

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MAY 10, 2023

The regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of School Directors scheduled for 7:30 pm in the Audion of the Freeport Area High School, 625 South Pike Road, Sarver, Pennsylvania, was called to order by Mr. Adam Toncini, Board President, at 7:30 p.m.

Roll call:

Ms. Bollinger	Absent
Ms. Davies	Present
Mr. Haven	Present
Mr. Huth	Present
Dr. Prazenica	Present
Mr. Risch	Present*
Mr. Selinger	Present
Mr. Toncini	Present
Ms. Zembrzuski	Present

*Student School Board Members:*

Ava Soilis	Present
Elise Whitlinger	Present
Crystal Zembrzuski	Present
Madalin Burnheimer	Absent
Kodi Esau	Present
Anne Lindsay	Absent

Administrators present were Mr. Magness, Superintendent; Mr. Robb, Program Director; and Mr. Walker, Director of Finance and Operations. Also participating was District solicitor Mr. Matthew Hoffman.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Toncini requested a motion to add *Personnel* item 3.g. and *Athletics and Activities* item 5.f. to the agenda, as permitted under Section 712.1(c) of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act:

3.g. Action on approving the request of Employee No. 2373 for additional Unpaid Leave, subject to a Memorandum of Understanding with the Freeport Education Support Personnel Association.

5.f. Action on authorizing Administration to inform the PIAA and WPIAL of the District's intent to terminate the Girls Lacrosse cooperative agreement with Armstrong School District effective beginning with the 2024-2025 season.

\*Mr. Risch participated by audio conference call.

It was moved by Mr. Selinger, and seconded by Dr. Prazenica, to add *Personnel* item 3.g. and *Athletics and Activities* item 5.f. to the agenda, as read. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Toncini welcomed members of the public. He solicited public comment on the items on the posted agenda and the two (2) read-in items. No public comments were offered.

### Reports

1. It was moved by Dr. Prazenica, and seconded by Mr. Haven, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 12, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.
2. The Board Secretary reported that the Board met as follows since the last report to the Board at the Regular Meeting on April 12, 2023: The Board met in Executive Session on May 3, 2023, to discuss Personnel, Contracts and Negotiations, and Confidential Student Matters. The Board held a Special Meeting for general business purposes and a Committee Meeting on May 3, 2023. The Board met in Executive Session on May 10, 2023, to discuss Personnel and Confidential Student Matters.
3. Jamie Doyle, Managing Director of PFM Financial Advisors LLC, made the attached presentation to the Board at its May 3, 2023, Committee Meeting.
4. Mr. Magness congratulated the cast and crew of the High School's production of *No, No, Nanette* on the twelve nominations awarded to the production earlier that week by the Henry Mancini Musical Theater Awards. Mr. Toncini also congratulated the staff and students involved in the production.
5. Mr. Huth reported that Lenape Technical School's joint operating committee would meet the following week.
6. Dr. Prazenica reported that the Armstrong Indiana (ARIN) Intermediate Unit's annual convention in April was a success.
7. Mr. Toncini announced that the members of the Board's newly formed Building Committee would be Mr. Haven, Dr. Prazenica, and Mr. Risch.
8. Mr. Haven reported on Pennsylvania Senate Bill 647 and House Bill 141, and Governor Shapiro's proposed grants for education.
9. The Student School Board members in attendance provided their report on student activities. The Board thanked the Student School Board members for their service during the 2022-2023 school year.

Personnel

It was moved by Mr. Huth, and seconded by Mr. Haven,

- a. To accept the resignation of Carol A. Fulton, Educational Assistant, effective May 25, 2023.
- b. To approve the request of Employee No. 2139 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave.
- c. To approve the request of Employee No. 2407 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave.
- d. To approve the request of Employee No. 4019 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave.
- e. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's Athletics Programs during the 2023-2024 school year, with salaries in accordance with contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- f. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's Extracurricular Programs during the 2023-2024 school year, with salaries in accordance with contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- g. To approve the request of Employee No. 2373 for additional Unpaid Leave.

Motion carried unanimously.

Curriculum and Technology

It was moved by Mr. Haven, and seconded by Mr. Huth,

- a. To approve the purchase and adoption of the textbooks listed on the attachment and displayed in the meeting room for inspection, at a cost not to exceed \$221,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

It was moved by Dr. Prazenica, and seconded by Mr. Selinger,

- a. To approve the High School Bowling team's participation in the 2023 U.S. High School Bowling National Championships in Beavercreek, Ohio, from June 16-19, 2023, at no cost to the District.

