

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 14, 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 High School, 625 South Pike Road, Sarver, Pennsylvania, was called to order by Mr. Gary Risch, Jr., Board President, at 7:00 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Selinger, and seconded by Mr. DiGiacobbe, to appoint Bradley Walker and Larry Robb to serve as temporary Board Secretaries for this Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll call:

Ms. Davies	Present
Mr. DiGiacobbe	Present
Mr. Haven	Present
Mr. Huth	Present
Ms. Maxwell	Absent
Mr. Risch	Present
Mr. Ritter	Present
Mr. Selinger	Present
Ms. Zembrzusi	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. Selinger, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 12, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.
2. The Temporary Board Secretary reported that the Board met as follows since the last report to the Board at the Regular Meeting on June 12, 2024: The Board met in Executive Session on August 7, 2024, to discuss Safety and Security, Personnel, and Contracts and Negotiations Matters. The Board held a Special Meeting for general business purposes followed by a Committee Meeting on August 7, 2024. The Board met in Executive Session on August 14, 2024, to discuss Safety and Security and Personnel Matters.

3. Mr. Risch noted that he was excited about the new school year and welcomed students back to the classroom, and he thanked all staff members for the preparations they made over the summer break.
4. Mr. Huth reported that Lenape Technical School's Joint Operating Committee would meet the following evening.
5. Mr. DiGiacobbe reported that the ARIN Joint Operating Committee held no meetings in July, that the June discussion centered on personnel matters.
6. Mr. Haven presented the Building Committee's report, including census data related to student enrollment and projections and new housing with school age children. He noted that the committee would hold an information session in September.
7. Mr. Selinger reported that the fall sports season had begun.
8. Ms. Zembrzuski reported that the Freeport Area School District Foundation held a meeting earlier in the week that included planning for the September 21 Golf Outing fundraiser. She noted that the Classroom Grant application emails would be going out to teachers.

#### Personnel

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

- a. To accept the resignation of McKenna L. Gonzalez, School Counselor, effective August 18, 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- b. To approve the employment of Gemma M. Brailey as a part-time Cafeteria Worker, at an hourly wage rate of \$12.75, effective August 15, 2024, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- c. To approve the employment of Maureen A. Schraven as an Educational Assistant for the 2024-2025 school year, at an hourly wage rate of \$14.00, effective August 16, 2024, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

*Item 3.d. was TABLED:*

- d. *To approve the employment of \_\_\_\_\_ as an Educational Assistant for the 2024-2025 school year, at an hourly wage rate of \$13.00, effective August 16, 2024, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.*

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

- e. To approve the employment of Claire L. Katz as a full time Teacher, at an annual salary of \$46,000, effective August 16, 2024, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- f. To approve the employment of Tabettha N. Wilbert as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher, at an annual salary of \$46,000, effective August 16, 2024, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- g. To approve the attached list of Educational Assistants and School Nurse Assistants for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- h. To approve the attached list of bus drivers for the 2024-2025 school year as recommended by the State Auditors.

Motion carried unanimously.

### Curriculum and Technology

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

- a. To approve the attached Affiliation Agreement with Duquesne University School of Education for its field placements, student teaching, and internships, from June 1, 2024, to June 1, 2029.
- b. To approve the attached School Affiliation Agreement with the University of Phoenix for placement of its students in District schools, from June 13, 2024, until the Agreement is terminated by either party.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve the student public performances listed on the attached 2024-2025 Music Department Calendar.

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy

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

- a. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 146.1 (Trauma-Informed Approach).
- b. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 218 (Student Discipline).
- c. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 218.1 (Weapons).
- d. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 218.2 (Terroristic Threats).
- e. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 801 (Public Records).
- f. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 803 (School Calendar).
- g. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 805 (Emergency Preparedness and Response).
- h. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 805.1 (Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies).
- i. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 805.2 (School Security Personnel).
- j. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 806 (Child Abuse).
- k. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 904 (Public Attendance at School Events).

- I. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 909 (Municipal Government Relations).

