

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 13, 2020

The regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of School Directors scheduled for 7:30 pm in the Auditorium of the Freeport Area High School was called to order by Mr. John K. Haven, President, at 7:40 p.m.

Roll call:

Ms. Bollinger	Present
Ms. Davies	Present
Mr. Haven	Present
Mr. Hill	Present
Mr. Huth	Absent
Mr. Lucovich	Present
Dr. Prazenica	Absent*
Mr. Selinger	Present
Mr. Toncini	Present

Also present were student school board members Sophia Hower and Paige Semanko and District solicitor Mr. Matthew Hoffman.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### Reports

1. It was moved by Mr. Hill, and seconded by Ms. Bollinger, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 9, 2020. 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 January 9, 2020: The Negotiations Committee met on January 23, 2020. The Board met in Executive Session on February 6, 2020, to discuss Personnel Matters. The Board held its Committee Meeting on February 6, 2020. The Negotiations Committee met on February 10, 2020. The Board met in Executive Session on February 13, 2020, to discuss Personnel, Legal Matters, and Confidential Student Matters.

*Dr. Prazenica joined the meeting telephonically, at 7:43 p.m.*

3. Clem Rosenberger, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Lara Wozniak, Vice President – Preferred Corporate Services, from NextTier Bank N.A., presented representatives of the Freeport Area School District Foundation with a donation check in the amount of \$20,000.
4. Mr. Manzer, Business Manager, had provided his Five-Year Forecast report to the Board at its Committee Meeting on February 6, 2020.

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5. Mr. Robb, Program Director, had provided his report on new high school graduation requirements to the Board at its Committee Meeting on February 6, 2020.
6. Mr. Magness referred the Directors to Administration's report provided as an agenda attachment. He highlighted information in the report regarding the 0.6% increase in Education spending in the Governor's proposed budget.
7. Mr. Lucovich referred the Directors to the Lenape Technical School board's meeting agenda and meeting minutes provided in the attachment.
8. Dr. Prazenica reported that the Armstrong-Indiana Intermediate Unit (ARIN) board would meet later in the month.
9. Ms. Bollinger presented her report on legislative matters, as provided on the attachment.
10. Student school board members Sophia Hower and Paige Semanko presented their report on student activities and concerns.

#### Visitor Comments

Nancy Heider of Buffalo Township and Stacey Parker of Buffalo Township commented on agenda Item 7.i. (2019-2020 District calendar) and asked that the Board consider moving the date of graduation to a Friday.

#### Personnel

It was moved by Mr. Lucovich, and seconded by Mr. Hill,

- a. To accept the resignation of Grey H. Walker, full time Custodian, effective February 19, 2020.
- b. To approve a request from Employee No. 3938 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave.
- c. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's Athletics Programs during the 2019-2020 school year, with salaries in accordance with contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board.
- d. To approve the attached list of bus drivers for the 2019-2020 school year as recommended by the State Auditors.

Motion carried unanimously.

Curriculum and Technology

It was moved by Mr. Lucovich, and seconded by Mr. Hill,

- a. To approve the request of Thomas D. Koharchik, Choral Director, for approval of an overnight conference: the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) All State Conference, to be held in Pocono Summit, Pennsylvania, on April 22-24, 2020, at a cost to the District of \$1,229, including the cost of one substitute teacher for two and one-half days (\$250).
- b. To approve the requests of Donald W. Dell, Jr., and Richard A. Burns, Special Services Coordinator, for approval of an overnight conference: the Pennsylvania Department of Education Bureau of Special Education Annual Conference, to be held in Hershey, Pennsylvania, on March 9-11, 2020, at a cost to the District of \$1,580.80.
- c. To approve the request of Ian M. Magness, Superintendent, for approval to attend the Pennsylvania Department of Education Career Ready PA Coalition Kick-off, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on April 30, 2020, at a cost to the District of approximately \$500.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

It was moved by Mr. Hill, and seconded by Mr. Toncini,

- a. To approve the request of Thomas D. Koharchik, Choral Director, and four High School students for approval of an overnight field trip to attend the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Region II Chorus Festival in Corry, Pennsylvania, on February 27-28, 2020, at a cost to the District of \$904, including the cost of one substitute teacher for two days (\$200).
- b. To approve the request of Charles M. Shipman, Jr., Band Director, and five High School students for approval of an overnight field trip to attend the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 3 Jazz Festival in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, on March 6-7, 2020, at a cost to the District of \$605, including the cost of one substitute teacher for one day (\$100).

