

BLAIRSVILLE-SALTSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT
102 School Lane
Blairsville, PA 15717
724-459-5500
June 23, 2010
7:00 p.m.
Saltsburg Elementary School

Special Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance/Silent Meditation
3. Roll Call
4. Review of Agenda
5. Citizens' Remarks (Agenda items only)
6. Items of Business Regarding Finance:

Motion to approve and/or ratify action on School Finance items 6a through 6m, in accordance with provisions of the Public School Code and Series 600 of the District Policy Manual, as hereinafter described:

- a. The Board of Directors hereby adopts the annual budget for the 2010-2011 school year in the amount of \$29,723,753. It is further understood that the millage rate for Indiana County will remain at 126.34 mills and for Westmoreland County will decrease to 109.86 mills.
- b. The Board of Directors hereby approves and authorizes the Business Office to pay all bills related to the building project and regular bills through August 4, 2010.
- c. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the administration to seek alternative funding when appropriate to benefit the district.
- d. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the administration to make application for federal programs that will benefit the district.
- e. The Board of Directors hereby approves the annual agreement for Emergency Medical Services for the 2010-2011 school year with Citizens' Ambulance Service, Inc. in the amount of \$2,250.
- f. The Board of Directors hereby adopts a resolution levying, assessing and re-enacting a Per Capita Tax of \$5.00 under Section 679 of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended, on each resident or inhabitant of the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District, eighteen years or older, beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011.
- g. The Board of Directors hereby adopts a resolution levying and assessing on each resident and inhabitant of the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District an earned income and net profits tax on earned income received and net profits earned by the residents and inhabitants of the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District at the rate of three-fourths of one percent (.75%) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, and ending June 30, 2011, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Resolution Repealing the Occupation Tax and Restating and Amending a Resolution Imposing a Tax on Earned Income and Net Profits of Individual Residents of the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District (the "Resolution"), adopted by the Board of School Directors on May 29, 2002, and which Resolution by its terms shall continue each year thereafter, without annual reenactment, and which Resolution shall continue in force and effect until the repeal thereof or until the rate of the tax is changed.
- h. The Board of Directors hereby adopts a resolution levying, assessing and re-enacting a Real Estate Transfer Tax of one percent (1%) on all real estate transferred within the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District for the period beginning July 1, 2010, and ending on June 30, 2011, pursuant to the provisions of the District's Realty Transfer Tax Resolution, which resolution shall continue in full-force and effect, without annual reenactment.

- i. The Board of Directors hereby adopts a resolution levying and assessing an emergency and municipal services tax (formerly referred to as an Occupation Privilege Tax) of \$10.00 on all persons engaging in an occupation in the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District for the period beginning July 1, 2010, and ending June 30, 2011, under the provisions of the District's Occupation Privilege Tax Resolution heretofore adopted in accordance with Act 511, which Occupation Privilege Tax Resolution shall continue full force and effect without reenactment. In accordance with Section 6 of 2004, December 1, P.L. 1729, No. 222, all references in the District's Occupation Privilege Tax Resolution to an occupation privilege tax shall be deemed to be a reference to an emergency and municipal services tax.
- j. The Board of Directors hereby approves setting the real estate discount rate of 2% and penalty rate of 10%.
- k. The Board of Directors hereby approves, levies and assesses for the 2010-2011 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2010 and ending on June 30, 2011, on the real estate within the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District in Indiana County, a tax on all the real property within the District upon which the County taxes are levied and assessed, at the rate of 126.34 mills of the assessed value of such real property as provided by the Indiana County Board of Assessments, which equates to \$12.63 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property.
- l. The Board of Directors hereby approves, levies and assesses for the 2009-2010 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2010 and ending on June 30, 2011, on the real estate within the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District in Westmoreland County, a tax on all the real property within the District upon which the County taxes are levied and assessed, at the decreased rate of 109.86 mills of assessed value of such real property as provided by the Westmoreland County Board of Assessments, which equates to \$10.98 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property.
- m. **RESOLVED**, by the Board of School Directors of Blairsville-Saltsburg School District, that homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions are authorized for the school year beginning July 1, 2010, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), as follows:
 - 1. **Aggregate amount available for homestead and farmstead real estate reduction.** The following amounts are available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction for the school year beginning July 1, 2010:
 - a. **Gambling tax funds.** The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.505(b), as a property tax reduction allocation funded by gambling tax funds, the amount of \$1,133,854.34.
 - b. **Aggregate amount available.** The aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction is \$1,133,854.34.
 - 2. **Homestead/farmstead numbers.** Pursuant to Act 50, 54 Pa.C.S. § 8584(i), and Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), the County has provided the School District with a certified report listing approved homesteads and approved farmsteads as follows:
 - a. **Homestead property number.** The number of approved homesteads within the School District is 3,647.
 - b. **Farmstead property number.** The number of approved farmsteads within the School District is 51.
 - c. **Homestead/farmstead combined number.** Adding these numbers, the aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads is 3,698.
 - 3. **Real estate tax reduction calculation.** The school board has decided that the homestead exclusion amount and the farmstead exclusion amount shall be equal. Dividing the paragraph 1(b) aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax

reduction of \$1,133,854.34 by the paragraph 2(c) aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads of \$3,698 before considering the assessed value of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads having an assessed value below the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate assessed value reduction amount to be established as the homestead and farmstead exclusion amount), the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$303.61.

