

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 17, 2024

The regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of School Directors scheduled for 7:00 pm in the Audion of the Freeport Area High School, 625 South Pike Road, Sarver, Pennsylvania, was called to order by Mr. Gary Risch, Jr., Board President, at 7:02 p.m.

Roll call:

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

Student school board members:

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

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.

Reports

1. It was moved by Mr. Haven, and seconded by Mr. Selinger, to approve the minutes of the Organization Meeting held on December 6, 2023, and the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 13, 2023. 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 December 13, 2023: Board members toured school district facilities on December 20, 2023, and January 11, 2024. The Board met in Executive Session on January 17, 2024, to discuss Safety and Security, Personnel, Legal Matters, Contracts and Negotiations, and Confidential Student Matters.

3. Mr. Magness reported on the District's pending and proposed grant applications.
4. Mr. Risch reported that he had toured the District school buildings and met with District staff.
5. Mr. Selinger reported that Lenape Technical School's joint operating committee would meet the following day.
6. Mr. DiGiacobbe provided the Safety Committee's report.
7. Mr. Haven and Ms Maxwell presented the Legislative Committee's report.
8. Ms. Zembrzuski reported that the FASD Foundation was preparing for the 2024 Golf Outing fundraiser.
9. The Student School Board Members presented their reports to the Board.

Personnel

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

- a. To accept the attached resignation of Lyndsey D. Veneziano, Educational Assistant, effective January 19, 2024.
- b. To approve the request of Employee No. 4220 for Unpaid Leave.
- c. To approve the request of Employee No. 4128 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave.
- d. To approve the request of Employee No. 2155 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave.
- e. To approve the request of Employee No. 4017 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- f. To approve the employment of Zachery A. Bernard as a full time Custodian, at an hourly wage rate of \$15.50, effective January 18, 2024, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- g. 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.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve a High School student field trip described on the attachment to the 73rd Annual DECA State Career Development Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania, from February 20-23, 2024, at no cost to the District other than the cost of one substitute teacher for three days.
- b. To approve a High School student field trip described on the attachment to New York City, New York, from April 12-15, 2024, at no cost to the District other than the cost of four substitute teachers for two days.

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy

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

- a. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 222 (Tobacco and Vaping Products).
- b. To tentatively approve the adoption of the attached new School Board Policy No. 254 (Educational Opportunity for Military Children).

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To accept the resignation of John K. Haven as Board representative on the Armstrong Indiana (ARIN) Intermediate Unit board, effective immediately.

Motion carried, with Mr. Haven abstaining.

- b. ***TABLED ITEM:*** To approve the appointment of _____ as Board representative on the Armstrong Indiana (ARIN) Intermediate Unit board for a 1 ½-year term expiring June 30, 2025.

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

- c. To approve the election of Todd Luke and Brady Shafer, to the offices of President and Vice President, respectively, of the Lenape Technical School Joint Board, each for one-year terms, and the election of Tracy Bowser to the office of Treasurer of the Lenape Technical School Joint Board, for a term ending June 30, 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- d. To approve the attached proposal from HHSDR Inc., for services related to a District Feasibility Study, at a cost of \$24,000 plus reimbursable costs for printing and copying.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Haven, and seconded by Mr. DiGiacobbe,

- e. To approve the attached Service Contract with ABB Inc. for backup electrical equipment maintenance services at the Freeport Area Middle School, to be provided from January 14, 2024, through January 13, 2025, at a cost to the District of \$1,816.30.
- f. To approve the attached licensing agreement with Pel Industries, Inc., granting a non-exclusive license to the use of the Freeport Area High School name and/or District logo in return for the donation to the High School of a 10% royalty on the net sales price of any merchandise bearing the School name and/or District logo.
- g. To authorize the superintendent or his designee, in accordance with District Policy No. 711, to dispose of books, furniture, equipment, supplies, or other school property deemed to have no value to the educational purpose of the District and a current value of \$100 or less, in a manner prescribed under the School Code, for the 2023-2024 school year.
- h. To accept a \$500 Community Grant described on the attachment, to be used to purchase items for the Freeport Area Middle School Jackets Nest and supplies for the School Nurse's Office.
- i. To accept a \$350 grant from Concordia Lutheran Ministries to be used to purchase items for the Freeport Area Middle School Nurse's Office.
- j. To accept a \$300 donation from the Fraternal Order of Eagles #1732, to be applied to delinquent student cafeteria accounts.

- k. To accept the DonorsChoose.org donation for the Buffalo Elementary School Project: "Prizes for Positive Learning" described on the attachment (Total Project Cost \$365.95).

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- l. To approve the updated 2023-2024 District Calendar as provided on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- m. To approve a Stipulated Adjudication for Student A, as recommended by Administration.
- n. To approve a Stipulated Adjudication for Student B, as recommended by Administration.
- o. To approve a Stipulated Adjudication for Student C, as recommended by Administration.
- p. To approve a Stipulated Adjudication for Student D, as recommended by Administration.
- q. To approve a Stipulated Adjudication for Student E, as recommended by Administration.

Motion carried unanimously.

- r. ***TABLED ITEM:*** To approve a Stipulated Adjudication for Student F, as recommended by Administration.

Finance

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

It was moved by Ms. Zembrzuski, and seconded by Ms. Maxwell,

- a. To approve the attached December 2023 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.

Next Meetings

Mr. Risch announced that the Board would hold a Committee Meeting on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 7:00 pm and a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at 7:00 pm, in the High School Audion.

Comments from the Public

Heather Check of Buffalo Township commented on the District's kindergarten readiness programs.

Dan Lucovich of Buffalo Township commented on the feasibility study listed on the agenda at item 7.d.

Miranda Virone of Buffalo Township commented on mental health supports at the Middle School and High School.

Mark Wyant of Buffalo Township commented on a recent athletic event at the High School.

Comments from the Board

Ms. Zembrzusi commented on a recent meeting of the District's Community Advisory Committee. Mr. Risch noted that Dr. Nichol's contributions to that Committee were a wonderful addition. Mr. Selinger commented that he appreciated the students' presentation to the Community Advisory Committee.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Selinger, and seconded by Mr. DiGiacobbe, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Risch declared the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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

/s/ Mary Dobransky
Board Secretary