MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 8, 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	Present
Mr. Haven	Absent
Mr. Huth	Present
Ms. Maxwell	Absent
Mr. Risch	Present
Mr. Ritter	Present
Mr. Selinger	Present
Ms. Zembrzuski	Absent

Student School Board Members:

Mylie Atkinson	Present
Lainey Blattenberger	Present
Lucia Danka	Absent
Cathryn Deacon	Absent
Dawson Gaillot	Absent
Himani Harrell	Absent
Mario Lesko	Present
Peyton Los	Absent
Natalie Wallisch	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 Mr. Huth, and seconded by Mr. Selinger, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on September 3, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

2. It was moved by Mr. Huth, and seconded by Mr. Selinger, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 10, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

**Ms. Davies participated by telephone conference call.*

3. The Board Secretary reported that the Board met as follows since the last report to the Board at the Regular Meeting on September 10, 2025: The Board met in Executive Session on October 1, 2025, to discuss Safety and Security, Personnel, Contracts and Negotiations, and Confidential Student Matters. The Board held a Committee Meeting on October 1, 2025. The Board met in Executive Session on October 8, 2025, to discuss Safety and Security, Personnel, Contracts and Negotiations, and Confidential Student Matters.

4. The Board recognized the 2025 retired teachers in attendance – Mr. Craig Swiergol and Mr. Mark Dempster.

5. The Board welcomed Mr. Andrew Brandt, a new teacher at the High School.

6. Mr. Magness reported that students would participate in Future Ready Friday that week, and he commended Principal Walters on his leadership in the organization of and preparations for that event. Mr. Magness recognized Mr. Walker and the Business Office for their efforts which helped to achieve both an A1 Moody's rating as well as a successful bond sale in September that yielded over $2 million dollars in borrowing costs savings.

7. Mr. Risch noted that the successful bond sale in September was important and put the District in a strong financial position, in alignment with its strong position educationally.

8. Mr. Selinger reported that the Lenape Technical School Joint Operating Committee would meet the following week. Mr. Magness commented that district superintendents would meet the following day at Lenape Technical School with Armstrong County's Commissioners.

9. At the Board's October 1, 2025, Committee Meeting, Dr. Matthew Curci, Executive Director of the ARIN Intermediate Unit, reported on the IU's activities and initiatives in support of member districts. Mr. DiGiacobbe reported on the IU's board action taken at its most recent meeting.

10. Mr. DiGiacobbe provided his Safety Report.

11. Mr. Magness thanked the Freeport Area School District Foundation for the classroom grants listed for approval on the meeting agenda.

12. The student school board members present gave their report to the Board on student activities.

<u>Personnel</u>

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

a. To approve the resignation of Jared C. Lampus, effective September 10, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

b. To approve the resignation of Cherish L. McCutcheon, effective September 12, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

c. To approve the termination of Todd J. DeLuca, effective September 24, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

d. To approve the resignation of Kelly L. Haugh, effective September 30, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

e. To approve the request of Employee No. 4129 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave.

f. To approve the request of Employee No. 2139 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave.

g. To approve the request of Employee No. 4019 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave.

h. To approve the request of Employee No. 4121 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

i. To approve the employment of Jessie L. Mowery as a School Nurse Assistant, at an hourly wage rate of $25.00, effective October 9, 2025, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

j. To approve the attached administrative support staff restructuring plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

k. 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.

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy

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

a. To approve the adoption of revised School Board Policy No. 102 (Academic Standards).

b. To approve the adoption of revised School Board Policy No. 105 (Curriculum).

c. To approve the adoption of revised School Board Policy No. 122 (Extracurricular Activities).

d. To approve the adoption of revised School Board Policy No. 123 (Interscholastic Athletics).

e. To approve the adoption of revised School Board Policy No. 209.2 (Diabetes Management).

f. To approve the adoption of revised School Board Policy No. 918 (Title I Parent and Family Engagement).

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

a. To approve the attached proposal from CrisisGo Inc. for license to the platforms listed on the proposal from October 2, 2025, through October 1, 2030, at a cost of $17,347.50.

b. To approve the attached proposal and Commercial Service Agreement with Vogel Disposal Service, Inc., for waste disposal services to be provided from September 10, 2025, through September 9, 2030, at a cost of $32,996.52.

c. To approve the attached proposal from Richey Athletics for the purchase, delivery, and setup of the athletic equipment listed on the attachment, at a cost of $23,052.

d. To accept the attached proposal from Andrew M. Smith, dba Hooch Excavation, for snow removal services to be provided during the 2025-2026 school year, for the fees listed on the proposal.

e. To accept the attached proposal from Mailki Mechanical Snow & Ice Management, for snow removal services to be provided during the 2025-2026 school year, for the fees listed on the proposal.

f. To approve the sale of athletic equipment of indeterminate value located at the High School, by public auction.

g. To approve an agreement with Pennsylvania State Education Association Health & Welfare Fund for participation in a Voluntary Vision Program described on the attachment, from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

h. To accept the DonorsChoose.org donation for the Freeport Area Middle School Project: "The Devil is in the Details" described on the attachment (Total Project Cost $1,106.94).

i. 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 $463.69).

j. To accept a $250 donation from the Oak Hills Garden Club for the Buffalo Elementary School Garden Project.

k. To accept the 2025-2026 classroom grants listed on the attachment from the Freeport Area School District Foundation, in the total amount of $20,815.95.

l. To approve a Stipulated Adjudication with regard to Student A.

m. To approve a Stipulated Adjudication with regard to Student B.

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 September 2025 financial reports.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

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

Comments from Visitors

Heather Check of Buffalo Township commented on the acoustics in the meeting room and on school zone traffic control lights at Buffalo Elementary School.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Selinger, and seconded by Mr. DiGiacobbe, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Risch declared the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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