December 3, 2025

At 6:00 p.m. the Board held their Committee Meeting, briefly reviewing agenda items. Also during Committee, Garry Wurm, Head Baseball Coach, and Chris Zamboni, Athletic Director, presented information to the Board regarding starting a junior high volleyball, baseball, and softball team.

The Blacklick Valley School Board met in person in Regular Session at 6:29 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, President, presiding and the following members present:

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

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Mr. William Kanich, Superintendent, Bethany Peracchino, Business Manager/Board Secretary, Ed Alexander, High School Principal, and Tammy Boring, Elementary Principal.

At this time, Mrs. Angela Villa, President, gave recognition to guests: None.

The Reorganization of the Board took place at this time.

Bethany Peracchino, Board Secretary, opened nominations for Board President.

Moved by Don Thomas, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to open nominations for election of Board President.

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

Nomination/s for Board President: Jeffrey Szymusiak nominates Angela Villa for Board President.

Moved by Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to close nominations for Board President.

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 Angela Villa as Board President.

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 Abstains
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	**Motion Carried**

At this time during the meeting Angela Villa, Board President, took the chair and called for the nomination of Board Vice-President.

Moved by Jeffrey Szymusiak, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to open nominations for election of Board Vice President.

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**

Nomination/s for Board Vice President: Elizabeth Kreashko nominates Don Thomas for Board Vice President.

Moved by Michael Gdula, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to close nominations for Board Vice President.

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 Don Thomas as Board Vice President.

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 Abstains

Shawn McMullen Voting Affirmatively | Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively

Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively | **Motion Carried**

Angela Villa, Board President, called for the nomination of Board Treasurer.

Moved by Jeffrey Szymusiak, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to open nominations for election of Board Treasurer.

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**

Nomination/s for Board Treasurer: Jeffrey Szymusiak nominates Elizabeth Kreashko for Board Treasurer.

Moved by Michael Gdula, seconded by Joe Villa, to close nominations for Board Treasurer.

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 Shawn McMullen, seconded by Gregory O'Farrell, to approve Elizabeth Kreashko as Board Treasurer.

Voting on Motion:

Michael Gdula Voting Affirmatively | Gregory O'Farrell Voting Affirmatively

Elizabeth Kreashko Abstains | 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**

Angela Villa, Board President, called for the nomination of Board Vo-Tech Representative.

Moved by Michael Gdula, seconded by Joe Villa, to open nominations for election of Board Vo-Tech Representative.

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**

Nomination/s for Board Vo-Tech Representative: Don Thomas nominates Shawn McMullen for Board Vo-Tech Representative.

Moved by Gregory O'Farrell, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to close nominations for Board Vo-Tech Representative.

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 Larry Kupchella, to approve Shawn McMullen as Board Vo-Tech Representative.

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 Abstains	Angela Villa Voting Affirmatively
Joe Villa Voting Affirmatively	**Motion Carried**

Moved by Jeffrey Szymusiak, seconded by Don Thomas, to appoint the Law Firm of DILLON MCCANDLESS KING COULTER & GRAHAM L.L.P. as the District's Solicitor.

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 Elizabeth Kreashko, that the Regular School Board Meetings be held: January 14, 2026, February 18, 2026, March 18, 2026, April 15, 2026, May 27, 2026, June 24, 2026, NO July Meeting, August 19, 2026, September 16, 2026, October 21, 2026, November 18, 2026, and December 2, 2026.

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 Gregory O'Farrell, to approve the minutes from the October 22, 2025 Regular School 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 Michael Gdula, seconded by Shawn McMullen, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending October 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 Elizabeth Kreashko, seconded by Larry Kupchella, to approve the following motions:

Motion to approve the payment of the Regular Bills in the amount of **$187,693.94.**
Motion to approve the payment of the Cafeteria Bills in the amount of **$777.32.**
Motion to approve the payment of the December, 2025 Payroll in the estimated amount of **$323,732.88** and the estimated transfer of **$323,732.88** from the General Fund to the Payroll Account.
Motion to approve the payment of the December, 2025 Cafeteria Payroll in the estimated amount of **$15,962.66** and the estimated transfer of **$15,962.66** from the Cafeteria Fund to the General Fund Account.
Motion to approve the Cafeteria Fund Report for the month ending October 31, 2025, showing a balance of **$386,655.85.**
Motion to approve the Athletic Fund Report for the month ending October 31, 2025, showing a balance of **$20,976.40.**

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 Act 1 Resolution electing not to increase the tax rate above the index for the 2026-2027 fiscal 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 Don Thomas, seconded by Elizabeth Kreashko, to approve the creation of a Junior High Girls Volleyball team to begin in the fall of 2026.

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 creation of a Junior High Softball team to begin play in the spring of 2026 with a schedule of no more than 6 games in the first season and no more than 12 games in the following seasons.

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 the creation of a Junior High Baseball team to begin play in the spring of 2026 with a schedule of no more than 6 games in the first season and no more than 12 games in the following seasons.

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 Shawn McMullen, seconded by Jeffrey Szymusiak, to approve Dakota Pennington as a part time paraprofessional though an internship program with the Vo-Tech at a starting rate of $10/hour, retroactive to 10/14/25.

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 Shawn McMullen, seconded by Jeffrey Szymusiak, to terminate Lindsey Hite, Cafeteria Worker, effective 10/23/25.

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

For the good of the organization:

Elizabeth Kreashko thanked both the Elementary and High School students and staff for wonderful Veteran's Day assemblies, yet again, this year.

High School Principal, Ed Alexander, reminded everyone that our Christmas Concert will be held on Friday December 19th at 6pm in the auditorium. All are encouraged to attend.

Moved by Shawn McMullen, seconded by Joe Villa, to adjourn the 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

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

_____Bethany Peracchino_____

Bethany Peracchino, Board Secretary