

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 15, 2025

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 7:08 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. Zembrzuski	Present

### *Student School board members:*

Sylvia A. Crytzer	Absent
Lucia A. Danka	Absent
Dawson J. Gaillot	Present
Himani Harrell	Absent
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 Organization Meeting held on December 4, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.
2. It was moved by Mr. Haven, and seconded by Mr. Selinger, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 11, 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 December 11, 2024: The Building Committee held a public meeting on December 20, 2024. The Building Committee held a public meeting on January 10, 2025. The Board met in Executive Session on January 15, 2025, to discuss Safety and Security, Personnel, Contracts and Negotiations, and Confidential Student Matters.
4. Vincent Ordinario of HHS DR Architects and Jamie Doyle of PFM Financial Advisors answered questions from the School Directors and from visitors Dan Lucovich of Buffalo Township and Lou Baldassare of Buffalo Township regarding potential building projects in the District.
5. Mr. Selinger reported that Lenape Technical School's Joint Operating Committee would meet the following day.
6. Mr. Haven reported for the Legislative Committee that their focus this year would be on drawing attention to the State Tax Equalization Board (STEB) rebalance issue and PlanCon funding.
7. The Student School Board Members presented their reports on student activities and events.

#### Personnel

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

- a. To approve the termination of employment of Employee No. 4270, effective January 15, 2025, pursuant to the Statement of Charges dated December 5, 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- b. To accept the retirement resignation of Mark A. Dempster, Teacher, effective May 30, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- c. To approve the employment of Amber C. Myers as a part-time Cafeteria Worker, at an hourly wage rate of \$12.75, effective January 16, 2025, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- d. 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,

- e. **TO TABLE** a motion 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 **TO TABLE** agenda item 3.e. carried unanimously.

#### Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve the request of the Freeport Hockey Association to establish an independent high school girls hockey club and use the high school name and school logo, with no other costs or liabilities regarding the club program associated with the District or the District's Athletics department.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- b. To approve the participation of Sasha R. Killian, Teacher, in the Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo & Conference (PETE&C) on February 10-11, 2025, in Hershey, Pennsylvania, at no cost to the District other than the cost of a substitute teacher for two (2) days.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Policy

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

- a. To approve the adoption of the attached revised attachment (Procurement - Federal Programs) to School Board Policy No. 626 (Federal Fiscal Compliance).

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. 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 ending December 31, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- b. To approve the District's participation in the Armstrong Indiana (ARIN) Intermediate Unit's Education Leading to Employment and Career Training (ELECT) program during the 2024-2025 school year, at a cost of \$900.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- c. To accept the attached proposal from Barilla Refrigeration for replacement of the evaporator and condenser of the cafeteria walk-in cooler at South Buffalo Elementary School, at a cost of \$8,933.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- d. To approve the District's 2024-2025 membership in the ABC CREATE (Alle-Kiski Best Practices Collaborative Community Robotics Education and Technology Empowerment) Program, at a cost of \$2,500 to be paid out of grant funding.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- e. 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 2024-2025 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- f. To accept a \$200 donation from the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #1732, Inc., to be applied to student cafeteria account balances.

- g. To accept a \$250 donation from First National Bank of Pennsylvania's WPIAL Financial Trivial Challenge Program, to be used for the High School Athletics programs.
- h. To accept a grant in the amount of \$2,000 from Tri-County Workforce Investment Board Inc. (TCWIB), to be deposited in the Buffalo Elementary School courtyard construction account.
- i. To accept the DonorsChoose.org donation for the Buffalo Elementary School Project: "Yoga in the Classroom" described on the attachment (Total Project Cost \$663.87).
- j. To accept the DonorsChoose.org donation for the South Buffalo Elementary School Project: "Healthy Snacks Fuel Little Minds and Bodies" described on the attachment (Total Project Cost \$236.85).
- k. To accept the DonorsChoose.org donation for the Freeport Area Middle School Project: "School Spirit Store for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Rewards" described on the attachment (Total Project Cost \$353).
- l. To accept the DonorsChoose.org donation for the Freeport Area Middle School Project: "From Headaches to Hope: Make a Difference Today" described on the attachment (Total Project Cost \$403.19).
- m. To accept the DonorsChoose.org donation for the Buffalo Elementary School Project: "Classroom Essentials Shipment: 2025-01-03" described on the attachment (Total Project Cost \$13.58).

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- n. To approve the 2025-2026 District Calendar, as provided on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

### Finance

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

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

- a. To approve the attached December 2024 financial reports.
- b. To approve the December 2024 payments listed on the attachments.
- c. To approve the attached list of budgetary transfers.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting

Mr. Risch announced that the Board would hold a Committee Meeting on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, and a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 7:00 pm, in the High School Audion.

Concerns or Comments from Board Members

Mr. Haven reported that the Building Committee would hold a public meeting in the near future.

Concerns or Comments from the Public

Lou Baldassare of Buffalo Township commented on funding for District construction projects.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Haven, and seconded by Mr. Selinger, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Risch declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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

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/s/ Mary Dobransky  
Board Secretary