October 22, 2025

At 6:00 p.m. the Board held their Committee Meeting, briefly reviewing agenda items and discussing extracurricular activities. The Board ended their Committee Meeting and entered Executive Session to discuss personnel. The Board exited Executive Session at 7:05 pm to start the Regular Meeting.

The Blacklick Valley School Board met in person in Regular Session at 7:06 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:

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, Tammy Boring, Elementary Principal, Nichole Kolarik, Special Education Coordinator, and the Nanty-Glo Journal.

Recognition of Guests- None.

Moved by Michael Gdula, seconded by Jeffrey Szymusiak, to approve the minutes from the September 17, 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 Shawn McMullen, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending September 30, 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 Don Thomas, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve the following motions:

Motion to approve the payment of the Regular Bills in the amount of **$534,814.01.**

Motion to approve the payment of the Cafeteria Bills in the amount of **$35,814.94.**
Motion to approve the payment of the October, 2025 Payroll in the estimated amount of **$482,623.86**, and the estimated transfer of **$482,623.86** from the General Fund to the Payroll Account.
Motion to approve the payment of the October, 2025 Cafeteria Payroll in the estimated amount of **$25,873.98** and the estimated transfer of **$25,873.98** from the Cafeteria Fund to the General Fund Account.
Motion to approve the Cafeteria Fund Report for the month ending September 30, 2025, showing a balance of **$434,173.05.**
Motion to approve the Athletic Fund Report for the month ending September 30, 2025, showing a balance of **$11,792.71.**
Motion to approve the Student Activities Report for the 3rd Quarter ending September 30, 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 Jeffrey Szymusiak, seconded by Joe Villa, to approve the November 15, 2025 bond payment in the amount of **$583,300.00**, to be paid by PDE since the State budget freeze is still in effect.

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 Joe Villa, to approve the second and final 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 Jeffrey Szymusiak, seconded by Joe Villa, to authorize the Business Manager to assign fund balance for use for specific purposes.

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 Joe Villa, to approve the cancellation of the November 19, 2025 Board 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 Jeffrey Szymusiak, seconded by Joe Villa, to retroactively approve the following payment to Mid-State Construction, Inc. for the auditorium project:

Payment #3- $145,704.82

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 Joe Villa, to approve the following payment to Mid-State Construction, Inc. for the auditorium project:

Payment 4- $239,178.42

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 Joe Villa, to approve the Spanish Club trip to Peru in the Summer of 2027.

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 Samantha Karabinos as the Advisor for Elementary Reading Competition at a salary of $1,082.00 for the 25-26 school 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 Gregory O'Farrell, seconded by Shawn McMullen, to approve Stephanie Carney as the Lego League Challenge Advisor at a salary of $1,082.00 for the 25-26 school 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 Don Thomas, to approve Cindy Simmons as a mentor for the Elementary Special Ed Teacher (McCormick) at a salary of $700/year.

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

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION:

Nichole Kolarik shared that our Speech Teacher, Heather Hropovich, was able to secure grant funding for free tablets for students who are non-verbal or have limited verbal skills so they can communicate more effectively. They are using My Voice, which is a charitable program that provides eligible children and youth with a restricted communication device, coordinated with the child's speech language pathologist. Two devices have been received thus far and she is working to obtain three more.

Moved by Joe Villa, seconded by Shawn McMullen, 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 7:10 p.m.

Bethany Peracchino, Board Secretary