MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MAY 14, 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	Absent
Mr. Risch	Present
Mr. Ritter	Present
Mr. Selinger	Present
Ms. Zembrzuski	Absent

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	Absent
Peyton A. Los	Absent
Emma G. Michelini	Absent

Administrators present were 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 Mr. Haven, and seconded by Mr. Huth, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 9, 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 April 9, 2025: The Board met in Executive Session on May 7, 2025, to discuss Personnel, Contracts and Negotiations Matters, and Legal Matters. The Budget Committee held a public meeting on

May 7, 2025. The Board held a Special Meeting for general business matters on May 7, 2025. The Board held a Committee Meeting on May 7, 2025. The Board met in Executive Session on May 14, 2025, to discuss Safety and Security, Personnel, Contracts and Negotiations, and Legal Matters.

3. At the Board's May 7, 2025, Committee Meeting, Administration reported on the attached Sanitary Sewer Assessment Report dated May 1, 2025, prepared by CJL Engineering for the Freeport Area High School building.

4. Mr. Robb reported that the PSSA assessments had been completed and the Keystone assessments were in progress.

5. Mr. Risch thanked the 2024-2025 student school board members for their service to the Board.

6. Mr. Selinger reported that the Lenape Technical School Joint Operating Committee would meet the following evening.

7. Mr. Selinger reported that the baseball playoffs had been postponed until the following day.

8. 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 Scott R. Esposito, full time Custodian, effective April 23, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

b. To accept the resignation of Julie A. Fry, School Nurse Assistant, effective May 30, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

c. To approve the request of Employee No. 4263 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave.

d. To approve the request of Employee No. 4177 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave.

e. To approve the request of Employee No. 1093 for Unpaid Leave.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

f. (i) To approve the employment of Nicole L. Cianci as a full time Teacher, at an annual salary of $48,000, effective August 15, 2025, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

(ii) To approve the employment of Brianna L. Boerio as a full time School Counselor, at an annual salary of $49,500, effective August 15, 2025, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

(iii) To approve the employment of Tabetha N. Wilbert as a full time Teacher, at an annual salary of $48,500, effective August 15, 2025, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

(iv) To approve the employment of Andrew L. Brandt as a full time Teacher, at an annual salary of $48,000, effective August 15, 2025, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

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.

Athletics and Activities

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

a. To approve the participation of Donald W. Dell, Jr., Special Services Coordinator, in the Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN) Bridging Knowledge to Know-How: Empowering Pennsylvania Educators and Partners Conference described on the attachment, from July 28-31, 2025, in State College, Pennsylvania, at a cost to the District of $1,576.

b. To approve the request of Robert W. Harris, Buffalo Elementary School Musical Director, for approval of the 2025-2026 student production of:

a musical: *Schoolhouse Rock LIVE! Jr.*

c. To approve the request of Sara B. Sypulski, Middle School Dramatics Advisor, for approval of the 2025 2026 Middle School student production of:

a musical: *Newsies, Jr.*

d. To approve the request of Elizabeth K. Surgil, High School Musical Coordinator, for approval of the 2025 2026 High School student productions of:

a fall musical: *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*

a spring musical: *Tuck Everlasting*

e. To approve pay rates for officials and athletic-event workers as listed on the attachment, effective July 1, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

a. To elect Michael J. Huth as School District Treasurer for the 2025-2026 school year, effective July 1, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

b. To approve the appointment of Mary Dobransky as School Board Secretary for a four-year term, beginning on July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2029.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

c. To approve the appointment of Mariah Jones as tax collector for the collection of Freeport Area School District real estate taxes within Freeport Borough pursuant to the authority of Section 683 of the Public School Code.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

d. To approve the District's continuing membership in the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA), at a cost of $13,409.09 for the 2025-2026 school year.

e. To approve the appointment of Sylvia R. Maxwell as the Board's Voting Delegate to the PSBA 2025 Delegate Assembly to be held on October 21, 2025.

