

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 10, 2024

The regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of School Directors scheduled for 7:00 pm in the Auditorium of the Freeport Area Middle School, 629 South Pike Road, Sarver, Pennsylvania, was called to order by Mr. Gary Risch, Jr., Board President, at 7:05 p.m.

Roll call:

Ms. Davies	Present
Mr. DiGiacobbe	Absent
Mr. Haven	Present
Mr. Huth	Present
Ms. Maxwell	Present
Mr. Risch	Present
Mr. Ritter	Present
Mr. Selinger	Present
Ms. Zembrzusi	Present

Student school board members:

Madalin Burnheimer	Absent
Sylvia Crytzer	Present
Kodi Esau	Absent
Aven Heavner	Present
Anne Lindsay	Present
Emma Michelini	Present

Administrators present were Mr. Magness, Superintendent; Mr. Robb, Program Director; and Mr. Walker, Director of Finance and Operations. Also participating was District solicitor Mr. Matthew Hoffman.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Risch welcomed members of the public and asked for comments on any agenda item. No public comments were offered.

Reports

1. It was moved by Mr. Haven, and seconded by Mr. Huth, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 13, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.
2. The Board Secretary reported that the Board met as follows since the last report to the Board at the Regular Meeting on March 13, 2024: The Board met in Executive Session on April 3, 2024, to discuss Personnel and Confidential Student Matters. The Board held a Committee Meeting on April 3, 2024. The Board met in Executive Session following the April 3, 2024, Committee Meeting to discuss Personnel and Contracts and Negotiations Matters. The Board met in Executive

Session on April 10, 2024, to discuss Personnel and Contracts and Negotiations and Confidential Student Matters.

3. During the Board's April 3, 2024, Committee Meeting, Mr. Walker presented his 2024-2025 Budget Update.
4. The Student School Board Members presented their reports to the Board.

Personnel

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

- a. To accept the resignation of Mark T. Smith, part time Custodian, effective March 11, 2024.
- b. To accept the resignation of Nellie E. Black, part time Cafeteria Worker, effective May 30, 2024.
- c. To accept the retirement resignation of Cathy L. Wurmb, Custodian, effective June 30, 2024.
- d. To accept the retirement resignation of Jenie L. Gaillot, Teacher, effective June 30, 2024
- e. To accept the retirement resignation of David S. Jones, Teacher, effective June 30, 2024
- f. To approve the request of Employee No. 2353 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave.
- g. To approve the request of Employee No. 2005 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave.
- h. To approve the request of Employee No. 4166 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave.
- i. To approve the attached Memorandum of Agreement with Freeport Education Association regarding the scheduling of a 2024-2025 clerical day.
- j. To approve the attached Memorandum of Agreement with Freeport Education Association regarding the scheduling of 2024-2025 parent-teacher conference days.
- k. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's 2023-2024 Athletics Programs, with salaries in accordance with contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board

and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

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- m. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's 2024-2025 Extracurricular Programs, with salaries in accordance with contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

Curriculum and Technology

It was moved by Mr. Haven, and seconded by Ms. Maxwell,

- a. To approve the purchase and adoption of the textbooks listed on the attachment and displayed in the meeting room for inspection, at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.

- b. To approve the purchase and adoption of the textbooks listed on the attachment and displayed in the meeting room for inspection, at a cost not to exceed \$75,000.

- c. To approve the purchase and adoption of the textbooks listed on the attachment and displayed in the meeting room for inspection, at a cost not to exceed \$34,000.

- d. To approve the EBSCO K-12/Academic, and eBook subscriptions listed on the attached proposal, from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027, at a cost of \$9,000.

- e. To approve the attached College in High School Dual Credit Agreement with Seton Hill University for a dual credit program to be offered to Freeport Area High School students during the 2024-2025 through 2026-2027 school years.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve a High School student field trip described on the attachment, to attend the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) All State Conference in Erie, Pennsylvania, from April 17 to April 20, 2024, at a cost to the District of \$900.40, plus the cost of a substitute teacher for three days.
- b. To approve a High School student field trip described on the attachment, to France, Switzerland, and Germany, from June 10 to June 18, 2024, at no cost to the District.
- c. To approve the requests listed on the attachment for use of District facilities by District athletics booster groups at no charge, from July 2024 through April 2025, subject to the approval of the Superintendent or his designee based on prevailing conditions.

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To approve the attached Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Fiscal 2023 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program Local Government Entities Consent Agreement.
- b. To approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding with Armstrong County Children, Youth & Family Services, related to transportation of students in foster care from 2024 to 2027.
- c. To approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding with Butler County Children, Youth & Family Services, related to transportation of students in foster care from 2024 to 2027.
- d. To approve the attached proposal from OA Systems, for a 3-year license to Sophos Central Managed Detection and Response Essentials for 600 users/6 servers, at a cost of \$42,084.00.
- e. To accept a \$339.95 Grant from P3R, with funds to be used to purchase customized water bottles for the South Buffalo Elementary School after school running program.
- f. To accept a donation of \$500 from Dino and Jeanne DiGiacobbe for the District's April 27, 2024 Autism Conference, in honor of Nico DiGiacobbe.

- g. To accept a donation of \$100 from Mark MacTaggart Insurance for the District's April 27, 2024 Autism Conference.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

Mr. Walker provided an overview of the attached Finance Report.

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

- a. To approve the attached March 2024 financial reports.
- b. To approve the bills for payment listed on the attachments.
- c. To approve the attached list of budgetary transfers.

Motion carried unanimously.

Report on Feasibility Study

Vincent Ordinario, RA, AIA, NCARB, and Victor Cawthorne, RA, NCARB, of HHSDR Architects/Engineers, presented their report of a District Feasibility Study

Next Meetings

Mr. Risch announced that the Board would hold a Committee Meeting on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 7:00 pm and a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 7:00 pm, in the High School Audion.

Comments from the Public

Miranda Virone of Buffalo Township commented on the District Feasibility Study. Bridgette Ladie of Buffalo Township commented on the Elementary School curriculum. Dan Lucovich commented on the District Feasibility Study (3.A. on plan), and 2024-2025 budget tax rate at rebalance.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Selinger, and seconded by Mr. Huth, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Risch declared the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

/s/ Gary L. Risch, Jr.
Board President

/s/ Mary Dobransky
Board Secretary