MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 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	Absent
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:

Mylie Atkinson	Absent
Lainey Blattenberger	Present
Lucia Danka	Absent
Cathryn Deacon	Absent
Dawson Gaillot	Present
Himani Harrell	Present
Mario Lesko	Absent
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 Ms. Margaret Cooney.

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. Selinger, and seconded by Mr. Huth, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 8, 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 October 8, 2025: The Board Negotiations

Committee met for an informational session on October 23, 2025. The Board met in Executive Session on November 5, 2025, to discuss Personnel, Contracts and Negotiations, Legal Matters, and Confidential Student Matters. The Board held a Special Meeting for general business purposes followed by a Committee Meeting on November 5, 2025. The Board met in Executive Session on November 12, 2025, to discuss Safety and Security, Personnel, and Confidential Student Matters.

3. Mr. Robb reported on 2024-2025 student achievement data.

4. Mr. Risch announced that the meeting would be Mr. Haven's last meeting. Mr. Risch thanked Mr. Haven for his service on behalf of the District.

5. Mr. Selinger reported that the Lenape Technical School Joint Operating Committee would meet the following week.

6. At the Board's November 5, 2025, Committee Meeting, Mr. DiGiacobbe provided his report on actions taken by the ARIN Intermediate Unit at its most recent meeting.

7. Mr. Haven reported that the Pennsylvania General Assembly had passed the state budget earlier that day.

8. Mr. Selinger congratulated the Golf team on its finish, the best since 2015, and commended the Cross Country team on its performance during the fall season. He yielded the remainder of his time to the student school board members to report on the other fall teams' successful seasons.

9. Ms. Zembrzuski reported that the Freeport Area School District Foundation board had met the previous week to plan its December 6 Hometown Christmas event in Freeport Borough.

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

<u>Personnel</u>

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

a. To accept the attached resignation from Cindy L. Hazelett, part-time Cafeteria Worker, effective December 31, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

b. To approve the request of Employee No. 4233 for an extension of Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave.

c. To approve the request of Employee No. 4269 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave.

d. To approve the request of Employee No. 2353 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

e. To approve the employment of Beth A. Oziel as an Educational Assistant for the 2025-2026 school year, at an hourly wage rate of $13.00, effective November 13, 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,

f. 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.

Athletics and Activities

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

a. To approve the attendance of Ian M. Magness, Superintendent, at The Forum for Western Pennsylvania School Superintendents Annual Conference on December 10-12, 2025, in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

b. To approve a Grade 10-12 student field trip to the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 3 Chorus Festival on January 7-9, 2026, in Brockway, Pennsylvania, at a cost to the District of $414.26 plus the cost of one substitute teacher for three days.

c. To approve the attendance of Robert W. Harris, Instructional Technology Coach, at The Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo and Conference (PETE&C) on February 2-4, 2026, in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

d. To approve a High School Marching Band student field trip to Cleveland, Ohio, on April 17-18, 2026, including a student performance at the Cleveland Science Center, at no cost to the District other than the cost of three substitute teachers for one day.

e. To grant pre-approval of a High School student field trip to Costa Rica in March of 2027, as described on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

a. To authorize District Administration to issue the attached letter of support regarding an Education Innovation and Research (EIR) Grant Proposal submitted by the University of Pittsburgh to the U.S. Department of Education.

b. To approve the attached Letter of Agreement with The Meadows Psychiatric Center for educational services provided during the 2025-2026 through 2027-2028 school years, at a daily rate per student of $100.

c. To approve the attached Contract for Homestead / Farmstead Printing - Agreement for Computer Services with Government Software Services, Inc., for data processing services to be provided during the 2025-2026 fiscal year, at a cost of $0.40 for each mailer prepared and $100 for each pdf emailed.

d. To accept the attached proposal from MDM Surveyors & Engineers, LLC, for topographic survey services described in the proposal, at a cost of $11,800.

e. ***NO MOTION:*** *To approve the attached Resolution Urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly to End the State Budget Impasse.*

f. 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.

g. To accept the DonorsChoose.org donation for the Buffalo Elementary School Project: "Kindergarten Pod Revitalization Project" described on the attachment (Total Project Cost $3,199.40).

h. To set the organization meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of School Directors for December 3, 2025, at 7:00 pm at the Freeport Area High School.

Motion carried unanimously, *with NO MOTION on item 7.e*.

Finance

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

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

a. To approve the attached October 2025 financial reports.

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

c. To approve the attached list of budgetary transfers.

d. To authorize Administration to enter into joint purchasing agreements with other school districts or intermediate units in Pennsylvania for purchases for the 2025-2026 school year and on approving the attached resolution authorizing Administration to enter into the Allegheny Intermediate Unit's joint purchasing program for 2026-2027.

e. To approve the attached Accelerated Budget Opt Out Resolution Certifying Tax Rate Within Inflation Index (and No Need to Comply with Act 1 Accelerated Budget Procedures) for the 2026-2027 School Year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

Mr. Risch announced that the Board would hold its Organization Meeting followed by a Committee Meeting on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at 7:00 pm, and a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 7:00 pm, in the High School Audion.

Comments from School Directors

Mr. Haven thanked the Board for their support during his term on the Board.

Mr. Selinger commented that, in light of the student achievement data presented during the meeting and the recent sports team playoff wins, the District has exceptional standing among Western Pennsylvania districts.

Comments from Visitors

Marcus Borino of Buffalo Township commented on requirements for sports participation, other districts' practices regarding sports participation, and private and cyber charter school tuition.

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 7:43 p.m.

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