August 20, 2025

At 6:00 p.m. the Board held their Committee Meeting, briefly reviewing agenda items. The Board ended their Committee Meeting and entered Executive Session to discuss legal matters and personnel. The Board exited Executive Session at 6:39 pm to start the Regular Meeting.

The Blacklick Valley School Board met in person in Regular Session at 6:40 p.m. for General Purposes in the Conference Room of the Blacklick Valley Jr. Sr. High School, 555 Birch Street, Nanty Glo, PA 15943 with Angela Villa, Board President, presiding and the following members present:

Elizabeth Kreashko, Larry Kupchella, Gregory O'Farrell, Shawn McMullen, Jeffrey Szymusiak, Joe Villa, and Don Thomas.

Members Absent: Michael Gdula

Others Present: Mr. William Kanich, Superintendent, Bethany Peracchino, Business Manager/Board Secretary, Ed Alexander, High School Principal, Tammy Boring, Elementary Principal, Nichole Kolarik, Special Education Coordinator, and the Nanty-Glo Journal.

Recognition of Guests- None.

Moved by Shawn McMullen, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to approve the minutes from the June 25, 2025 Regular Meeting and the July 30, 2025 Special Meeting.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively	Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively	Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively	Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve the Treasurer's Reports for the months ending June 30, 2025 and July 31, 2025, respectively.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively	Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively	Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively	Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Jeffrey Szymusiak, seconded by Shawn McMullen, to approve the following motions:

Motion to approve the payment of the Regular Bills in the amount of **$144,985.30**.

Motion to approve the payment of the Cafeteria Bills in the amount of **$2,098.39.**
Motion to approve the estimated payment of the August 2025 Payroll in the amount of **$291,130.68**, and the estimated transfer of **$291,130.68** from the General Fund to the Payroll Account.
Motion to approve the estimated payment of the August 2025 Cafeteria Payroll in the amount of **$4,142.84** and the estimated transfer of **$4,142.84** from the Cafeteria Fund to the General Fund Account.
Motion to approve the Cafeteria Fund Reports for the months ending June 30, 2025 and July 31, 2025, showing balances of **$467,743.04** and **$461,926.30**, respectively.
Motion to approve the Athletic Fund Reports for the months ending June 30, 2025 and July 31, 2025, showing balances of **$3,265.29** and **$3,281.18,** respectively.
Motion to approve the June 30, 2025 Quarterly Student Activity Report.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively	Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively	Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively	Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Don Thomas, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the bus drivers and bus routes for the 25-26 school year.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively	Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively	Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively	Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Don Thomas, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the Blacklick Valley School District Panel of Physicians for Worker's Compensation.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively	Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively	Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively	Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Don Thomas, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to retroactively approve the necessary Change Order for the Auditorium Project Bid in the amount of $33,019.00, making the new bid total $723,219.00.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively	Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively	Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively	Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Don Thomas, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to retroactively approve the following payments to Mid-State Construction, Inc. for the auditorium project:

Payment #1- $49,275.00
Payment #2- $146,133.00

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively	Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively	Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively	Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Don Thomas, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the 24-25 budgetary transfers as listed:

- Transfer $154,040.00 from the Budgetary Reserve to Maintenance Repairs ($140,000.00) and Engineering Services ($14,040.00).
- Transfer $72,045.95 from Vo-Tech Expenses to Speech Services ($18,000.00), Electricity Expenses ($37,000.00), and Student Activity Equipment ($17,045.95).
- Transfer $25,000.00 from Regular Ed Transportation Services to Special Ed Transportation Services.
- Transfer $12,000.00 from Psychology Professional Services to Maintenance Supplies ($10,000.00) and Gas Utility Expenses ($2,000.00).
- Transfer $28,000.00 from Student Activity Supplies to Maintenance Equipment Expenses.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively	Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively	Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Don Thomas, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the agreement between the Blacklick Valley School District and The Meadows Psychiatric Center for the 2025-26, 2026-27, and 2027-28 school years.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Don Thomas, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the agreement between the Blacklick Valley School District and Soaring Heights School for services for the 2025-26 school year.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Don Thomas, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Blacklick Valley School District and Adagio Health for the 2025-26 school year.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Don Thomas, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the review of Board Policy 206 School Wellness.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively
Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively
Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively
Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively
Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Don Thomas, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to allow the Superintendent to utilize Virtual Instruction days as needed for the 2025-26 school year.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively
Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively
Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively
Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively
Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Don Thomas, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the agreement between the Blacklick Valley School District and World of Learning for the 2025-26 school year.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively
Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively
Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively
Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively
Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Shawn McMullen, seconded by Jeffrey Szymusiak, to approve the resignation of Kiera Boring, cleaner, effective immediately.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively
Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively
Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively
Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively
Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Shawn McMullen, seconded by Jeffrey Szymusiak, to approve the resignation of Bradley Kane, cleaner, effective immediately.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively	Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively	Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively	Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Shawn McMullen, seconded by Jeffrey Szymusiak, to approve the resignation of Amy Smith, Elementary Teacher, effective August 6, 2025.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively	Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively	Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively	Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Shawn McMullen, seconded by Jeffrey Szymusiak, to approve the resignation of Damien DeLarre, paraprofessional effective July 25, 2025.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively	Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively	Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively	Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Shawn McMullen, seconded by Jeffrey Szymusiak, to approve the resignation of Melanie Nedrich as the Lego League Challenge Advisor effective immediately.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively	Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively	Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Shawn McMullen, seconded by Jeffrey Szymusiak, to approve Haley Natta as a long-term elementary substitute for the 2025-26 school year.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Shawn McMullen, seconded by Jeffrey Szymusiak, to approve Eric Alexander as a cleaner at a rate of $10/hour.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Gregory O'Farrell, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve Brady Ellis as a Maintenance worker at a starting salary of $23,000.00.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve Jamie Szymusiak as a 10-month High School Secretary at a starting rate of $10/hour.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak **ABSTAINS**

