

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 9, 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 7:11 p.m.

Roll call:

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

Student School board members:

Sylvia A. Crytzer	Absent
Lucia A. Danko	Present
Dawson J. Gaillot	Present
Himani Harrell	Present
Aven J. Heavner	Present
Mario P. Lesko	Present
Peyton A. Los	Absent
Emma G. 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 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 September 4, 2024, and the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 11, 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 September 11, 2024: The Board met in

Executive Session on October 2, 2024, to discuss Safety and Security, Personnel, Legal and Real Estate Matters. The Board held a Special Meeting for general business purposes followed by a Committee Meeting on October 2, 2024. The Board met in Executive Session on October 9, 2024, to discuss Safety and Security and Personnel Matters.

3. The Board recognized retired teachers Melinda J. Durand and Genie L. Gaillot for their years of service to the District.
4. The Board welcomed new teachers Christy D. Gregori, Claire L. Katz, and Paxton H. Mentnech.
5. Mr. Magness reported that a District demographic study proposal will be included on the Board's November meeting agenda for consideration and that student achievement data would be presented at the Board's November meeting.
6. Mr. Risch reported that the District marching band was participating in the Armstrong County Band Festival that day and that the fall sports seasons were going well.
7. Mr. Huth reported that Lenape Technical School's Joint Operating Committee would meet the following week.
8. Mr. DiGiacobbe reported that the ARIN Joint Operating Committee would meet the following week.
9. Mr. Haven reported for the Legislative Committee on meetings with the Butler County and Armstrong County commissioners.
10. Mr. Selinger reported for the Athletics Committee that the sports teams food drive had collection 1,783 items. He noted that the Golf team finished 4th this season and the girls Soccer team were playing in a section championship game that evening. Finally, he noted that the Hockey team's season would start on the following day and that winter sports signups were starting.
11. Ms. Zembrzuski reported that the Freeport Area School District Foundation board would meet later that month.
12. The Student School Board Members presented their reports on student activities and events.

Personnel

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

- a. To approve the request of Employee No. 4148 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- b. To approve the employment of James A. Clepper as a full time Custodian, at an hourly wage rate of \$15.50, effective October 10, 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,

- c. To approve the employment of Terra C. Pagano as an Educational Assistant for the 2024-2025 school year, at an hourly wage rate of \$13.00, effective October 10, 2024, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Curriculum and Technology

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

- a. To approve the implementation of a study called "The Impact of a Social Media Literacy Program on Adolescent Subjective Well-Being" aimed at educating Grade 8 middle school students on the responsible use of social media following all applicable board policy.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve the attached revised list of 2024-2025 public student performances.

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy

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

- m. **TO TABLE** a motion to approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 103 (Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Students).

Motion **TO TABLE** the item carried unanimously.

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

- a. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 103.1 (Nondiscrimination/Qualified Students with Disabilities).
- b. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 104 (Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Staff).
- c. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 113.1 (Discipline of Students with Disabilities).
- d. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 113.2 (Behavior Support).
- e. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 202 (Eligibility of Nonresident Students).
- f. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 234 (Pregnant/ Parenting/Married Students).
- g. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 236.1 (Threat Assessment).
- h. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 247 (Hazing).
- i. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 249 (Bullying/Cyberbullying).
- j. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 252 (Dating Violence).
- k. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 254 (Educational Opportunity for Military Children).
- l. To approve the tentative adoption of new School Board Policy No. 317.1 (Educator Misconduct).

- n. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 336 (Personal Necessity Leave).
- o. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 607 (Tuition Income).
- p. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 805.2 (School Security Personnel)
- q. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 824 (Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries).

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To approve the attached quote for renewal of CrisisGo Services for a one-year period, at a cost to the District of \$2,882.
- b. To approve the District's 2024-2025 membership in the Forum for Workforce Development, at a cost of \$4,000.
- c. To accept the donation from Dollar General of school supplies valued at approximately \$100.
- d. To accept the donation of \$1,667.11 from the Buffalo Elementary PTO, to be deposited into the Buffalo Elementary School Playground Fund Account.
- e. To accept the donation of \$2,000 from the Pittsburgh Chapter of the National Tooling and Machining Foundation, to be used for the High School/Middle School Bots IQ Program.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

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

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

Mr. Risch announced that the Board would hold a Committee Meeting on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 7:00 pm and a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 7:00 pm, in the High School Audion.

Comments from Board Members

Ms. Davies commented that she was not in support of a decision to move forward with a demographic study.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. DiGiacobbe, and seconded by Mr. Haven, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Risch declared the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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

/s/ Mary Dobransky
Board Secretary