Based on calculations provided by the School District Business Office from the best available information and carefully evaluated by the School Board, considering the assessed value of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads having an assessed value below the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate assessed value reduction amount to be established as the homestead exclusion and the farmstead exclusion amount, an additional aggregate amount of \$6,563.61 will be available during the school year for real estate tax reduction applicable to approximately \$3,629 homesteads and farmsteads, resulting in an additional real estate tax reduction amount available for each homestead and farmstead of \$1.77 for Indiana County and \$1.76 for Westmoreland County. Adding this additional amount to the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$303.61, the final maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$308.40 for Indiana County and \$308.38 for Westmoreland County.

4. **Homestead exclusion calculation.** Dividing the paragraph 3 maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$303.61 by the School District real estate tax rate of 126.34 mills (.12634), for Indiana County and tax rate of 109.86 mills (.10986) for Westmoreland County the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a homestead exclusion for each approved homestead is \$2,427 for Indiana County and \$2,791 for Westmoreland County, and the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a farmstead exclusion for each approved farmstead is \$2,427 for Indiana County and \$2,791 for Westmoreland County.
5. **Homestead/farmstead exclusion authorization – July 1 tax bills.** The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved homestead within the School District shall reflect a homestead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the homestead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$2,427 for Indiana County and \$2,791 for Westmoreland County. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved farmstead within the School District shall reflect an additional farmstead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the farmstead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$2,427 for Indiana County and \$2,791 for Westmoreland County. For purposes of this Resolution, “approved homestead” and “approved farmstead” shall mean homesteads and farmsteads listed in the report referred to in paragraph 2 above and received by the School District from the County Assessment Office on or before May 1 pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), based on homestead/farmstead applications filed with the County Assessment Office on or before March 1. This paragraph 5 will apply to tax notices issued based on the initial tax duplicate used in issuing initial real estate tax notices for the school year, which will be issued on or promptly after July 1, and will not apply to interim real estate tax bills.

For Board Action by Roll Call Vote on Finance Items 6a through 6m.

7. Items of Business Regarding Curriculum:

Motion to approve Items of Business Regarding Curriculum 7a through 7b in accordance with provisions of the Public School Code and Series 300 of the District Policy Manual, as hereinafter described:

- a. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the administration to purchase two (2) additional READ 180 modules for Saltsburg and Blairsville campuses; modules (a) are elementary and

modules (b) are middle school (60 additional licenses) in the amount of \$52,409, from the IDEA B stimulus money received in the 2009-2010 for maintenance of effort.

- b. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the administration to purchase additional hardware necessary to support the READ 180 (computers, CD players, headsets, etc.) at a cost not to exceed \$20,000 to be paid from IDEA B stimulus money received in the 2009-2010 for maintenance of effort.

For Board Action by Roll Call Vote on Items of Business Regarding Curriculum 7a through 7b.

8. Items of Business Regarding Personnel:

Please consider a motion to approve Personnel Items 8a through 8e in accordance with provisions of the Public School Code and Series 300 of the Board Policy Manual, as hereinafter described:

- a. The Board of Directors hereby approves *Tracy Richards* as a volunteer coach to work with the Saltsburg Junior High Cheerleaders for the 2010-2011 school year.
- b. The Board of Directors hereby approves *Ashley Frassenei* as a volunteer coach to work with the Saltsburg Junior High Cheerleaders for the 2010-2011 school year; it is understood that all appropriate clearances are on file with the district.
- c. The Board of Directors hereby approves *Betty Branthoover* as a volunteer coach to work with the BSSD golf team for the 2010-2011 school year; it is understood that all appropriate clearances are on file with the district.
- d. The Board of Directors hereby approves *Marc Short* as a support staff substitute in the maintenance department with all necessary pre-employment information on file in the district office.
- e. The Board of Directors hereby approves the following supplemental contracted positions for the 2010-2011 school year:

	Name	Position
1.	Fred Popp	BMS Assistant to Principal
2.	Desiree DeMase	BHS Junior High Cheering Coach

For Board Action by Roll Call Vote on Personnel Items 8a through 8e.

9. Other Business

Please consider a motion to approve Other Business Item 9a in accordance with provisions of the Public School Code and Series 300 of the Board Policy Manual, as hereinafter described:

- a. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the administration to advertise the July 7, 2010, meeting as a buildings and grounds committee meeting to begin at 7:00 p.m. in the library of the Blairsville Middle/High School and an executive session to immediately follow with no workshop or regular voting meeting for the month of July 2010.

For Board Action by Roll Call Vote on Other Business Item 9a.

- 10. Citizens' Remarks (Non-Agenda Items)
- 11. Board Remarks
- 12. Adjournment