

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 8, 2015

The regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of Directors was called to order by Mr. Daniel P. Lucovich, President, at 7:41 p.m.

Roll call:

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

Student Board Members:

Audrey Clawson	Present
Benjamin Goldinger	Present

Also present was Mr. Wolfe, solicitor.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Reports

1. It was moved by Mr. Shoaf, and seconded by Mr. Gaiser, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 11, 2015. 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 March 11, 2015: The members of the Athletics Committee of the Board met on March 18, 2015, to discuss facilities use, fall 2015 athletic field needs, volunteer coaches, posting of athletic positions, and winter sports overview. The members of the Negotiation Committee of the Board met with representatives from the Freeport Education Association on March 23, 2015 for a negotiating session. The Board met for an informational session regarding Personnel items on March 30, 2015. The Board met in Executive Session on April 1, 2015, to discuss personnel, contracts and negotiations, and legal issues. The members of the Negotiation Committee of the Board met with representatives from the Freeport Education Association on April 6, 2015 for a negotiating session. On April 8, 2015, the Board met for an informational session regarding the Capital Improvements Plan and then moved

to Executive Session to discuss personnel, contracts and negotiations, and legal issues.

3. Mr. Robb reported on the status of the drafting of the District's 2015-2016 calendar. He noted that the first day of school for students will be Tuesday, September 8, 2015, and the last day of school for students will be Friday, June 10, 2016.
4. Mr. DeVivo referred the members to Administration's attached report.
5. Mr. Lucovich reported that the Senior High School's Spring Musical was a success and congratulated several student athletes on their recent accomplishments.
6. Mr. Borrelli recognized Freeport Area Senior High School student Noah Bowser for his acceptance to the 2015 Carnegie Mellon University Governor's School. Mr. Borrelli also recognized several students in the audience who had participated in the regional Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science competition and who would be advancing to the state competition. On behalf of District Administration, Mr. DeVivo thanked teacher Donald Orlowski for his efforts in support of the District's Science programs.
7. Dennis Russo, of Rucon, Inc., had previously provided the members with an update on the status of the Freeport Area Middle School Project, during the Board's Committee Meeting held on April 1, 2015.
8. Dr. Prazenica reported that ARIN's Annual School Directors Convention would be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2015.
9. Dr. Marty had reported during the Board's Committee Meeting on April 1, 2015 that Lenape Vocational Technical School had implemented a cooperative program with Butler County Community College.
10. Dr. Prazenica had called the Board's attention to the Pennsylvania School Board Association's Advocacy Forum to be held on April 19-20, 2015, during the Board's Committee Meeting on April 1, 2015. At the Regular Meeting on April 8, 2015, Dr. Prazenica again noted the date of the Advocacy Forum and encouraged the members to take part and reported that he could not participate himself in this year's Forum.
11. Mr. Lucovich referred the members to the Secretary's report for a report on the activities of the Board Committees.
12. Benjamin Goldinger and Audrey Clawson, student Board members, reported on school activities as per the attached reports.

Personnel

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

- a. To accept the resignation of Marjorie L. Swartz, Head Cook, effective June 8, 2015.
- b. To accept the resignation of Albert D. Smith, Jr., Teacher, effective June 9, 2015.
- c. To accept the resignation of Michael L. Lewandroski, Teacher, effective June 8, 2015.
- d. To accept the resignation of Darlene P. Zubal, Food Service Worker, effective March 31, 2015.
- e. To accept the resignation of Todd P. O'Shell, School and Student Events Coordinator, effective June 30, 2015.
- f. To approve the reappointment of Christopher M. DeVivo as Superintendent of Freeport Area School District for a five (5) year term commencing on July 1, 2015 and ending on June 30, 2020, at an initial annual salary of \$149,000, as set forth on the attached agreement.
- g. To approve the requests from the District Athletic Director and Head Baseball Coach to appoint the volunteer coaches listed on the attachment for the 2014-2015 sports season, at no cost to the District.
- h. To approve the employment of the personnel listed on the attachment for the District's athletics programs during the 2015-2016 school year, according to contracted terms of remuneration to be determined and approved by the Board.

Motion carried unanimously, with the exception of item (h), on which Mr. Borrelli voted *No*.

Curriculum and Technology

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

- a. To approve the adoption of the attached Program of Study for the Freeport Area Middle School for the 2015-2016 school year.
- b. To approve the request from Larry P. Robb, Jr., Program Director, and Jeffrey S. Lesko, Principal, to attend the Pennsylvania Association of Federal Program Coordinators (PAFPC) Annual Conference to be held in Champion, Pennsylvania, from May 3-6, 2015, at an estimated cost of \$2,800.00 to be taken from Title I funds.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