f. To approve the attached Agreement with Armstrong Indiana (ARIN) Intermediate Unit 28 for Licensed Professional Counselor services to be provided during the 2025-2026 school year, at a cost to the District not to exceed $80,000.

g. To approve the attached Letter of Agreement setting forth the District's roles and responsibilities under the PDE Pennsylvania's Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH) Program, for the 2025-2026 school year.

h. To approve the proposed budget of the Lenape Technical School for the 2025-2026 school year, as presented on the attachment.

i. To approve W. L. Roenigk to provide student transportation services for the summer 2025 program as listed on the attachment.

j. To approve the participation of up to three (3) resident students in The Watson Institute/Sewickley Campus's extended school year program, in accordance with the students' IEPs, from June 17, 2025, through July 7, 2025, at a total cost not to exceed $12,000.

k. To approve the participation of one resident student in The Watson Institute/Sharpsburg Campus's extended school year program, in accordance with the student's IEP, from July 9, 2025, through July 25, 2025, at a cost not to exceed $3,430.

l. To approve the attached agreement with Adelphoi Education, Inc., for education services to be provided during the 2025-2026 school year, at the

following daily rates: $104.22 each for regular education students and $122.52 each for special education students.

m. To approve the attached Agreement with Merakey Pennsylvania for educational services which may be provided to resident students, from August 1, 2025, through July 31, 2026, with fees as provided on Exhibit A to the Agreement.

n. To approve the attached Agreement with UPMC Children's Community Pediatrics, for School District Physician services described in the Agreement, to be provided from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, at a cost of $6,000.

o. To approve the appointment of Elizabeth Cassisi, DDS, as School District Dentist for the 2025 2026 school year at an annual rate of $150, plus the cost of supplies not to exceed $100.

p. To approve the attached PowerSchool proposal for a Headed2 Software license and subscription, for the period from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, at a cost of $4,265.90.

q. To approve the attached PowerSchool proposal for a Schoology Learning Management System license and subscription, for the period from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, at a cost of $12,587.40.

r. To approve the attached PowerSchool proposal for an additional 100GB of Student Information System (SIS) electronic file storage, for the period from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, at a cost of $98.38.

s. To approve the award of student accident insurance coverage for the 2025-2026 school year to Sport Underwriters, Inc., through Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., at no cost to the District.

t. To accept a $1,000 grant from the Armstrong Indiana (ARIN) Intermediate Unit to cover the cost of one district teacher's attendance at the Science, Technology, Engineering, Environmental Literacy, and Sustainability (STEELS) Learning Without Walls Summit on June 10, 2025, at Waynesburg University.

u. To accept a $250 donation from the Alle-Kiski Chapter of Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees (PASR) to be used for the installation of a sensory walkway at Buffalo Elementary School.

v. To accept a $11,637 donation from the Buffalo Elementary School PTO to be deposited into the Buffalo Elementary School Playground Project account.

w. To accept the attached proposal from Bramble & Co. for the purchase, delivery, and installation of playground equipment described in the proposal for the Buffalo Elementary School Playground Project, at a cost of $17,800.

x. To accept the attached proposal from Jeffrey Recreation for the purchase and delivery of playground equipment described in the proposal and for 80 yards of engineered wood fiber, for the Buffalo Elementary School Playground Project, at a cost of $23,960.

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 April 2025 financial reports.

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

c. To approve the attached list of budgetary transfers.

d. To accept IDEA-B, Title I, Title II A, and Title IV funds for the 2025-2026 school year

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

Mr. Risch announced that the Board would hold a Committee Meeting on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at 7:00 pm, and a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 7:00 pm, in the High School Audion.

Concerns or Comments from the Public

Heather Check of Buffalo Township commented that the Buffalo PTO was holding a health and safety fair at Lernerville the following weekend and that the Freeport Education Association was hosting a blood drive on June 11, 2025, at Buffalo Elementary School.

Steve Timko of Buffalo Township commented on the High School Project.

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 7:23 p.m.

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