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy

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

- a. To adopt attached revised School Board Policy No. 233 (Suspension and Expulsion).
- b. To adopt attached revised School Board Policy No. 626 (Federal Fiscal Compliance).
- c. To tentatively adopt attached new School Board Policy No. 702.2 (Memorials).

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To retain the firm of Mark C. Turnley, CPA, as school district auditors for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2020; June 30, 2021; and June 30, 2022, at an annual rate of \$13,000 for each fiscal year audited (no increase from prior years).
- b. To approve the District's continuing participation in ARIN's Pregnant and Parenting Teens Program, at an estimated cost of \$900 in matching funds.
- c. To approve the following capital improvement projects:
  - (1) Buffalo Elementary School: replace brick with stone caps at student entrances at a cost of approximately \$15,000
  - (2) Buffalo Elementary School: replace carpet in pod areas at a cost of approximately \$15,000
  - (3) Buffalo Elementary School: upgrade automated HVAC controls and trunk at a cost of approximately \$25,000
  - (4) District: replace utility tractor/loader at a cost of approximately \$30,000
  - (5) Maintenance Building: replace asphalt shingles at a cost of approximately \$22,000
  - (6) High School: install air conditioning in Fab Lab area at a cost of approximately \$12,000
  - (7) High School: replace 10 science wing doors at a cost of approximately \$10,000

(8) High School: upgrades to band wing at a cost of approximately \$28,000

(9) High School: upgrades to library at a cost of approximately \$92,000

- d. To accept a \$2,000 Community Drug Abuse Prevention Grant from the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, with funds to be used for programs conducted at the Freeport Area Middle School.
- e. To accept \$7,068.33 from the South Buffalo Elementary School PTO, with the funds to be used to purchase 30 Chromebooks, management licenses, and a charging cart for use at South Buffalo Elementary School.
- f. To accept a donation from Ceratizit USA, Inc., of tooling supplies valued at \$5,316 to the Freeport Area High School.
- g. To accept the DonorsChoose.org donation for the Buffalo Elementary School Project: "Help My Students Fight Fidgeting with Flexible Seating Options!" described on the attachment (Project Cost \$785.18).
- h. To accept the DonorsChoose.org donations for the Buffalo Elementary School Projects: "Novel Study" and Novel Study Part 2" described on the attachment (Total Project Cost \$561.81).
- i. To approve the proposed revised 2019-2020 District Calendar, as presented on the attachment.
- j. To accept the request from Kaufman Safe & Secure Protective Services, LLC, to terminate its contract with the District, effective February 11, 2020.

Motion *did not carry* on a vote of zero (0) to eight (8), with all members present voting *No*.

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Motion carried unanimously.

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- c. To authorize Administration to seek quotes or bids for the following capital improvement projects:
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Motion carried unanimously.

### Finance

Ryan Manzer, Business Manager, referred the members to his attached report.

It was moved by Mr. Toncini, and seconded by Mr. Hill,

- a. To approve the attached January financial reports.
- b. To approve the bills for payment listed on the attachment.
- c. To approve the attached list of budgetary transfers.
- d. To authorize Administration to work with PFM Financial Advisors LLC, as Financial Advisor, Dinsmore & Shohl LLP as Bond Counsel, and the District Solicitor in conjunction with the issuance of the District's General Obligation Bonds Series of 2020, the proceeds of which will be used towards the refunding of the District's existing Series of 2015 Bonds via competitive internet auction with a minimum net savings target of \$100,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

### Next Meetings

Mr. Haven announced that the Board would hold its next Committee Meeting on Thursday, March 5, 2020, and its next Regular Meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2020, at 7:30 p.m., at the Freeport Area High School.

### Comments from Board Members

Mr. Lucovich reminded the members that support for candidates for public office should be based on the candidate's position on the elimination of property taxes.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Toncini, and seconded by Mr. Hill, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

/s/ John K. Haven

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President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

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Secretary