

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 11, 2016

The regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of Directors was called to order by Mr. Daniel P. Lucovich, President, at 7:44 p.m.

Roll call:

Ms. Bollinger	Present
Mr. Borrelli	Present
Ms. Davies	Absent
Mr. Gaiser	Absent
Mr. Huth	Present
Mr. Lucovich	Present
Dr. Marty	Present
Dr. Prazenica	Absent
Ms. Toy-Gaydos	Present

Also present were student board members Audrey S. Dougherty and K. Derek Jones, and Mr. Wolfe, solicitor.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Reports

1. It was moved by Ms. Toy-Gaydos, and seconded by Ms. Bollinger, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 14, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Ms. Dobransky reported that the Board met as follows since her last Secretary's report to the Board at the Regular Meeting held on January 14, 2016: The Board met in Executive Session on February 4, 2016, to discuss personnel, contracts and negotiations, and confidential student matters. The Board held its Committee Meeting on February 4, 2016. The Board met in Executive Session on February 11, 2016, to discuss personnel and contracts and negotiations.
3. Mr. Magness referred the members to the Administration reports attached to the agenda. He noted that the Governor had given an address on February 10, 2016 followed by a conference call conducted by the Pennsylvania Department of Education Secretary. Mr. Magness commended Mr. Robb for his efforts to establish relationships with area universities for the benefit of the District's students. Mr. Magness referred the members to the Athletics Complex Project Update materials attached to the agenda and noted for their information that several Middle School Project change orders were on that day's agenda for approval with more to come as the project comes to its conclusion.

4. Mr. Magness and Mr. Manzer had provided the members with an update on the Softball/Baseball Project at the Board's February 4, 2016 Committee Meeting.
5. Kellie Patterson of Nutrition, Inc. had provided the members with an update on the District's School Nutrition Program at the Board's February 4, 2016 Committee Meeting.
6. Mr. Lucovich reported at the Board's Committee meeting on February 4, 2016 that Lenape's board would meet in two weeks. He noted that Lenape's Administrative Director, Dawn Kocher-Taylor, has indicated that she would like to retire. Mr. Lucovich told the members at the February 4 meeting that he would provide them with more information at a later meeting. At the Regular Meeting on February 11, 2016, Mr. Lucovich reported that Lenape would need to replace the Vocational-Technical School's roof in the near future, at an estimated cost of \$320,000.
7. Ms. Bollinger reported that Governor Wolf's proposed increase of both basic and special education funding focuses on accountability for schools and charter schools.

Dr. Prazenica joined the meeting at 7:52 pm.

8. Student School Board members Audrey S. Dougherty and K. Derek Jones provided the members with their reports of student activities in the District.

Personnel

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

- a. To approve the request of Julie M. Domhoff, part-time cafeteria worker, for uncompensated Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave beginning on January 25, 2016.
- b. To approve the request of Peggie L. Grenda, Head Cook, for uncompensated Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave beginning on a date to be determined in February or March 2016.
- c. To grant professional status for the 2015-2016 school year to Alyssa A. Cadamore, who has met the requirements for tenure as outlined in the Pennsylvania School Code.
- d. To approve the volunteer coaches listed on the attachment for the 2015-2016 sports season, at no cost to the District.
- e. To employ the personnel listed on the attachment for the District's extracurricular programs during the 2015-2016 school year, according to contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board.

- f. To approve the requests from the building principals to approve the volunteer sponsors listed on the attachment for the 2015-2016 school year, at no cost to the District.

Motion carried unanimously, with the exception of item (c), with Ms. Toy-Gaydos voting *No* on item (c).

Curriculum and Technology

It was moved by Mr. Borrelli, and seconded by Dr. Marty,

- a. To adopt the changes described on the attachment to the High School Program of Studies, for the 2016-2017 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Ms. Toy-Gaydos, and seconded by Mr. Borrelli, *to table item (b)*, which read as follows:

- b. To approve the request from Thomas D. Koharchik and Robert W. Harris, III, Teachers, for approval to attend the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Annual Conference to be held in Hershey, Pennsylvania, on March 31-April 2, 2016, at a cost to the District of approximately \$2,100, including the cost of two substitute teachers for two (2) days.

Motion to table item (b) carried unanimously.

It was moved by Ms. Toy-Gaydos, and seconded by Mr. Huth,

- c. To approve the District's entering into the attached College in the High School Agreement with Westmoreland County Community College, with a term beginning on August 1, 2015 and ending on July 31, 2017.
- d. To authorize administration to proceed with the agreement for College in High School Programming with Seton Hill University.
- e. To authorize administration to proceed with the agreement for College in High School Programming with University of Pittsburgh.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

It was moved by Ms. Bollinger, and seconded by Ms. Toy-Gaydos,

- a. To grant the request of Dana S. Roach, Teacher, and seven (7) High School students for approval of an overnight field trip to attend the 2016 DECA State Career Development Conference in Hershey, PA, on March

1-3, 2016, at no cost to the District other than the cost of one substitute teacher for three (3) days (\$270).

