

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 16, 2021

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 M. Toncini, President, at 7:43 p.m.

Roll call:

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

Student School Board member Mr. Hower attended the meeting.

Administrators participating were Mr. Magness, Superintendent; and Mr. Walker, Business Manager. Also participating was District solicitor Mr. Daniel Conlon.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Toncini welcomed members of the public. He solicited public comment on the items on the posted agenda. No public comments were offered.

Reports

1. It was moved by Mr. Selinger, and seconded by Mr. Haven, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 11, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Ms. Dobransky reported that the Board met as follows since her last report to the Board at the Regular Meeting on November 11, 2021: The Board met in Executive Session on December 9, 2021, to discuss Safety and Security, Personnel, Contracts and Negotiations, Legal Matters, and Confidential Student Matters. The Board held an Organization/Regular Meeting followed by a Committee Meeting on December 9, 2021. The Board met in Executive Session on December 16, 2021, to discuss Safety and Security, Contracts and Negotiations, and Confidential Student Matters.
3. Kelly Valmassoni, Regional Manager, Nutrition Group, provided a report on the school nutrition program operations for the school year to date.

4. Mr. Robb noted that he would provide a report to the Board in January 2022 with an update on Act 158 and an overview of the Keystones assessments.
5. In his President's report, Mr. Toncini requested that parents be diligent in keeping any students exhibiting signs of illness at home and not send any sick students to school.
6. Mr. Toncini reported that Lenape Technical School's Joint Operating Committee was currently holding its organization meeting and that Mr. Huth was attending that meeting as one of the District's board representatives.
7. Mr. Selinger reported for the Athletics Committee that the winter sports season had started.
8. Ms. Bollinger provided her Legislative Report to the members as provided on the attachment.
9. Ms. Bollinger reported that the Freeport Area School District Foundation had received an Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program contribution from NextTier Bank in the amount of \$20,000 and that classroom grant applications will be sent out in January 2022.
10. Student School Board member Michael Hower presented his report on student events and activities.

Personnel

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

- a. To accept the attached resignation from Emily J. Hough, School Counselor, effective as of a date to be determined.
- b. To approve the attached request from Heidi K. Bringenberg, LPN, School Nurse Assistant, to transition to part time employment, at an hourly rate of \$17.40, effective December 6, 2021.
- c. To approve the employment of Jennifer L. Acierno, RN, as a part-time School Nurse Assistant, at an hourly rate of \$24.00, effective December 17, 2021.
- d. To approve the attached Memorandum of Agreement with the Freeport Education Association (FEA) amending the terms of Appendix G (Health Insurance Buyout Agreement) of FEA's Collective Bargaining Agreement with the District dated August 12, 2021.
- e. To approve the attached Memorandum of Agreement with the Freeport Education Support Professionals Association (FESPA) amending the terms

of Appendix E (Health Insurance Buyout Agreement) of FESPA's Collective Bargaining Agreement with the District dated September 9, 2021.

- f. To re-approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding with Freeport Education Association-PSEA-NEA and Renee M. Bogan, to provide for her appointment as Interim Assistant Principal/Dean of Students at the Freeport Area Elementary Schools for the second semester of the 2021-2022 school year.
- g. To approve the employment of Megan A. Lewandroski as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher for the second semester of the 2021-2022 school year, effective January 15, 2022, at the annual salary of \$44,000, prorated for days worked, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- h. To approve the attached revised list of bus drivers for the 2021-2022 school year as recommended by the State Auditors.

Motion carried unanimously.

Curriculum and Technology

It was moved by Ms. Bollinger, and seconded by Ms. Davies,

- a. To approve the request of Stacie Isenberg, Instructional Technology Specialist, to attend the following conference: Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo & Conference (PETE&C) in Hershey, Pennsylvania, on February 6-9, 2022, at a cost to the District of \$650.00.

The Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To approve the adoption of the attached revised Phased School Reopening Health and Safety Plan effective December 20, 2021, and authorization for submission and posting by Administration, as mandated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

The Motion carried unanimously.

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

- b. To accept the attached proposal from Andrew M. Smith, dba Hooch Excavation, for snow removal services to be provided during the 2021-2022 school year, for the fees listed on the proposal.

- c. To accept the attached proposal from Mailki Mechanical Snow & Ice Management, for snow removal services to be provided during the 2021-2022 school year, for the fees listed on the proposal.
- d. To approve the District's 2021-2022 membership in the ABC CREATE (Alle-Kiski Best Practices Collaborative Community Robotics Education and Technology Empowerment) Program, at a cost of \$2,500 to be paid out of grant funding.
- e. To approve the renewal of the District's annual membership in the Alle-Kiski Strong Chamber for 2022, at a cost of \$250.
- f. To accept an Innovative Classroom Grant from the PPG Foundation in the amount of \$2,500 for improvements and upgrades to the Buffalo Elementary School Makerspace equipment and supplies.
- g. To accept the DonorsChoose.org donation for the Buffalo Elementary School Project: "Fidgets for our Treasure Chest" described on the attachment (Total Project Cost \$341.57).

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

Mr. Walker presented his Business Manager's report to the Board.

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

- a. To approve the attached November financial reports.
- b. To approve the bills for payment listed on the attachments.
- c. To approve the attached list of budgetary transfers.
- d. To approve the opening of a General Fund account and a Capital Projects Fund account with the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) as provided on the attachment.
- e. To approve the opening of a preferred checking account with NexTier Bank as provided on the attachment.
- f. To authorize Administration to enter into joint purchasing agreements with other school districts or intermediate units in Pennsylvania for purchases for the 2022-2023 school year and on approving the attached resolution authorizing Administration to enter into the Allegheny Intermediate Unit's joint purchasing program.

- g. To approve the attached Accelerated Budget Opt-Out Resolution Certifying Tax Rate Within Inflation Index (and No Need to Comply with Act 1 Accelerated Budget Procedures) for the 2022-2023 School Year.

Motion carried unanimously, with the exception of Finance item (g), which passed on a vote of seven (7) to one (1), with Mr. Haven voting *No* on item (g).

Next Meetings

Mr. Toncini announced that the Board would hold its next Regular Meeting on Thursday, January 13, 2022, at 7:30 pm.

Comments from the Board Members

Dr. Prazenica suggested that the Board should hold a working session to discuss the District's 2022-2023 budget.

Ms. Bollinger thanked all of the District's teachers for their hard work during the current school year.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Risch, and seconded by Mr. Selinger, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

/s/ Adam M. Toncini

President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

Secretary