- b. To grant pre-approval for a High School student field trip to New York City, in April 2024, as described on the attachment, at no cost to the District.
- c. To approve pay rates for officials and athletic-event workers as listed on the attachment, effective July 1, 2023.
- d. To approve the request of Thomas D. Koharchik, High School Musical Advisor, for approval of the 2023-2024 High School student productions of:
  - a fall musical: *Sister Act*
  - a spring musical: *Chicago: Teen Edition*
- e. To approve the request of Thomas D. Koharchik, Middle School Dramatics Advisor, for approval of the 2023-2024 Middle School student production of:
  - a musical: *Shrek, Jr.*
- f. To authorize Administration to inform the PIAA and WPIAL of the District's intent to terminate the Girls Lacrosse cooperative agreement with Armstrong School District effective beginning with the 2024-2025 season..

Motion carried unanimously.

### Policy

It was moved by Mr. Haven, and seconded by Mr. Huth,

- a. To approve the tentative adoption of the attached new School Board Policy No. 137.3 (Participation in Career and Technical Education Programs by Home Education Students).
- b. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 246 (School Wellness).

Motion carried unanimously.

### Other Business

It was moved by Mr. Selinger, and seconded by Mr. Haven,

- a. To approve the election of Michael J. Huth as School District Treasurer for the 2023-2024 school year, effective July 1, 2023.
- b. To appoint Madalin E. Burnheimer, Kodi E. Esau, Anne V. Lindsay, Sylvia A. Crytzer, Aven J. Heavner, and Emma G. Michelini, as Student School Board Members for the 2023-2024 school year.

- c. To approve the District's continuing membership in the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA), at a cost of \$12,711.58 for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Ms. Davies, and seconded by Dr. Prazenica,

- d. To appoint John K. Haven as the Board's Voting Delegate to the PSBA 2023 Delegate Assembly to be held on November 4, 2023.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Huth, and seconded by Mr. Haven,

- e. To approve an online survey of District students (the Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS)) as described on the attachment, to be conducted from September 4, 2023, through December 22, 2023, at no cost to the District.
- f. To approve the award of student accident insurance coverage for the 2023-2024 school year to AXIS Insurance Company, through Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., at no cost to the District.
- g. To approve the attached contract with The Watson Institute for education services to be provided to a resident student in accordance with the student's IEP during the 2022-2023 school year, effective retroactively to April 14, 2023, at a cost to the District not to exceed \$23,467.20.
- h. To approve the participation of a resident student in the Center for Autism and Developmental Disorders Conroy Summer Intensive Program described on the attachment, in accordance with the student's IEP, for seven weeks from June through August of 2023, at a cost of \$8,160 for tuition and \$5,163.60 for one-to-one aide services.
- i. To approve an agreement with Pittsburgh Behavioral Services, Inc., for educational services to be provided to a District resident student in an extended school year program in accordance with the student's IEP, for up to 12.5 hours per week (not to exceed a total of 74.5 hours) from May 26, 2023, through July 28, 2023, at an hourly rate of \$67.41.
- j. To approve the participation of a resident student in The Watson Institute/Sharpsburg Campus's extended school year program, in accordance with the student's IEP, from July 10, 2023, through July 28, 2023, at a cost of \$3,000.
- k. To approve the participation of a resident student in The Watson Institute/Sewickley Campus's extended school year program, in

accordance with the student's IEP, from July 5, 2023, through July 21, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$3,500.

- l. To approve the participation of a resident student in DePaul School for Hearing & Speech's extended school year program, in accordance with the student's IEP, from July 3, 2023, through July 27, 2023, at a cost of \$3,000.
- m. To approve the attached Agreement with MHY Family Services for extended school year educational services to be provided to resident students in accordance with the students' IEPs, from June 12, 2023, through July 28, 2023, at the daily rates of \$160 for Special Education Students and \$225 for Life Skills/Autistic Support Students.
- n. To approve an agreement with the Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children, for educational services to be provided to two District resident students in an extended school year program, in accordance with the students' IEPs, from July 10, 2023, through July 28, 2023, at a cost to the District of \$4,500.
- o. To approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding with PA Connecting Communities for extended school year transition services to be provided to District students in accordance with the students' IEPs, for a total of 24 hours from June 5, 2023, to August 18, 2023, at an hourly rate of \$75.
- p. To approve the attached Agreement with MHY Family Services for services which may be provided to District resident students under the Private Academy Program at Longmore Academy during the 2023-2024 school year, at the daily rates set forth on Attachment A to the Agreement.
- q. To approve the attached agreement with Adelphoi Education, Inc., for education services to be provided during the 2023-2024 school year, at the following daily rates: one (1) guaranteed seat reserved at a rate of \$93.98 for regular education and \$111.58 for special education and any additional seats at a rate of \$97.76 each for regular education and \$114.93 each for special education.
- r. To approve the attached Addendum to a Substitute Staff Placement Agreement with ESS Northeast, LLC, dated August 14, 2019, to extend the term of the Agreement through June 30, 2025, and to amend the Agreement Pricing Plan as provided on Exhibit A to the Addendum.
- s. To approve the attached Transportation Consortium Services Agreement with the Armstrong Indiana (ARIN) Intermediate Unit, for Consortium membership during the 2023-2024 through 2027-2028 school years, at no cost to the District.

