

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 11, 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 7:05 p.m.

Roll call:

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

Student School board members:

Sylvia A. Crytzer	Present
Lucia A. Danka	Absent
Dawson J. Gaillot	Present
Himani Harrell	Present
Aven J. Heavner	Present
Mario P. Lesko	Present
Peyton A. Los	Absent
Emma G. 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 requested a moment of silence for the victims of September 11, 2001.

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 Special Meeting held on August 7, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

2. It was moved by Ms. Davies, and seconded by Ms. Zembrzuski, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 14, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.
3. The Board Secretary reported that the Board met as follows since the last report to the Board at the Regular Meeting on August 14, 2024: The Board's Safety Committee met for an informational session on August 22, 2024. The Board's Building Committee held a public meeting on August 28, 2024. The Board met in Executive Session on September 4, 2024, to discuss Safety and Security and Personnel Matters. The Board held a Special Meeting for general business purposes followed by a Committee Meeting on September 4, 2024. The Board met in Executive Session on September 11, 2024, to discuss Safety and Security and Personnel Matters.
4. Mr. Magness reported that student achievement data would be presented at the Board's October meeting.
5. Mr. Risch thanked Administration, the School Directors, and the public for their contributions to the discussions at the September 4, 2024, Committee Meeting regarding the District facilities projects.
6. Mr. Huth reported that Lenape Technical School's Joint Operating Committee would meet the following week.
7. Mr. DiGiacobbe reported that the ARIN Joint Operating Committee would meet later in the month.
8. Mr. Selinger reported for the Athletics Committee, and he commended Administration on how it dealt with the delay and then cancelation of the football game held on September 7. Ms. Zembrzuski noted for the Board's information that the volleyball team would be playing on September 19. Ms. Davies commented that she would like to see athletics events made available by video broadcast.
9. 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.
10. The Student School Board Members presented their reports on student activities and events.

Personnel

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

- a. To accept the resignation of Diane E. Clark, full time Custodian, effective September 2, 2024.

- b. To accept the resignation of Timothy P. Lucas, Educational Assistant, effective September 3, 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- c. To accept the request to rescind her resignation (effective September 13, 2024) of Deborah J. Pastoria, part-time Cafeteria Worker.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- d. To approve the employment of Caitlin R. Mitchell as a Long Term Substitute Teacher, at an annual salary of \$46,000, prorated for days worked, effective August 26, 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,

- e. To approve the employment of Brianna L. Boerio as a Long Term Substitute School Counselor, at an annual salary of \$47,000, prorated for days worked, effective September 12, 2024, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- f. To approve the employment of Jennifer L.L. Albaugh as an Educational Assistant for the 2024-2025 school year, at an hourly wage rate of \$14.00, effective September 12, 2024, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- g. **TO TABLE** a motion to approve the employment of _____ as an Educational Assistant for the 2024-2025 school year, at an hourly wage rate of \$13.00, effective September 12, 2024, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion **TO TABLE THE MOTION** carried unanimously.

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

- h. To approve the employment of William T. Anthony as a full time Custodian, at an hourly wage rate of \$15.50, effective September 12, 2024, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- i. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's 2024-2025 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.

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

- j. 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. Huth, and seconded by Mr. Haven,

- a. To accept the attached proposal from Lexia Learning Systems LLC for a one-year subscription to Lexia's Core5 Reading/PowerUp Literacy and English Student, at a cost of \$288.
- b. To accept the attached proposal from McGraw Hill LLC for the textbooks and materials listed on the attachment, at a cost of \$1,232.84.
- c. To approve the District's membership in the Armstrong-Indiana Intermediate Unit's Pennsylvania Institute for Instructional Coaching (PIIC) Consortium, at a cost of \$625 for the 2024-2025 school year.
- d. To accept the attached Marcia Brenner Associates quote for a one-year subscription to its Report Creator Plugin for PowerSchool at a cost of \$1,062.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve a High School student field trip described on the attachment, to Costa Rica, from February 14 to February 22, 2025 (with dates subject to change due to flight schedules), at no cost to the District other than the cost of three substitute teachers for five days.
- b. To approve the request of Jennifer A. Dell, South Buffalo Elementary School Play Director, for approval of the 2024-2025 South Buffalo Elementary School student production of: *Stone in the Road*.

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy

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

- a. To adopt the attached revised School Board Policy No. 807 (Opening Exercises/Moment of Silence/Flag Displays).

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To cast the District's vote for the following candidates for 2025 Pennsylvania School Board Association (PSBA) Officers: Sabrina Backer, for a one-year term as President; Matt Vannoy, for a one-year term as Vice President; Kristy Bolte, for a two-year term as Western Zone Representative; and Nathan G. Mains, Richard Frerichs, and William S. LaCoff, each for a three-year term as a PSBA Insurance Trustee.
- b. To approve the attached contract for educational services with Armstrong School District for the 2024-2025 school year.
- c. To approve the attached contract for special education learning support services with Armstrong School District for the 2024-2025 school year.
- d. To approve the attached Participation Agreement with Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) and the District's participation in the PA Student Teacher Support Program, at no cost to the District.
- e. To approve the attached agreement with Southwood Psychiatric Hospital for academic tutoring services to be provided during the 2024-2025 school year at a daily rate of \$90.

- f. To approve the attached agreements with The Watson Institute for education services to be provided to two (2) resident students during the 2024-2025 school year, in accordance with the students' IEPs, at a total cost of \$121,195.
- g. To approve the enrollment of a resident student as a 4010-funded student at The Watson Institute Friendship Academy during the 2024-2025 school year, in accordance with the student's IEP, at a cost to the District of \$26,703.20 (40% of WIFA's \$66,758 annual tuition), to be paid from the District's Pennsylvania state subsidy.
- h. To approve the enrollment of a resident student as a 4010-funded student at The Watson Institute Education Center Sewickley during the 2024-2025 school year, in accordance with the student's IEP, at a cost to the District of \$26,703.20 (40% of WIFA's \$66,758 annual tuition), to be paid from the District's Pennsylvania state subsidy.
- i. To accept a Public School Environmental Repairs Program award in the amount of \$139,555 to be spent towards future Asbestos Abatement as outlined on the attached Funding Announcement.
- j. To accept the DonorsChoose.org donation for the Buffalo Elementary School Project: "Spreading Our Wings with Hummingbird Kits" described on the attachment (Total Project Cost \$1,066.94).
- k. To accept the DonorsChoose.org donation for the Freeport Area Middle School Project: "Reading Across Content Areas" described on the attachment (Total Project Cost \$589.87).
- l. To accept the DonorsChoose.org donation for the Freeport Area Middle School Project: "Sharing is Caring, Seeing is Believing..." described on the attachment (Total Project Cost \$465.42).

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

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

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

- a. To approve the attached August 2024 financial reports.
- b. To approve the August 2024 payments listed on the attachments.

Motion carried unanimously.

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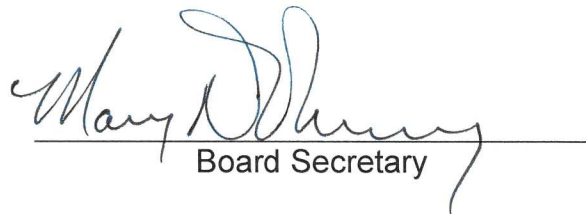
Mr. Risch announced that the Board would hold a Special Meeting and a Committee Meeting on Wednesday, October 2, 2024, at 7:00 pm and a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 7:00 pm, in the High School Audion.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Davies, and seconded by Mr. DiGiacobbe, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Risch declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Board President



Board Secretary