

**BIG BEAVER FALLS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

September 19, 2024

PRESENTATION: Lena Hannah from PSBA will present Cindy Cook and Terri Ellinwood with a plaque for 25 years of service.

1. PERSONNEL

A. Appointment

1. The Administration and BOE recommends appointing Tyler Domenico as the High School Social Studies teacher at a Step 1 Bachelor salary of \$47,900.00 effective September 23, 2024.

MOTION

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** appointing Tyler Domenico as the High School Social Studies teacher at a Step 1 Bachelor salary of \$47,900.00 effective September 23, 2024.*

2. The Athletic Director recommends appointing Dan Swanson as an Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach at a salary of \$1,700.00 effective the 2024/2025 school year.

MOTION

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** appointing Dan Swanson as an Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach at a salary of \$1,700.00 effective the 2024/2025 school year.*

B. Leave of Absence

1. Melissa Howard is requesting an unpaid leave of absence beginning Wednesday, September 18, 2024 due to a medical procedure for up to 6 weeks.

MOTION

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** Melissa Howard's request for an unpaid leave of absence beginning Wednesday, September 18, 2024 due to a medical procedure for up to 6 weeks.*

2. Carly Dunmyer is requesting a Family and Medical Leave of Absence beginning Monday, December 9, 2024 for 60 days.

MOTION

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** Carly Dunmyer's request for Family and Medical Leave of Absence beginning Monday, December 9, 2024 for 60 days.*

C. Custodial Substitute List

The Building and Grounds Director recommends adding Nicole Hunter pending receipt of clearances and Dmitri Nesmith to the custodial substitute list at a rate of \$14.00 per hour and no benefits.

MOTION

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** adding Nicole Hunter pending receipt of clearances and Dmitri Nesmith to the custodial substitute list at a rate of \$14.00 per hour and no benefits.*

D. Cafeteria Substitute

The Food Service Director recommends adding Ms. Tajuana Pratt, pending receipt of clearances and Gertrude Worrell to the cafeteria worker substitute list at a rate of \$14.00 per hour and no benefits.

MOTION

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** adding Ms. Tajuana Pratt, pending receipt of clearances and Gertrude Worrell to the cafeteria worker substitute list at a rate of \$14.00 per hour and no benefits.*

E. Additions to the 2024/2025 Instructional Substitute List

The Administration recommends approving the additions to the 2024/2025 Instructional Substitute List.

MOTION

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** the additions to the 2024/2025 Instructional Substitute List.*

2. Tax Assessment Appeal Settlements

A. Beaver Falls Properties Tax Assessment Appeals Settlement

The Administration recommends approving the settlement in the Beaver Falls Properties tax assessment appeals for eleven 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 \$3,314,100 to \$1,500,000 which reflects a school tax reduction of \$20,862 from the original 2024 reassessment. The settlement reflects an overall school tax increase of \$2,035 from 2023 to 2024 due to the countywide reassessment.

MOTION

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** the settlement in the Beaver Falls Properties tax assessment appeals for eleven 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 \$3,314,100 to \$1,500,000 which reflects a school tax reduction of \$20,862 from the original 2024 reassessment. The settlement reflects an overall school tax increase of \$2,035 from 2023 to 2024 due to the countywide reassessment.*

B. Hutch & Home LLC Tax Assessment Appeal Settlement

The Administration recommends approving the settlement in the Hutch & Home LLC tax assessment appeal for a parcel of property located at 1224 7th Avenue in the City of Beaver Falls as recommended by the solicitor. The settlement decreases the total 2024 reassessment of the parcel from \$502,600 to \$200,000 which reflects a school tax reduction of \$3,480 from the original 2024 reassessment. The settlement reflects an overall school tax increase of \$351 from 2023 to 2024 due to the countywide reassessment.

MOTION

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** the settlement in the Hutch & Home LLC tax assessment appeal for a parcel of property located at 1224 7th Avenue in the City of Beaver Falls as recommended by the solicitor. The settlement decreases the total 2024 reassessment of the parcel from \$502,600 to \$200,000 which reflects a school tax reduction of \$3,480 from the original 2024 reassessment. The settlement reflects an overall school tax increase of \$351 from 2023 to 2024 due to the countywide reassessment.*

C. PGH Refractories Inc. Tax Assessment Appeal Settlement

The Administration recommends approving the settlement in the PGH Refractories Inc. tax assessment appeal for a parcel of property located at 528 Elmwood Boulevard in Big Beaver Borough as recommended by the solicitor. The settlement decreases the total 2024 reassessment of the parcel from \$2,689,100 to \$1,000,000 which reflects a school tax reduction of \$19,425 from the original 2024 reassessment. The settlement reflects an overall school tax increase of \$3,346 from 2023 to 2024 due to the countywide reassessment.