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Shawn McMullen, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve the resignation of Jonathan Nixon, paraprofessional, effective immediately.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION:

Ed Alexander, High School Principal, stated that the start of school is tomorrow, August 21, 2025. The staff had a very busy and productive in-service this week. Fall sports are underway. The first football game is this Friday 8/22/25 at United. The team had heat acclamation last week. He and the staff are excited for the kids to arrive and get the school year started.

Tammy Boring, Elementary Principal, agreed with Mr. Alexander's statements and also added that our enrollment at the Elementary is increasing.

This year, the District moved to having only one transportation company, Mlaker. So far, the staff has been very pleased with their communication and assistance.

Moved by Shawn McMullen, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to adjourn the meeting.

Voting on Motion:

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried- The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Bethany Peracchino, Board Secretary

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NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES IN CASE OF WORK-RELATED INJURIES

1. If you suffer a work-related injury, your employer or its insurance company must pay for reasonable surgical and medical services and supplies, orthopedic appliances and prosthesis, including training in their use.
2. In order to insure that your medical treatment will be paid for by your employer or the insurance company, you must select from one of the following health care providers.
3. You must continue to visit one of the physicians listed below, if you need treatment, for ninety (90) days from the date of your first visit.
4. If one of the persons below refers you to another licensed specialist, your employer or their insurer will pay the bill for these services.
5. After this ninety- (90) day period, if you still need treatment and your employer has provided a list as set forth below, you may choose to go to another health care provider for treatment. You should notify your employer of this action within five days of your visit to said provider.
6. If a physician on the list prescribes invasive surgery, you may obtain a second opinion from any physician of your choice. If the second opinion is different than the listed physicians opinion, you may determine which course of treatment to follow; however, the second opinion must contain a specific and detailed treatment plan. If you choose the second opinion, the procedures in that opinion must be performed by one of the physicians on the list for the first ninety- (90) days. Therefore, in this situation, the employee may be required to treat with an employer-designated provider for up to 180 days.
7. If you are faced with a medical emergency, you may secure assistance from a hospital, physician, or health care provider of your choice for your work-related injury. However, when the emergency is resolved, you must seek treatment from a provider listed below.

Please contact your Claims Adjuster for any specialty need not listed on this panel.

Name	Address	Scheduling	Area of Specialty
WorkPlace Health - Johnstown	338 Bloomfield St, Ste 101 Johnstown, PA 15904	814-361-2307	Occupational Medicine
iCare Medical Urgent Care - Ebensburg (All locations - www.icaremedical.com)	167 Zeman Dr Ebensburg, PA 15931	814-472-9119	Urgent Care
*UPMC GoHealth Urgent Care LLC - Johnstown (All Locations)	1221 Scalp Ave Johnstown, PA 15904	814-266-1138	Urgent Care
Conemaugh Surgery - Johnstown	415 Napoleon Pl Johnstown, PA 15901	814-539-8725	General Surgery
Conemaugh Neurosurgery - Johnstown	1111 Franklin St, Ste 130 Johnstown, PA 15905	814-534-5724	Neurosurgery
*UPMC Altoona Elite Orthopaedics - Ebensburg	152 Zeman Dr Ebensburg, PA 15931	814-889-3600	Orthopedics
IRMC Physician Group Orthopedics - Indiana	120 IRMC Dr, Ste 160 Human Motion Institute Indiana, PA 15701	724-465-2676	Orthopedics
Ophthalmic Associates - Johnstown	120 Main St Johnstown, PA 15901	814-536-5343	Ophthalmology
One Call Physical Therapy	Call Toll-Free for Closest Location	1-844-284-2525	Physical Therapy
One Call Chiropractic	Call Toll-Free for Closest Location	1-844-284-2525	Chiropractic
One Call Imaging Services	Call Toll-Free for Closest Location	1-844-284-2525	Diagnostic Imaging
One Call Durable Medical Equipment	Call Toll-Free for Supplier	1-844-284-2525	DME
myMatrixx (an Express Scripts company)	Call Toll-Free for Closest Location BIN# 003858, Group# KYHA	1-800-945-5951	Pharmacy

*In accordance with Section 306(f.1)(1)(i) of the Worker's Compensation Act AND 34 Pa. Code Section 127.753 Disclosure Requirements, this health care provider is employed, owned or controlled by UPMC.

Panel updated: 6/20/2025