MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 9, 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 7:01 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	Absent
Lucia A. Danka	Absent
Dawson J. Gaillot	Absent
Himani Harrell	Present
Aven J. Heavner	Present
Mario P. Lesko	Absent
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 items. No public comments on any agenda items were offered.

Reports

1. It was moved by Ms. Davies, and seconded by Ms. Zembrzuski, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 12, 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 March 12, 2025: The Board met in

Executive Session on April 2, 2025, to discuss Personnel, Contracts and Negotiations Matters, and Confidential Student Matters. The Board held a Committee Meeting on April 2, 2025. The Board met in Executive Session on April 9, 2025, to discuss Personnel and Confidential Student Matters.

3. Mr. Risch requested School Director comments on the High School building project.

4. Mr. Walker provided a 2025-2026 school year budget update.

5. Ms. Maxwell reported on the passing of Lenape Joint Operating Committee member James Dunmire.

6. Mr. DiGiacobbe reported that the Armstrong Indiana (ARIN) Intermediate Unit's next board meeting would be held following the Annual School Directors Convention to be held on April 15, 2025.

7. Mr. Haven and Ms. Maxwell provided their report to the Board on behalf of the Legislative Committee.

8. Ms. Zembrzuski reported that the Freeport Area School District Foundation would meet the following week to discuss scholarship funding.

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

Personnel

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

a. To accept the resignation of Molly F. Vantine, Educational Assistant, effective April 21, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

b. To accept the retirement resignation of Craig M. Swiergol, Teacher, effective June 30, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

c. To approve the employment of Erin J. Huff as an Educational Assistant for the 2024-2025 school year, effective April 10, 2025, at an hourly wage rate of $14.00, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

d. To approve the employment of Alice L. Baker as a part-time Cafeteria Worker, effective April 10, 2025, at an hourly wage rate of $12.75, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

e. To approve the employment of Ryan S. Suwan as an intern with the District's information technology group, at an hourly wage rate of $7.25, effective June 1, 2025, through August 15, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

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.

g. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's 2025-2026 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.

h. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's 2025-2026 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.

<u>Curriculum and Technology</u>

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

a. To approve the attached District K-12 Guidance Plan 2025 - 2028 and its submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

b. To approve the purchase and adoption of the textbooks listed on the attachment and displayed in the meeting room for inspection, at a cost not to exceed $15,000.

c. To approve the purchase and adoption of the textbooks listed on the attachment and displayed in the meeting room for inspection, at a cost not to exceed $10,000.

d. To approve the purchase and adoption of the textbooks listed on the attachment and displayed in the meeting room for inspection, at no cost to the District.

e. To approve a modification to the High School Program of Studies for the 2025-2026 school year, as described on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

a. To approve a Grade 12 student field trip to participate in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) All State Chorus Conference in Pocono Manor, Pennsylvania, from April 9-11, 2025, at a cost to the District of $1,851.50 plus the cost of one substitute teacher for three days.

b. To approve a High School and Middle School student field trip to the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) State Competition in State College, Pennsylvania, from May 18-20, 2025, at no cost to the District other than the cost of one substitute teacher for two days.

c. To approve the requests listed on the attachment for use of District facilities by District athletics booster groups at no charge, from July 2025 through April 2026, subject to the approval of the Superintendent or his designee based on prevailing conditions.

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

a. To approve an Athletic Training & Physician Services Agreement with UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside, d/b/a UPMC Sports Medicine, and UPMC Community Medicine, Inc. for physician services and athletic training services during the 2025-2026, 2026-2027, and 2027-2028 school years, at a cost of $33,000, $34,300, and $35,600 per school year, respectively, contingent on District solicitor approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

b. To accept the attached proposal submitted by The Hawley Consulting Group for performance of a postretirement medical valuation under GASB 75, at a total cost of $4,400 for the June 30, 2025 and June 30, 2026 reports.

c. To approve the attached Agreement with MHY Family Services for extended school year educational services to be provided to resident students in accordance with the students' IEPs, from June 9, 2025, through July 11, 2025, at the daily rates of $183 for Special Education Students and $257 for Life Skills/Autistic Support Students.

d. To approve the attached agreement with Easterseals of Western & Central Pennsylvania for extended school year educational services to be provided to a resident student in accordance with the student's IEP, from June 23, 2025, through August 1, 2025, at a cost of $3,200.

e. To approve an agreement with the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, for educational services to be provided to a District resident student in an extended school year program in accordance with the student's IEP, from July 7, 2025, through July 24, 2025, at a cost to the District of $2,000.

f. To approve an agreement with Pittsburgh Behavioral Services, Inc., for educational services to be provided to a District resident student in an extended school year program in accordance with the student's IEP, for up to a total of 42 hours from June 2, 2025, through June 6, 2025, and from June 23, 2025, through July 25, 2025, at an hourly rate of $72.13.

g. To approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding with PA Connecting Communities for transition services to be provided to a resident student in accordance with the student's IEP during the summer of 2025, at an hourly rate of $75.

h. To approve the attached Services Agreement with The Day School in Pittsburgh (The Day School at The Children's Institute) for educational services to be provided to resident students whose IEPs provide for alternative educational placements, for a term from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, with fees as provided on Exhibit A to the Agreement.

i. To approve the attached Services Agreement with Steel City Interpreters for American Sign Language and Spoken Language interpreting services to be provided at an hourly rate of $80.

j. To approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding with Allegheny Intermediate Unit for telephonic and video interpretation services to be provided from February 10, 2025, through February 10, 2026, at an annual

cost to the District of $110, plus usage rates of $0.95 per minute for interpretation services and $3.25 per minute for video translation services.

k. To approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding with Allegheny Intermediate Unit for written translation services to be provided from January 10, 2025, through January 9, 2026, at an annual cost to the District of $500.

l. To approve the attached proposal from Great Lakes Hotel Supply Co. for the purchase and delivery of cafeteria serving line equipment, at a cost of $2,138 to be paid from the Cafeteria Fund balance.

m. To accept the attached proposal from CM Regent Solutions for employee Life, Accidental Death and Dismemberment, Voluntary Life, and Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance coverage to be provided at the rates listed, from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028.

n. To accept the attached proposal from PowerSchool Group LLC for a subscription to its SchoolMessenger Communicate messaging solution from April 14, 2025, through June 30, 2028, at a total cost of $19,780.81.

o. To approve the attached proposal from OA Systems, LLC, for a 3-year cyber security license subscription, at a total cost to the District of $43,998.

p. To accept a $292.80 donation from the Buffalo Elementary School PTO to be deposited into the Buffalo Elementary School Playground Renovations account.

q. To approve a Stipulated Adjudication with respect to 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,

a. To approve the attached March 2025 financial reports.

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

c. To approve the attached list of budgetary transfers.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

Mr. Risch announced that the Board would hold a Special Meeting / Committee Meeting on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at 7:00 pm, and a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 7:00 pm, in the High School Audion.

Concerns or Comments from the Public

James Swartz of Freeport Borough commented on the High School building project and the District 2025-2026 budget.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Selinger, and seconded by Mr. Haven, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Risch declared the meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

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