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To approve the attached addenda to the agreements with the individual or limited liability company listed for School Police Officer services, to provide for an hourly fee of \$32.00, effective August 3, 2024.
- b. To approve the attached Third-Party Letter of Agreement for Nonpublic Title I Services with Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV, for the provision of Title I instructional services at non-public schools during the 2024-2025 school year, at a cost of \$7,846.
- c. To approve the attached Title I Non-Public School Agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit, for the provision of Title I instructional services, for a term beginning on August 21, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2025, at a cost of \$3,923.
- d. To approve the participation of a resident student in The Watson Institute/Friendship Academy Campus's extended school year program, in accordance with the student's IEP, from June 19, 2024, through July 18, 2024, at a cost of \$3,400.
- e. To approve the attached Educational Services Agreement with McGuire Memorial for educational services to be provided to District resident students in accordance with the students' IEPs, from August 28, 2024, through June 30, 2025, at an annual cost per student of \$64,898.77 (prorated for days enrolled) and any one-on-one aide services provided at a daily rate per student of \$228.
- f. To approve the attached Educational Services Agreement with McGuire Memorial for educational services to be provided to District resident students in accordance with the students' IEPs, from July 7 18, 2025, at a daily rate per student of \$307, and any one-on-one aide services provided at a daily rate per student of \$178.
- g. To approve the attached Agreement with Wesley Family Services for Child/Adolescent Partial Hospital Program services, which may be provided to District resident students during the 2024 2025 school year, at an hourly rate not to exceed \$36.25.
- h. To approve the attached Program Placement Agreement with Butler Area School District for the potential placement of students in the Center Avenue

Community School during the 2024-2025 school year, at a cost of \$161.20 per day for the Emotion Support Program, \$202.28 per day for the Autistic Support, Life Skills Support, and Multi-Disability Programs, and \$1,000 annually for the Extended School Year Program.

- i. To approve the attached Agreement with MHY Family Services for services which may be provided to resident students at its Licensed Private Academic School during the 2024-2025 school year, at a daily rate per student between \$172 and \$257, depending on the student's placement.
- j. To approve the attached Agreement for Educational Services with The Bradley School for education services to be provided to resident students in accordance with the students' IEPs during the 2024-2025 school year, at a daily rate per student between \$193.14 and \$217.38 depending on the student's placement and \$3,700 per student enrolled in a 2025 extended school year program.
- k. To approve the attached Addendum #7 to the Contractual Agreement with Pressley Ridge for Special Education Services to be provided during the 2024-2025 school year at a rate of \$28,250 per semester and \$5,500 for extended school year services, with any one-on-one aid services to be provided at an additional rate of \$22,300 per semester and \$4,700 during an extended school year.
- l. To approve the attached Addendum to the Agreement dated August 25, 2020, with STAT Staffing Medical Services, Inc., to amend the hourly rates for nurse staffing services to between \$58.88 and \$78.88, depending on the qualifications of the nurse fulfilling the assignment.
- m. To approve the attached Agreement to Sell or Purchase Meals from Sponsor to Sponsor, with Butler County Children's Center, Inc., dba Early Learning Connections (Pre-K Counts), from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.
- n. To approve the attached Local Foods for Schools Cooperative Agreement Program 2024-2025 Funding Attestation Statement.
- o. To approve the District's membership in the STEAM Lending Library Consortium of the Armstrong Indiana (ARIN) Intermediate Unit during the 2024-2025 school year, at a cost to the District of \$175.
- p. To accept the attached Riverside Insights quote for a one-year subscription for 170 users to the easyCBM web-based benchmark and progress monitoring reporting service and approving the attached EasyCBM Subscriber Agreement, at a cost of \$1,275.

- q. To accept the attached proposal from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company for a one-year subscription for the user counts listed on the attachment to Read 180 / System 44, at a cost of \$5,475.80.
- r. To approve the attached agreement with Armstrong-Indiana-Clarion Drug and Alcohol Commission for services in connection with the Student Assistance Program (SAP) Initiative for the 2024-2025 school year, at no cost to the District.
- s. To approve the attached letter of agreement with the Armstrong-Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Program for the provision of mental health liaison services under the District's Student Assistance Program (SAP) through the Family Counseling Center of Armstrong County during the 2024-2025 school year, at no cost to the District.
- t. To approve the attached Agreement for Services with Family Counseling Center of Armstrong County for services which may be provided to District resident students under the Child and Adolescent Partial Hospitalization (CAP) Program during the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years, at a daily rate per student of \$40.
- u. To approve the attached letter of agreement with Center for Community Resources, Inc. for collaboration to coordinate services.
- v. To approve the District's 2024-2025 membership in The Forum for Western Pennsylvania School Superintendents, at a cost of \$1,800.
- w. To accept the donation of \$250 from Concordia Lutheran Ministries, to be used to purchase items for the Freeport Area Middle School's Jackets Nest.
- x. To accept the donation of \$6,206.36 from the Buffalo Elementary School PTO, to be deposited into the Buffalo Elementary School Playground Fund Account.
- y. To accept the donation of \$5,000 from Dynamic Ceramics, to be deposited into the Buffalo Elementary School Playground Fund Account.
- z. To accept the donation of \$5,000 from Concordia Lutheran Ministries, to be deposited into the Buffalo Elementary School Playground Fund Account.

Motion carried unanimously.