MOTION

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** the settlement in the PGH Refractories Inc. tax assessment appeal for a parcel of property located at 528 Elmwood Boulevard in Big Beaver Borough as recommended by the solicitor. The settlement decreases the total 2024 reassessment of the parcel from \$2,689,100 to \$1,000,000 which reflects a school tax reduction of \$19,425 from the original 2024 reassessment. The settlement reflects an overall school tax increase of \$3,346 from 2023 to 2024 due to the countywide reassessment.*

3. FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

- A. Miss Manno and Mrs. Tessier are requesting permission to take 70 students to CCBC to attend the Youth Ambassador Fall Event on Wednesday, September 25, 2024.
- B. Miss Martinez is requesting permission to take 4-6 students to Westminster College on Thursday, October 3, 2024 to attend the PEMA Honors Chorus Auditions.
- C. Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. House, Miss Sudano and Mrs. Peterson are requesting permission to take 80 students to Iron Mills Pumpkin Patch in New Wilmington on Friday, October 4, 2024.
- D. Mrs. Gossett is requesting permission to take 2-4 students to the Highmark Caring Place in Wexford to attend the Caring Place Team Summit on Tuesday, October 8, 2024.
- E. Mrs. Markle and Mrs. Gossett are requesting permission to take 30 students to Robert Morris University in Moon Township to attend Accounting Career Day on Thursday, October 17, 2024.

- F. Mr. Shakespeare and Miss Manno are requesting permission to take 30 students to PNC Park for the 12th Annual Steel City HBCU Fair on Thursday, October 17, 2024.
- G. Mrs. Ezop and Mrs. Wilson are requesting permission to take 40 students to the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh on Friday, October 18, 2024 where they will explore medical career opportunities.
- H. Central Elementary Kindergarten teachers are requesting permission to take their classes to Apple Castle in New Wilmington on Friday, October 18, 2024.
- I. Mr. Maruca, Miss Benn, Mrs. Ezop and Mrs. Wilson are requesting permission to take approximately 40 students to STEAM symposium in Pittsburgh on Wednesday, October 23, 2024.
- J. Ms. Muhl, Mrs. Lambright and Mr. DeLuca are requesting permission to take their Kindergarten classes to Soergel's Orchard in Wexford on Friday, October 25, 2024.
- K. Rachel Prince and Jaime Dando are requesting permission to take 4 students to the Loft Conference Center-Southpointe in Canonsburg on Thursday, October 31, 2024 to attend the Special Olympics Youth Summit.
- L. Mrs. Gossett and Mr. Sheffield are requesting permission to take 20 students to the 171st Air Refueling Wing in Coraopolis on Wednesday, November 6, 2024.
- M. Mrs. Cobb and Mr. Maruca are requesting permission to take 40 students to the BCCTC in Monaca on Thursday, November 14, 2024 for students who may want to attend the CTC next year.
- N. Mrs. Kuriger, Mrs. Prince, Ms. Polinsky and Mrs. Merrick are requesting permission to take 45 students to Sims Bowling Lanes to participate in Special Olympics Bowling on Friday, December 6, 2024.
- O. Mrs. Gaul is requesting permission to take 20 students to the Byham Theater in Pittsburgh to attend A Musical Christmas Carol on Thursday, December 19, 2024.
- P. Mrs. Gaul is requesting permission to take 34 students to the O'Reilly Theater in the Strip District to see Trouble in Mind on Wednesday, February 12, 2025.
- Q. Mrs. Hendrickson, Mrs. Herrington and Mrs. Barber are requesting permission to take their 2nd grade classes to the National Aviary in Pittsburgh on Thursday, May 22, 2025.

- R. Ms. Muhl, Mrs. Lambright and Mr. DeLuca are requesting permission to take their Kindergarten classes to the Children's Museum in Pittsburgh on Friday, May 23, 2025.
- S. Mrs. Janectic, Mrs. Henney, Mr. Verba and Ms. Halligan are requesting permission to take their 4th and 5th grade classes to the Carnegie Science Center and Sports Works in Pittsburgh on Wednesday, May 28, 2025.
- T. Mrs. Acon, Mrs. Jewell and Miss Cain are requesting to take their 3rd grade classes to the Carnegie Museum of Art & Natural History in Pittsburgh on Thursday, May 29, 2025.

MOTION

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

4. BUILDING REQUEST

- A. Beaver Falls Christian Assembly Church is requesting permission to use the High School gym and cafeteria for their Annual Free Christmas Day dinner on December 25, 2024 for approximately 1000 people.

MOTION

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** Beaver Falls Christian Assembly's request to use the High School gym and cafeteria for their Annual Free Christmas Day dinner on December 25, 2024 for approximately 1000 people.*

- B. Portobello Cultural Life & Arts Center is requesting permission to use the High School LGI for a film festival on Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25, 2026 for approximately 250 people.

MOTION

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** Portobello Cultural Life & Arts Center's request to use the High School LGI for a film festival on Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25, 2026 for approximately 250 people.*

5. ELECTRICITY AND GAS RATES

The Administration recommends approving the Business Manager to authorize locking in electricity and gas rates as needed.

MOTION

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** the Business Manager to authorize locking in electricity and gas rates as needed.*