

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON JUNE 16, 2022

The special 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 M. Toncini, President, at 7:44 p.m.

Roll call:

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

Administrators present were Mr. Magness, Superintendent; Mr. Robb, Program Director; and Mr. Walker, Business Manager. 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 *Other Business* items 7.b. and 7.c. to the agenda:

*7.b. Action on approving the attached proposal from PowerSchool Group LLC for license and subscription to PowerSchool Enrollment Registration and PowerSchool Student Information System (SIS) Maintenance and Support, from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2027, at a cost of \$23,880 for the first year with an annual 4% increase in the rate for each subsequent year.*

*7.c. Action on approving the attached proposal from Blackboard Inc. for license to use the Blackboard Connect mass notification service, from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2025, at an annual cost of \$5,150.*

It was moved by Mr. Selinger, and seconded by Ms. Bollinger, to add *Other Business* items 7.b. and 7.c. 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 read-in items. Brenda Golembesky, the owner of property in Buffalo Township, commented on the estimated cost of renovations to the High School.

*\*Ms. Zembrzuski participated by telephone with the permission of the Board President.*

Sylvia Maxwell of Buffalo Township commented on the District's proposed 2022-2023 budget. Susan Fuhrman of Buffalo Township commented on obtaining a referendum to change Real Estate Tax rebalance from 80/20 to 60/40. Michael Bitterice of Freeport Borough commented on the Armstrong/Butler County real estate tax disparity and the proposed High School renovations. Jim Mayuric of Buffalo Township commented on real estate taxes.

### Personnel

It was moved by Ms. Bollinger, and seconded by Mr. Selinger,

- a. To accept the attached resignation of Charles M. Shipman, Jr., Teacher, effective July 1, 2022.
- b. To accept the resignation of Cortney H. Ferguson, full time Custodian, effective August 5, 2022.
- c. To approve the employment of Cortney H. Ferguson as a part-time Cafeteria Worker, at an hourly wage rate of \$12.75, effective August 5, 2022.
- d. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's Athletics Programs during the 2022-2023 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.

Motion carried unanimously.

### Other Business (*items taken out of order*)

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

- b. To accept the attached proposal from PowerSchool Group LLC for license and subscription to PowerSchool Enrollment Registration and PowerSchool Student Information System (SIS) Maintenance and Support, from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2027, at a cost of \$23,880 for the first year with an annual 4% increase in the rate for each subsequent year.
- c. To accept the attached proposal from Blackboard Inc. for license to use the Blackboard Connect mass notification service, from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2025, at an annual cost of \$5,150.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

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

- a. To adopt the proposed Final Budget of the School District for the 2022-2023 fiscal year on form PDE 2028 as presented to the School Board as a Final Budget for the School District General Fund in the amount of \$36,167,468 (1.69% and 67.01 mills for Armstrong County and 4.5% and 164.75 mills for Butler County).

Roll call vote requested. Roll call vote:

Ms. Bollinger	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Haven	<u>No</u>
Mr. Huth	<u>Yes</u>
Dr. Prazenica	<u>No</u>
Mr. Risch	<u>No</u>
Mr. Selinger	<u>Yes</u>
Ms. Zembrzuski	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Toncini	<u>Yes</u>
Ms. Davies	<u>No</u>

Motion carried, on a vote of five (5) to four (4).

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

- b. To approve the attached Annual Tax Levy Resolution providing for the levy of taxes for school purposes for the school year beginning July 1, 2022, subject to the provisions of the Local Tax Collection Law and in accordance with the tax rates approved on Form PDE-2028.
- c. To authorize a homestead and farmstead real estate tax assessment exclusion for the school year beginning July 1, 2022, 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), in accordance with the attached resolution and the tax rates approved on Form PDE-2028.

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business (*taken out of order*)

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

- a. **TO TABLE** an item to authorize HHS DR Architects & Engineers to proceed with schematic design phase services for Phases \_\_\_\_\_ of the Freeport Area High School Renovations Project and to procure proposals for asbestos testing services, surveying services and geotechnical

engineering services to be provided at District cost, with architect's design fees as per the November 11, 2021, owner-architect agreement.

Roll call vote requested. Roll call vote:

Ms. Bollinger	<u>                    </u>	<i>No</i>
Mr. Haven	<u>                    </u>	<i>No</i>
Mr. Huth	<u>                    </u>	<i>No</i>
Dr. Prazenica	<u>                    </u>	<i>Yes</i>
Mr. Risch	<u>                    </u>	<i>Yes</i>
Mr. Selinger	<u>                    </u>	<i>No</i>
Ms. Zembrzuski	<u>                    </u>	<i>No</i>
Mr. Toncini	<u>                    </u>	<i>No</i>
Ms. Davies	<u>                    </u>	<i>No</i>

Motion *TO TABLE* item 7.a. *did not carry*, on a vote of two (2) to seven (7).

It was moved by Ms. Bollinger, and seconded by Mr. Haven,

- a. To authorize HHS DR Architects & Engineers to proceed with schematic design phase services for Phase I and Phase II of the Freeport Area High School Renovations Project and to procure proposals for asbestos testing services, surveying services and geotechnical engineering services to be provided at District cost, with architect's design fees as per the November 11, 2021, owner-architect agreement.

Roll call vote requested. Roll call vote:

Ms. Bollinger	<u>                    </u>	<i>Yes</i>
Mr. Haven	<u>                    </u>	<i>Yes</i>
Mr. Huth	<u>                    </u>	<i>Yes</i>
Dr. Prazenica	<u>                    </u>	<i>No</i>
Mr. Risch	<u>                    </u>	<i>No</i>
Mr. Selinger	<u>                    </u>	<i>Yes</i>
Ms. Zembrzuski	<u>                    </u>	<i>Yes</i>
Mr. Toncini	<u>                    </u>	<i>Yes</i>
Ms. Davies	<u>                    </u>	<i>Yes</i>

Motion carried, on a vote of seven (7) to two (2).

#### Next Meetings

Mr. Toncini announced that the Board would hold its next Committee Meeting on Thursday, August 4, 2022, at 7:30 pm, and its next Regular Meeting on Thursday, August 11, 2022, at 7:30 pm.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Bollinger, and seconded by Ms. Davies, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

/s/ Adam M. Toncini

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President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

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Board Secretary