \$2,700
6. Dan Wilson, Assistant Varsity \$2,700

7. Neil Figurel, Assistant Varsity	\$2,300
8. Devin Little, Assistant Varsity	\$2,300
9. Pete Lyons, Head Jr. High	\$1,800
10. Phil Clark, Assistant Jr. High	Volunteer
11. Gregg Frankhauser, Assistant Varsity	Volunteer
12. Donovan Jeter, Assistant Varsity	Volunteer
13. Zach Mooney, Assistant Jr. High	Volunteer
14. Joe Slappy, Assistant Varsity	Volunteer
15. Mark Wildes, Assistant Jr. High	Volunteer

**MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** appointing the football coaching staff effective the 2024/2025 school year.*

7. The Athletic Director recommends appointing Anthony Griswold as a Jr. High Assistant Baseball coach effective the 2023/2024 school year at a salary of \$1,300.00.

**MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** appointing Anthony Griswold as a Jr. High Assistant Baseball coach effective the 2023/2024 school year at a salary of \$1,300.00.*

**D. Addition to the Custodial Substitute List**

The Building and Grounds Director recommends adding Robert Franconeri to the custodial substitute list at a rate of \$14.00 per hour and no benefits.

**MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** adding Robert Franconeri to the custodial substitute list at a rate of \$14.00 per hour and no benefits.*

**E. Additions to the 2023-2024 Instructional/Non-Instructional Substitute List**

The Administration recommends approving the additions to the 2023-2024 Instructional/Non-Instructional Substitute list.

### **MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** the additions to the 2023-2024 Instructional/Non-Instructional Substitute List.*

## **2. ADOPTION OF THE PRELIMINARY FINAL 2024/2025 BUDGET**

The Administration recommends adoption of the 2024/2025 Preliminary Final Budget in the amount of \$37,295,606. The proposed budget includes an approximate 1.1 mill tax increase. It will be available for public inspection in the Business Office beginning May 17, 2024. Final adoption will be June 20, 2024.

### **MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** adopting the 2024/2025 Preliminary Final Budget in the amount of \$37,295,606. The proposed budget includes an approximate 1.1 mill tax increase. It will be available for public inspection in the Business Office beginning May 17, 2024. Final adoption will be June 20, 2024.*

## **3. BEAVER FALLS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2024**

The Administration recommends approval of the Beaver Falls High School graduating Class of 2024.

### **MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** the Beaver Falls High School graduating Class of 2024.*

## **4. FIELD TRIP REQUESTS**

- A. Mr. Goode is requesting permission to take 30-40 band students to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio on Saturday, June 1, 2024.
- B. Mrs. Gossett and Mrs. Markle are requesting permission to take 20 students to the Double Tree Hotel and Ichiban Restaurant in Cranberry, PA on Friday, May 31, 2024.
- C. Ms. Fryer is requesting permission to take 15 students to Living Treasures Animal Park in New Castle, PA on Wednesday, May 29, 2024. All expenses will be paid by the BBF Education Foundation.

**MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** the above field trips on dates and at locations as listed.*

**5. SCHOOL BOARD TREASURER**

The Board of Education recommends appointing Susan Smith as the School Board's Treasurer who will serve for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2024.

**MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** appointing Susan Smith as the School Board's Treasurer who will service for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2024.*

**6. AMBULANCE SERVICE**

The Administration recommends approval of the proposal from Medic Rescue to provide ambulance service for the 2024/2025 school year at an approximate cost of \$3,500.00.

**MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** the proposal from Medic Rescue to provide ambulance service for the 2024/2025 school year at an approximate cost of \$3,500.00.*

**7. KUBECK & KUBECK, LP TAX ASSESSMENT APPEAL SETTLEMENT**

The Administration recommends approving the settlement in the Kubeck & Kubeck, LP tax assessment appeal for four parcels of property located in the City of Beaver Falls as recommended by the solicitor. The settlement decreases the total 2024 reassessment of all parcels from \$2,446,400 to \$1,967,400 which reflects a school tax reduction of \$5,418 from the original 2024 reassessment. The settlement reflects an overall tax increase of \$13,622 from 2023 to 2024 due to the countywide reassessment.

### **MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** the settlement in the Kubeck & Kubeck, LP tax assessment appeal for four parcels of property located in the City of Beaver Falls as recommended by the solicitor. The settlement decreases the total 2024 reassessment of all parcels from \$2,446,400 to \$1,967,400 which reflects a school tax reduction of \$5,418 from the original 2024 reassessment. The settlement reflects an overall tax increase of \$13,622 from 2023 to 2024 due to the countywide reassessment.*

## **8. HIGH SCHOOL ROOF GRANT RESOLUTION**

The Director of Building and Grounds recommends adoption of the Public School Facility Grant Resolution authorizing the Big Beaver Falls Area School District to apply for the DCED Grant to replace the high school roof for approximately 2 million dollars with matching funds of 25% of the total project.

### **MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** adoption of the Public School Facility Grant Resolution authorizing the Big Beaver Falls Area School District to apply for the DCED Grant to replace the high school roof for approximately 2 million dollars with matching funds of 25% of the total project.*

## **9. REVISED MCCARTER TRANSIT CONTRACT**

The Administration recommends approving the one-year contract revision to McCarter Transit increasing the yearly percentage from 2.3% to 4.6% for the 2024/2025 school year.

### **MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** the one-year contract revision to McCarter Transit increasing the yearly percentage from 2.3% to 4.6% for the 2024/2025 school year.*

## **10. MCCARTER TRANSIT CONTRACT**

The Administration recommends approving a five-year contract with McCarter Transit beginning the 2025/2026 school year with a yearly increase of 5%.

**MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** a five-year contract with McCarter Transit beginning the 2025/2026 school year with a yearly increase of 5%.*

**11. ELEMENTARY SCIENCE CURRICULUM**

The Elementary Administration, along with the District and BOE Curriculum Councils, are recommending approval for the purchase of the Amplify Science Program for Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade at the cost of \$200,043.10 for a six-year digital teacher and students licenses and replenishment of grade level science kits.

**MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** purchasing the Amplify Science Program for Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade at the cost of \$200,043.10 for a six-year digital teacher and students licenses and replenishment of grade level science kits.*

**12. WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE**

The Administration recommends approving USI Insurance Services as Broker of Record for the District's worker's compensation insurance effective July 1, 2024. The previous broker was EHD Insurance who sold some of their business because of personnel changes.

**MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** appointing USI Insurance Services as Broker of Record for the District's worker's compensation insurance effective July 1, 2024.*

**13. HOMESTEAD AND FARMSTEAD EXEMPTION**

The Administration recommends approval of the Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Real Estate Assessment Reduction for the Big Beaver Falls Area School District's fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 under the provisions of the Taxpayer Relief Act. The final exemption numbers will be calculated upon receipt of the Homestead and Farmstead information for the Beaver County Assessment Office.



**MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** the Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Real Estate Assessment Reduction for the Big Beaver Falls Area School District's fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 under the provisions of the Taxpayer Relief Act. The final exemption numbers will be calculated upon receipt of the Homestead and Farmstead information for the Beaver County Assessment Office.*

**14. TAX RESOLUTION OF 2024/2025**

The Administration recommends approval of the Tax Resolution adopting a budget for the 2024/2025 fiscal year providing for the levying, assessment and collection of taxes. This Resolution also eliminates the collection of the Per Capita school tax effective July 1, 2024.

**MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** the Tax Resolution adopting a budget for the 2024/2025 fiscal year providing for the levying, assessment and collection of taxes. This Resolution also eliminates the collection of the Per Capita school tax effective July 1, 2024.*