



## FREEPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

# *Board Happenings*

*During the Regular Meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of School Directors held on Wednesday, **June 10, 2015**, the following agenda items were approved:*

### **Personnel**

The employment of the individuals listed below as full time Teachers for the District, effective September 1, 2015, and subject to satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements:

Dana Sue Roach  
Stephanie Kay Bearden  
Danielle Irene Emings  
Rae McBryan Welling

The employment of Matthew M. Huston, Stone J. Haberstroh, and Michael C. Helman as interns with the District's information technology group, effective June 10, 2015 through August 21, 2015.

The resignation of Keith R. Crawford, full time Custodian, effective May 29, 2015.

The resignation of Robert M. Weltner, part-time Food Service Worker, effective June 8, 2015.

The employment of William L. Siegel, as Athletic Trainer for the 2015-2016 school year.

The request of Antonette A. Urik, Teacher, for uncompensated Family Medical Leave Act leave beginning on September 28, 2015 and ending on January 27, 2016.

The request of Pamela J. Powell, Full-Time Custodian, for three to six weeks of uncompensated Family Medical Leave Act leave.

The employment of Valerie J. Smith, part-time Accounting Assistant, as a full time Accounting Assistant, effective September 1, 2015.

The increase in the daily rate of compensation for substitute teachers, effective July 1, 2015.

The resignation of Paul E. Sylba, Head Basketball Coach (Girls), effective June 1, 2015.

The employment of the personnel listed below for the District's athletic programs during the 2015-2016 school year, according to contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board:

Kevin M. Hughes, Assistant Junior Varsity Football Coach  
Joseph F. Kutsch, Seventh Grade Basketball Coach (Girls)  
John Gaillot, Jr., Head Track Coach  
Robert Livrone, Assistant Track Coach  
Timothy E. Walters, Assistant Track Coach  
Linsey A. Westerman, Assistant Track Coach  
Talan C. Conjack, Assistant Track Coach  
Christopher M. Graczyk, Head Baseball Coach  
Craig M. Swiergol, Junior Varsity Baseball Coach  
Samuel O. Ross, Head Softball Coach  
Larry J. Meta, Junior Varsity Softball Coach

The employment of the personnel listed below for the District's extracurricular programs during the 2015-2016 school year, according to contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board:

Mark Ortego, Band Director Assistant (School Term)  
Mark Ortego, Band Director Assistant (Summer)  
Nina M. Fulton, High School Awards Coordinator  
Nina M. Fulton, Homecoming Advisor  
Colleen McKeag, Majorette Sponsor  
Nina M. Fulton, Mock Trial Advisor  
Samantha M. Veights, National Honor Society  
Bobbi Jo Abbott, Junior Class Sponsor  
Jamie A. Mitchell, Student Council – Middle School  
Robert W. Harris III, Choral Director – Elementary (Buffalo)  
Jennifer A. Dell, Choral Director – Elementary (South Buffalo)

### **Curriculum and Technology**

The request of David J. Coyle, Teacher, and Rachel A. Coyle, Teacher, to attend the 2015 Agriculture in the Classroom Educator's Ag Institute to be held in State College, Pennsylvania, on July 12-16, 2015.

The request of Thomas D. Koharchik, Teacher, to attend the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Summer Conference to be held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on July 14-15, 2015.

### **Athletics and Activities**

A list of student activity groups for the 2015-2016 school year.

## **Finance**

The May financial reports and a list of bills for payment.

A list of budgetary transfers.

The District's entering into joint purchasing agreements with other school districts or intermediate units in Pennsylvania for the purchase of general supplies and equipment for the 2015-2016 school year.

Authorizing the Business Manager to make final year-end 2014-2015 budgetary transfers, which will be reported to the Board for approval in September 2015, as recommended by the state auditor.

The proposal submitted by Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. to provide student accident insurance for the 2015-2016 school year.

A list of depositories for continued use.

The appointment of Drs. F.S. and D.L. DeMarco as school district dentists for the 2015-2016 school year.

The appointment of the firm of Tucker Arensberg, P.C. as school board solicitor for the 2015-2016 school year as per the firm's proposal dated May 29, 2015.

The proposal submitted by Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. for property and casualty insurance coverage for the 2015-2016 school year through Liberty Mutual Insurance.

The proposal submitted by Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. for workmen's compensation insurance coverage for the 2015-2016 school year through Highmark Casualty Insurance Company.

The Annual Tax Levy Resolution providing for the levy of taxes for school purposes for the school year beginning July 1, 2015, subject to the provisions of the Local Tax Collection Law.

The proposed Final Budget of the School District for the 2015- 2016 fiscal year on form PDE-2028 as presented to the School Board as the Final Budget for the School District General Fund.

Authorizing a homestead and farmstead real estate tax assessment exclusion for the school year beginning July 1, 2015, 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).

The student lunch price of \$2.75 for secondary students and \$2.65 for elementary students, and the student breakfast price of \$1.25 for the 2015-2016 school year.

## **Policy**

The tentative adoption of a revised District Policy No. 916 (School Volunteers).

## **Other Business**

The election of Jean Stull as the Lenape Joint Operating Committee and Armstrong County Area Vocational-Technical School Board Treasurer for a one-year term expiring on June 30, 2016.

The proposal submitted by Combustion Service & Equipment Co. to replace the boiler burners, controls, and pumps at the Freeport Area High School.

Change Orders Nos. 1-6 to the SR 0356 Highway Improvement Project Agreement with A. Folino Construction, Inc. dated March 11, 2015.

A resolution/ordinance extending the term of exemptions, deductions, abatements and credits for real property, earned income tax, net profits mercantile, and business privilege taxes within a specific geographic area in Armstrong County designated as a Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone or Keystone Opportunity Improvement Zone.

The District's entering into an Addendum to the 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, effective July 1, 2015.

Authorizing the superintendent or his designee, in accordance with District Policy No. 711, to dispose of books, furniture, equipment, supplies, or other school property that has no longer been deemed of value to the educational purpose of the District and has current value of \$100 or less, in a manner prescribed under the School Code for the 2015-2016 school year.

The closure of the Freeport Area Kindergarten Center and the Freeport Area Junior High School, effective September 8, 2015.

The proposed 2015-2016 District Calendar.

The District's entering into a tentative agreement with the Borough of Freeport for the lease of the Freeport Borough Athletic Field (James E. Swartz Sr. Memorial Field), for a term beginning on August 15, 2015 and ending on June 30, 2016.