- b. To grant the request of Thomas D. Koharchik, Middle School/High School Choral Director, for approval of an overnight field trip to attend the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Region II Chorus Festival in Erie, Pennsylvania, with approximately four (4) High School students to be named later, on March 17-19, 2016, at a cost to the District of \$539, including the cost of a substitute teacher for two (2) days.
- c. To grant the request of Heather R. Fortuna, Teacher, three (3) additional Staff members, and 40 Art students for approval of an overnight field trip to New York, NY, on April 8-11, 2016, at no cost to the District other than the cost of four (4) substitute teachers for two (2) days (\$720).

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- d. To grant the request of Thomas D. Koharchik, Middle School/High School Choral Director, that the District grant permission to Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) to hold its 2017 Region II Chorus Festival at the Freeport Area Middle School, on February 23-25, 2017, at no cost to the District.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

Mr. Manzer provided the members with a brief overview of the Financial Reports and Payments lists.

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

- a. To approve the attached January financial reports.
- b. To approve bills for payment listed on the attachment.
- c. To approve the proposed budgetary transfers listed on the attachment.
- d. To establish Michael J. Huth, Daniel P. Lucovich and Mary Dobransky as check signers for the Freeport Area School District Food Service Fund checking and money market account.

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To approve a revised management contract with Nutrition, Inc., d/b/a The Nutrition Group, for school nutrition program management services to be provided during the 2015-2016 school year, for the guaranteed school nutrition program loss of \$23,142.08, renewable by mutual agreement for up to four (4) additional one (1) year periods.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Huth, and seconded by Ms. Toy-Gaydos,

- b. To approve the attached Addendum to Agreement of Sale dated July 21, 2015 for the sale of the real estate property formerly known as the Freeport Area Junior High School and the Freeport Area Kindergarten Center to Ronald Mailki.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- c. To authorize Bronder Technical Services, Inc. to proceed with modifications to the New Athletic Stadium scoreboard to incorporate a "truss" configuration at the top panel, in the amount of \$7,953.75.

Motion did *not* carry, with all seven (7) members voting *No*.

It was moved by Mr. Borrelli, and seconded by Dr. Marty,

- d. To award a contract for partial roof replacement projects at Buffalo Elementary School and South Buffalo Elementary School to Miller-Thomas-Gyekis, Inc., in an amount to be paid from the Capital Projects fund calculated as follows:

Base Bid	\$663,731
Plus Alternate 1:	<u>\$12,600</u>
Total Contract Award:	<u>\$676,331</u>

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Dr. Marty, and seconded by Ms. Bollinger,

- e. To approve the attached Change Order No. GC-5 to the Freeport Area Middle School Project General Construction Agreement with Massaro Corporation dated June 5, 2014, at a decreased cost in the contract sum of \$2,991.

- f. To approve the attached Change Order No. GC-6 to the Freeport Area Middle School Project General Construction Agreement with Massaro Corporation dated June 5, 2014, at an increased cost in the contract sum of \$5,040.
- g. To approve the attached Change Order No. GC-7 to the Freeport Area Middle School Project General Construction Agreement with Massaro Corporation dated June 5, 2014, at an increased cost in the contract sum of \$5,040.
- h. To approve the attached Change Order No. GC-8 to the Freeport Area Middle School Project General Construction Agreement with Massaro Corporation dated June 5, 2014, at a decreased cost in the contract sum of \$1,077.
- i. To approve the attached Change Order No. GC-9 to the Freeport Area Middle School Project General Construction Agreement with Massaro Corporation dated June 5, 2014, at an increased cost in the contract sum of \$1,341.
- j. To approve the attached Change Order No. GC-10 to the Freeport Area Middle School Project General Construction Agreement with Massaro Corporation dated June 5, 2014, at a decreased cost in the contract sum of \$203,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Ms. Toy-Gaydos, and seconded by Mr. Huth,

- k. To authorize DiMarco Construction Company, Inc. to proceed with elimination of the "Memorial Wall" of the Freeport Area Athletics Complex Project, in the credit amount \$7,020.36.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Borrelli, and seconded by Ms. Toy-Gaydos,

- l. To authorize the District's continuing participation in ARIN's Pregnant and Parenting Teens Program, at an estimated cost of \$900 in matching funds.
- m. To approve the stipulated adjudication of Student A, as recommended by Administration.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

Mr. Lucovich announced that the Board would hold its next Committee Meeting on Thursday, March 3, 2016, at 7:30 pm, and its next Regular Meeting on Thursday, March 10, 2016, at 7:30 pm, at the Freeport Area High School.

Comments from Visitors

James Swartz of Freeport Borough requested information about the District's school nutrition plan. Mr. Manzer, the District's business manager, responded that he would provide Mr. Swartz with the requested information following the meeting. Mr. Magness answered additional questions from Mr. Swartz about the District's school delay/school closing procedures.

Sally Dougherty of Buffalo Township commented on scheduling of regular and advanced placement courses at the High School and on the District's graduation requirements.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Dr. Marty, and seconded by Dr. Prazenica, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

/s/ Daniel P. Lucovich

President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

Secretary