September 17, 2025

At 6:00 p.m. the Board held their Committee Meeting, briefly reviewing agenda items. Also, Amy Edwards presented and asked permission to begin fundraising for the next Spanish Club trip in June of 2027. The Board ended their Committee Meeting and entered Executive Session to discuss personnel. The Board exited Executive Session at 6:32 pm to start the Regular Meeting.

The Blacklick Valley School Board met in person in Regular Session at 6:33 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 and/or attending via phone:

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

Members Absent: None

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

Recognition of Guests- None.

Moved by Shawn McMullen, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2025 Regular Meeting.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively	Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively	Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively	Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively	Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	**Motion Carried**

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Michael Gdula, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending August 31, 2025.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively	Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively	Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively	Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively	Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	**Motion Carried**

Moved by Michael Gdula, seconded by Jeffrey Szymusiak, to approve the following motions:

Motion to approve the payment of the Regular Bills in the amount of **$37,025.36.**
Motion to approve the payment of the Cafeteria Bills in the amount of **$300.36.**
Motion to approve the payment of the September, 2025 Payroll in the estimated amount of **$305,239.48**, and the estimated transfer of **$305,239.48** from the General Fund to the Payroll Account.
Motion to approve the payment of the September, 2025 Cafeteria Payroll in the estimated amount of **$7,496.24** and the estimated transfer of **$7,496.24** from the Cafeteria Fund to the General Fund Account.
Motion to approve the Cafeteria Fund Report for the month ending August 31, 2025, showing a balance of **$455,367.91.**
Motion to approve the Athletic Fund Report for the month ending August 31, 2025, showing a balance of **$6,604.87**.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively	Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively	Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively	Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively	Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	**Motion Carried**

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Joe Villa, to approve the first reading of Board Policy 915 Booster and Parent Organizations.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively	Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively	Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively	Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively	Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	**Motion Carried**

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Joe Villa, to approve the addendum to the agreement with Clarvida PHP for partial hospitalization services.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively	Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively	Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively	Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively	Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	**Motion Carried**

Moved by Joe Villa, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to approve the resignation of Shaina Pearson, paraprofessional, effective immediately.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Joe Villa, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to approve the resignation of Darlene Noble, paraprofessional, effective immediately.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Joe Villa, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to approve the resignation of Laura Maul, paraprofessional, effective immediately.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Joe Villa, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to hire Trinity Harasty as a paraprofessional at a rate of $10/hour, effective 8/18/25.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Joe Villa, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to hire Sandra Cunningham as a cleaner at a rate of $10/hour, effective 9/02/25.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Joe Villa, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to hire Lindsey Hite as a Cafeteria Worker at a rate of $10/hour, pending receipt of clearances.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Michael Gdula, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to approve Jennifer Bezek as a mentor for the High School Social Studies Teacher (Joiner) at a salary of $700/year.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve Stacie Chuhran as a mentor for the Elementary Teacher (Teeter) at a salary of $700/year.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively
Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively
Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively
Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively
Motion Carried

Moved by Jeffrey Szymusiak, seconded by Shawn McMullen, to approve Victoria Sobecky as a mentor for the Elementary Long Term Sub (Natta) at a salary of $700/year.

Voting on Motion:

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

Moved by Michael Gdula, seconded by Shawn McMullen, to approve Brittney Beiler as a paraprofessional at a rate of $10/hour, pending receipt of all clearances.

Voting on Motion:

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

Moved by Michael Gdula, seconded by Shawn McMullen, to approve tenure for Breanna McGhee, High School Guidance Counselor.

Voting on Motion:

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

Moved by Michael Gdula, seconded by Shawn McMullen, to approve tenure for Sarah Dorn, High School English Teacher.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively	Gregory O'Farrell Abstains
Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively	Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively	Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively	Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	**Motion Carried**

Moved by Shawn McMullen, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to hire Melissa Hagans as a Licensed Practical Nurse at a rate of $20/hour.

Voting on Motion by ROLL CALL:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively	Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively	Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Negatively	Don Thomas Abstains
Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively	Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	**Motion Carried**

Moved by Michael Gdula, seconded by Jeffrey Szymusiak, to approve the Board Secretary to vote for the PSBA candidates as listed:

2025 President-Elect- Holly Arnold (only 1 candidate)
2025 Vice President- Matt Vannoy (only 1 candidate)
2025 Central Zone Representative- Julie Preston (only 1 candidate)
PSBA Insurance Trust Trustees (pick 2)- Kathy K. Swope and Roberta M. Marcus (only 2 candidates)
School Board Secretaries Forum Steering Committee (pick 3)- Jamie Zimeofsky, Christina DeAngelis, and Tricia Cousino (only 3 candidates)

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively	Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively
Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively	Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively
Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively	Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively
Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively	Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	**Motion Carried**

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION:

Superintendent, William Kanich, stated that the auditorium project is moving along. The new drop ceiling is being put in now and all signs point to the project being completed by the November deadline.

High School Principal, Ed Alexander, stated that things are going well at the High School. The District has approximately 45 students enrolled in dual enrollment. The program is generating positive feedback from the parents and saving families a lot of money on college credits. Also, our second and final home football game is on October 3rd. This is our Homecoming game.

Moved by Joe Villa, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to adjourn the meeting.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko Voting Affirmatively

Larry Kupchella Voting Affirmatively

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively

Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Jeffrey Szymusiak Voting Affirmatively

Don Thomas Voting Affirmatively

Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Bethany Peracchino, Board Secretary