MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 12, 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 7:00 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	Present
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	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 on any agenda items were offered.

Reports

1. It was moved by Mr. Haven, and seconded by Mr. Huth, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 15, 2025. 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 January 15, 2025: The Board met in Executive Session following the January 15, 2025, Regular Meeting to discuss

Personnel, and Contracts and Negotiations Matters. The Building Committee held a public meeting on January 30, 2025. The Board met in Executive Session on February 5, 2025, to discuss Personnel, Contracts and Negotiations, Legal Matters, and Confidential Student Matters. The Board held a Committee Meeting on February 5, 2025. The Board met in Executive Session on February 12, 2025, to discuss Personnel, Contracts and Negotiations, Legal Matters, and Confidential Student Matters.

3. Mr. Robb provided an overview of the attached draft 2024-2027 Comprehensive Plan for the District. Mr. Risch noted that he participated in the meetings of the Comprehensive Plan working group and commended Mr. Robb and the other members of the group for their hard work developing the draft Comprehensive Plan.

4. Mr. Selinger reported that Lenape Technical School's Joint Operating Committee would meet during the following week.

5. Mr. Haven asked the other School Directors to provide the Building Committee with feedback regarding moving forward with regard to the High School building.

6. Ms. Zembrzuski reported that at its last meeting the Freeport Area School District Foundation board reviewed scholarship proposals and plans for the 2025 golf outing fundraiser.

7. The Student School Board Members presented their reports on student activities and events.

<u>Personnel</u>

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

a. To accept the resignation of Nicole L. McIntyre, Educational Assistant, effective January 24, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

b. To approve the request of Employee No. 1027 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave.

c. To approve the request of Employee No. 1882 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave.

d. To approve the attached Memorandum of Agreement with Freeport Education Association regarding the scheduling of a 2025-2026 clerical day.

e. To approve the attached Memorandum of Agreement with Freeport Education Association regarding the scheduling of 2025-2026 parent-teacher conference days.

f. 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. Selinger, and seconded by Ms. Maxwell,

a. To approve the posting of the attached draft Comprehensive Plan 2024 - 2027 on the District website for public review and comment.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

b. To approve the adoption of the High School Program of Studies for the 2025-2026 school year, as provided on the attachment and subject to change at Administration's discretion.

c. To approve Action on the adoption of the Middle School Program of Studies for the 2025-2026 school year, as provided on the attachment and subject to change at Administration's discretion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

a. To approve a High School student field trip described on the attachment, to participate in the Annual DECA State Career Development Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania, from February 18-21, 2025, at no cost to the District other than the cost of a substitute teacher for three (3) days.

b. To approve a High School student field trip described on the attachment, to participate in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Regional Band Competition in Armagh, Pennsylvania, from March 6-8, 2025, at a cost to the District of $970 plus the cost of one (1) substitute teacher for two (2) days.

c. To approve the attendance of Thomas D. Koharchik, Teacher, in the PMEA Regional Band Competition in Armagh, Pennsylvania, from March 6-8, 2025, at no cost to the District other than the cost of one (1) substitute teacher for one and one-half (1 ½) days.

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy

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

a. To approve the adoption of attached revised School Board Policy No. 702 (Gifts and Donations).

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

a. To approve the appointment of Turnley, Robertson & Associates, LLC, as school district auditors for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2026; June 30, 2027; and June 30, 2028, at an annual rate of $14,500, $15,000, and $16,000, respectively, as per the firm's attached proposal dated January 31, 2025.

b. To approve the proposed budget of the Armstrong Indiana (ARIN) Intermediate Unit for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, as presented on the attachment.

c. To approve the attached Cyber Services Agreement with Seneca Valley School District, for online instructional program services to be provided during the 2025-2026 through 2029-2030 school years, with fees as set forth in Section 3 of the Agreement.

d. To approve the attached letter agreement with Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children, for educational services to be provided to two (2) District resident students in an extended school year (ESY) program in accordance with the students' IEPs, at a cost to the District of $8,800.

e. To approve the attached proposal from Phonak/Sonova USA Inc. for the purchase and delivery of hearing solution equipment (two Roger Focus II and two Roger Touchscreen Mic 3 Universal PSU) at a cost to the District of $5,350.51 to be paid from ACCESS funds.

f. To approve the attached proposal from Harris School Solutions for professional services related to setup and configuration of multifactor

authentication for up to 15 users and including one year of maintenance, at a cost to the District of $1,140.

g. To approve the attached proposal from Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP for fire alarm system maintenance services to be provided from March 1, 2025, through February 28, 2026, at a cost to the District of $6,811.99.

h. To approve the attached proposal from Pittsburgh Stage Inc. for annual stage inspections and preventative maintenance at the Freeport Area High School and Freeport Area Middle School, at a cost to the District not to exceed of $5,132.

i. To accept the request of Daniel E. Kline, Sr., to terminate his contract with the District, effective February 14, 2025.

j. To accept a grant in the amount of $2,000 from United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania, to be used in support of the District's Kindergarten Transition Program.

k. To accept a donation in the amount of $250 from Height's Saxon Inn, to be deposited in the Buffalo Elementary School playground account.

l. To accept a DonorsChoose.org donation for the Buffalo Elementary School Project: "Growing Minds, Growing Gardens" described on the attachment (Total Project Cost $736.86).

m. To approve a Waiver Agreement regarding Student A.

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 (out of agenda order),

e. ***TO TABLE*** a motion to accept the District's Financial Statements and Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2024, in substantially the form attached.

Motion TO TABLE Finance item 8.e. carried unanimously.

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

a. To approve the attached January 2025 financial reports.

b. To approve the January 2025 payments listed on the attachments.

c. To approve the attached list of budgetary transfers.

d. To approve the attached resolution setting District tax collector compensation at $5.00 per bill, effective January 1, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Walker provided his report on the District's 2025-2026 budget preparations.

Next Meetings

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

Concerns or Comments from Board Members

Mr. Haven announced that the Budget Committee would schedule a meeting to occur within the next two weeks.

Concerns or Comments from the Public

Phillip Tompkins of South Buffalo Township commented on taxes and the District's budget. Donna Braun of Buffalo Township commented on taxes. Dan Lucovich of Buffalo Township commented on historical tax increases and building replacement costs. Mark Wyant of Buffalo Township commented on state reimbursements.

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 8:30 p.m.

/s/ Gary L. Risch, Jr.	/s/ Mary Dobransky
Board President	Board Secretary