It was moved by Mr. Shoaf, and seconded by Ms. Davies,

- a. To approve the request of John J. Beneigh, Teacher, for approval of the 2015 Senior Class Trip to Washington, DC, on April 11-13, 2015, with the participation of 57 Senior High School students and five (5) staff members, at no cost to the District other than the cost of four (4) substitute staff members for one (1) day (\$313.50).
- b. To approve the request of Donald L. Orlowski, Teacher, and 36 Junior High School and Senior High School students for approval to attend the State Competition of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) at Penn State University, University Park, Pennsylvania, on May 17-19, 2015, at a cost to the District of \$342.50, including the cost of one (1) substitute teacher for two (2) days.
- c. To approve the request from the Freeport Boys' Basketball Boosters to use the playground facilities and school gymnasiums for the 2015-2016 school year in order to sponsor a Community Recreation Basketball Program, to organize a fourth through sixth grade traveling team and to organize an elementary school program provided there is equal opportunity for girls to participate in compliance with federal and state laws, in accordance with the guidelines established by the administration.
- d. To approve the request from the Freeport Girls' Basketball Boosters to use the playground facilities and school gymnasiums for the 2015-2016 school year in order to sponsor a Community Recreation Basketball Program and to use the senior high gymnasium on Saturday nights from December 2015 to February 2016, for a seventh and eighth grade Girls' Winter Basketball Program and to organize an elementary school program provided there is equal opportunity for boys to participate in compliance with federal and state laws in accordance with the guidelines established by the administration.
- e. To approve the request from the Freeport Volleyball Boosters to use the school facilities in order to sponsor a camp for one week in June 2015 and various other days during the summer of 2015 for weight training and open gym, to conduct an open gym from February to April 2016 one (1) night per week, to sponsor a fifth and sixth grade camp in February 2016, to hold a three-day seventh/eighth grade volleyball camp in March 2016 at the South Buffalo Elementary gym provided there is equal opportunity for boys to participate in compliance with federal and state laws and to conduct volleyball tournaments on September 12, 2015 (junior varsity) and

September 19, 2015 (varsity), in accordance with the guidelines established by the administration.

- f. To approve the request from the Freeport Soccer Boosters to use the soccer facilities in order to sponsor a boys and girls camp in July/August 2015 in accordance with the guidelines established by the administration.
- g. To approve the request from the Freeport Softball Boosters to use the Buffalo Elementary softball field and senior high school auxiliary gym when available in order to sponsor a fall softball team from August 2015 through October 2015 provided there is equal opportunity for boys to participate in compliance with federal and state laws, in accordance with the guidelines established by the administration.
- h. To approve the request from the Freeport Football Boosters to use school facilities in order to sponsor a football skills camp in June 2015, provided there is equal opportunity for girls to participate in compliance with federal and state laws, and in accordance with the guidelines established by the administration.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

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

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

- a. To approve the attached March financial reports.
- b. To approve bills for payment listed on the attachment.
- c. To approve the attached budgetary transfers.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Dr. Marty, and seconded by Mr. Borrelli, to *table* agenda item 6.d.:

- d. *To approve the transfer of funds of the Louis V. and Joyce S. Slivan Memorial Scholarship from the District's private purpose trust fund to the Freeport Area School District Foundation, with all scholarship requirements and administration will remain unchanged.*

Motion to *table* agenda item 6.d. carried unanimously.

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

- e. To approve Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. as the District's insurance broker of record.

Motion carried on a vote of seven (7) to one (1), with Mr. Huth voting *No* and Mr. Borrelli abstaining.

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

- f. To approve the addition of the time management module to the District's financial software provided by Harris School Solutions, at an initial cost of \$7,600, per the attached proposal.
- g. To approve the addition of the employee web portal and document center modules to the District's financial software provided by Harris School Solutions, at an initial cost of \$10,100, per the attached proposal.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- h. To approve the attached 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 profit of \$15,718, renewable by mutual agreement for up to four (4) additional one (1) year periods, and subject to the approval of the District Solicitor.

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy

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

- a. To approve the tentative adoption of the attached School District Policies - Section 100 (PROGRAMS).

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To approve the attached Electric Service Agreement with West Penn Power Company for electric service to the Freeport Area Middle School for a five (5) year term beginning on the date service is first made available, in accordance with West Penn Power Company's Rate Schedule 30, and a Contribution in Aid of Construction in the amount of \$46,850.80.
- b. To approve the attached Right of Way Agreement granting a fifteen (15) foot wide easement to West Penn Power Company to provide electric service to the Freeport Area Middle School.

- c. To approve the attached Offsite Roadway and Traffic Improvement Installation Agreement dated March 25, 2015 allocating the rights and responsibilities between the District and Buffalo Township for any costs associated with the SR 0356 Highway Improvements Freeport Area School Campus Expansion Project.
- d. To approve the District's entering into the attached Addendum to October 8, 2014 Contract for Regional Wide Area Network, Internet and Other Related Consortium Services with ARIN Intermediate Unit 28 to allocate additional bandwidth to the District for an additional monthly cost of \$40, effective July 1, 2015.
- e. To approve the District's making a contribution to the VFW Home Association in the amount of \$2,400, to be used to help fund the Association's project described on the attachment for the relocation of the WWI monument at the Freeport Area Junior High School.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- f. To authorize Administration and HHSDR, Inc. to prepare and submit for approval to the Pennsylvania Department of Education the attached Series 2014A Plancon Part H, Project Financing, for the Freeport Area Middle School Project (POE #3708).
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Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

Mr. Lucovich announced that the Board will hold its next Committee Meeting on May 6, 2015 at 7:30 pm and its next Regular Meeting on May 13, 2015 at 7:30 pm, at the Freeport Area Senior High School.

Comments from Board Members

Comments from Visitors

Heather Check of Sarver requested more information about the school nutrition program's use of genetically modified organisms or GMOs and whether the program utilizes organic foods. Melanie Bollinger of Sarver requested information about plans for changes to portion sizes or lunch prices. Dolores Austin of Freeport called the

members' attention to the issue of overdue lunch fees, and she requested information about school nutrition program staffing.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Dr. Marty, and seconded by Mr. Gaiser, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

/s/ Daniel P. Lucovich

President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

Secretary