MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 10, 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 7:05 p.m.

Roll call:

Ms. Davies	Present
Mr. DiGiacobbe	Present
Mr. Hinderliter	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	Present
Lainey Blattenberger	Absent
Lucia Danka	Absent
Cathryn Deacon	Present
Dawson Gaillot	Absent
Himani Harrell	Present
Mario Lesko	Present
Peyton Los	Absent
Natalie Wallisch	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. Selinger, and seconded by Mr. Huth, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on November 5, 2025, and the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 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 November 12, 2025: The Board met in

Executive Session on December 3, 2025, to discuss Safety and Security, Personnel, Contracts and Negotiations, and Confidential Student Matters. The Board held its Organization Meeting followed by a Regular Meeting on December 3, 2025. The Board held a Committee Meeting on December 3, 2025. The Board met in Executive Session on December 10, 2025, to discuss Contracts and Negotiations, Legal Matters, and Confidential Student Matters.

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

4. Mr. Risch wished the Board and visitors a happy Holiday season.

5. Mr. DiGiacobbe reported on the ARIN Intermediate Unit's November 18, 2025, board meeting and noted that the next meeting of the board would be held on December 16, 2025.

6. Mr. Selinger reported that the Athletics programs' Winter season was off to a good start.

Personnel

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

a. To accept the attached resignation from Christopher B. Schraven, full time Custodian, effective December 1, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

b. To approve the request of Employee No. 1443 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

c. 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 Ms. Davies, and seconded by Ms. Zembrzuski,

a. To approve the attendance of Thomas D. Koharchik, High School Choral Director, at the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 3 Band Festival on February 5-6, 2026, in Clarion, Pennsylvania, at no cost to the District other than the cost of one substitute teacher for one and one-half days.

b. To approve a Grade 10-12 student field trip to the PMEA District 3 Band Festival on February 5-6, 2026, in Clarion, Pennsylvania, at a cost to the District of $1,782.00 plus the cost of one substitute teacher for two days.

c. To approve the attendance of Thomas D. Koharchik, High School Choral Director, at the PMEA State Conference on April 22-24, 2026, in Clarion, Pennsylvania, at a cost to the District of $1,633.27 plus the cost of one substitute teacher for three days.

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy

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

a. To approve the adoption of revised School Board Policy No. 105.2 (Exemption from Instruction).

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

c. To tentatively approve the adoption of new School Board Policy No. 122.1 (Noncurriculum-related, Nonschool-sponsored, Student-initiated Groups).

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

a. To approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding with Allegheny Intermediate Unit for telephonic and video interpretation services to be provided from February 10, 2026, through February 9, 2027, at an annual cost to the District of $120, plus usage rates of $0.95 per minute for interpretation services and $3.25 per minute for video translation services.

b. To approve the attached Qualified Service Organization Agreement with ARC Manor Addiction Recovery Center, for counseling services to be provided to resident students at no cost to the District.

c. To approve the attached letter agreement with EI US, LLC, dba LearnWell, for education services to be provided to a resident student beginning November 20, 2025, at an hourly rate of $52.

d. To approve the attached letter agreement with EI US, LLC, dba LearnWell, for education services to be provided to a resident student beginning December 8, 2025, at an hourly rate of $52.

e. To authorize Administration to submit Capital Expenditure Requests to the Pennsylvania Department of Education via CN PEARS for the purchase of two Reach-In Refrigerators, at a cost totaling $17,032.88 to be paid out of the Cafeteria Fund and per the attached quote from Curran Taylor under CoStars #036-E22-034.

f. To approve the attached proposal from Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP for fire alarm system maintenance services to be provided from March 1, 2026, through February 28, 2027, at a cost to the District of $7,444.39.

g. To accept the attached Open Systems Pittsburgh proposal for purchase and installation of a Tascam Professional CD Player with Bluetooth Receiver for the Middle School gymnasium at a cost to the District of $797.

h. To approve the attached request for proposal for the Freeport Area High School Library Roof Project.

i. To approve the renewal of the District's annual membership in the Alle-Kiski Strong Chamber for 2026, at a cost of $300.

j. To accept four PPG Innovative Classroom grants in the total amount of $3,920.32, to be used for the Buffalo Elementary School Kindergarten Programs.

k. To accept a Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN) grants in the amount of $5,000, to be used for the District's Computer Science Programs.

l. To accept two Tri-County Workforce Investment Board, Inc. grants in the total amount of $1,000, to be used to cover the cost of High School student field trips listed on the attachment.

m. To accept the attached ProCarpet proposal for donation of labor and materials valued at $3,640, to replace Kindergarten pod carpeting at Buffalo Elementary School.

n. To accept a $250 donation from Donald Vigliotti and Kathy Selvaggi, to be applied to student cafeteria account balances.

o. To accept the donation from Rae Welling of a Rifton adaptive bicycle valued at approximately $2,600, for the Buffalo Elementary School Life Skills/Autistic Support Programs.

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 November 2025 financial reports.

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

c. To approve the attached list of budgetary transfers.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting

Mr. Risch announced that the Board would hold a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 7:00 pm, in the High School Audion. He noted that there would be no Committee Meeting held in January.

Comments from Visitors

Heather Check, of Buffalo Township, commented on the Buffalo Elementary School's upcoming Kids Helping Kids fundraiser.

Comments from School Directors

Ms. Zembrzuski reported that the Athletics Committee would be meeting to review a proposal from the Cheerleading sponsors.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. DiGiacobbe, and seconded by Ms. Davies, 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