- t. To approve the attached Applicant Participation Certification in connection with the ARIN Intermediate Unit's Education Leading to Employment and Career Training (ELECT) program application.
- u. To approve the proposed budget of the Lenape Technical School for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented on the attachment.
- v. To approve W. L. Roenigk to provide student transportation services for the summer 2023 program as listed on the attachment.
- w. To accept the attached proposal and approve the attached Agreement with GreenCore LLC for the replacement of the Maintenance Building roof at a cost of \$22,398.11.
- x. To accept the attached proposal and approve the attached Agreement with O.Z. Enterprises, LLC, for the purchase and installation of a new District-wide Niagara 4 based Johnson Controls Facility Explorer system at a cost of \$57,647 and replacement of DDC controllers at Buffalo Elementary School at a cost of \$175,918.
- y. To accept the attached proposal from Richey Athletics for the purchase, delivery, and installation of Track and Field equipment described on the proposal at a cost of \$31,588.75.
- z. To accept the attached proposal from Ferguson Heating & Air Conditioning for upgrades to two gas furnaces and two air-conditioning units at the Administration Building, including installation and warranties, at a cost of \$20,440.
- aa. To accept the attached proposal and agreement with OnHand Schools, Inc., for license to use the edInsight Data Management System and the edInsight RTI/MTSS Solution during the 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026 school years, and installation, training, and support services related thereto, at a cost of \$34,321 to be paid out of ACCESS funds.
- bb. To approve the attached contract with Scott A. Slagle, to serve as a School Police Officer, at the hourly rate of \$30.00, in accordance with the terms of the attached independent contractor agreement, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-appointment requirements.
- cc. To authorize the District solicitor to file the attached Petitions for Appointment of School Police Officer with the Court of Common Pleas of Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, and the Court of Common Pleas of Butler County, Pennsylvania.
- dd. To accept a grant in the amount of \$250 from the Alle-Kiski Chapter of Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees (PASR), to be used to

purchase supplies for the next South Buffalo Elementary School 24 Math Challenge Tournament.

- ee. To approve a disciplinary agreement with regard to Student H.
- ff. To approve a Stipulated Adjudication with regard to Student J.
- gg. To approve a Stipulated Adjudication with regard to Student K.

Motion carried unanimously.

### Finance

Mr. Walker provided a summary overview regarding the proposed final 2023-2024 general operating budget and the attached Business Managers Report.

It was moved by Dr. Prazenica, and seconded by Mr. Huth,

- a. To approve the attached April financial reports.
- b. To approve the bills for payment listed on the attachments.
- c. To approve the attached list of budgetary transfers.
- d. To accept the following estimated funds for the 2023-2024 school year: IDEA-B - \$255,000; Title I - \$193,587; Title II A - \$37,890; and Title IV - \$13,406.

Motion carried unanimously.

### Next Meetings

Mr. Toncini announced that the Board would hold a Committee Meeting on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at 7:30 pm in the High School Audion and a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 7:30 pm in the High School Audion.

### Comments from Board Members

Mr. Haven commented on the District's delinquent real estate tax accounts and efforts underway to collect those delinquent taxes and savings associated with the change in the employee health care plans with inception of the current contracts.

Ms. Davies commented on efforts to address non-resident students' unlawfully attending District schools.

### Comments from the Public

Heather Check of Buffalo Township thanked the Board for installing AEDs at the school playgrounds.



Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Selinger, and seconded by Mr. Haven, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Toncini declared the meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

/s/ Adam M. Toncini  
Board President

/s/ Mary Dobransky  
Board Secretary