MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 14, 2026

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 7:18 p.m.

Roll call:

Ms. Davies	Present
Mr. DiGiacobbe	Absent
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	Absent
Lainey Blattenberger	Present
Lucia Danka	Absent
Cathryn Deacon	Present
Dawson Gaillot	Absent
Himani Harrell	Absent
Mario Lesko	Absent
Natalie Wallisch	Present

Administrators present were Mr. Magness, Superintendent, 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 Organization Meeting held on December 3, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

2. It was moved by Ms. Davies, and seconded by Mr. Selinger, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 3, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

3. It was moved by Mr. Huth, and seconded by Ms. Davies, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 10, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

4. The Board Secretary reported that the Board met as follows since the last report to the Board at the Regular Meeting on December 10, 2025: The Board met in Executive Session on January 14, 2026, to discuss Safety and Security, Personnel, and Contracts and Negotiations Matters.

5. Mr. Magness reported on the 2026-2027 High School and Middle School programs of studies on the agenda for consideration.

6. Ms. Maxwell provided her Legislative Report.

7. Ms. Zembrzuski reported that the Freeport Area School District Foundation board would hold its next meeting on February 2, 2026.

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

Personnel

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

a. To accept the attached resignation of Kelsey M. Smith, Teacher, effective January 19, 2026.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

b. To approve the request of Employee No. 2254 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave.

c. To approve the request of Employee No. 3818 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

d. To approve the employment of Alexis R. Redman as a Long Term Substitute Teacher for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year, effective January 15, 2026, at the annual salary of $47,000, prorated for days worked, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

e. 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.

Curriculum and Technology

It was moved by Ms. Maxwell, and seconded by Ms. Zembrzuski,

a. To approve the adoption of the High School Program of Studies for the 2026-2027 school year, as provided on the attachment and subject to change at Administration's discretion.

b. To approve the adoption of the Middle School Program of Studies for the 2026-2027 school year, as provided on the attachment and subject to change at Administration's discretion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

a. To approve a High School student field trip described on the attachment, to participate in the Annual DECA State Career Development Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania, from February 17-20, 2026, at no cost to the District other than the cost of a substitute teacher for three days.

b. To approve a High School student field trip described on the attachment, to participate in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Region II Chorus Festival in DuBois, Pennsylvania, from February 19-21, 2026, at a cost to the District of $822.68 plus the cost of a substitute teacher for two days.

c. To approve the attendance of Thomas D. Koharchik, High School Choral Director, at the PMEA State Conference to be held on April 22-24, 2026, in Pocono Manor, 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 Ms. Davies,

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

b. To approve the adoption of attached revised School Board Policy No. 204 (Attendance).

c. To approve the adoption of attached revised School Board Policy No. 218.1 (Weapons).

d. To approve the adoption of attached revised Procurement attachment to School Board Policy No. 626 (Federal Fiscal Compliance).

e. To approve the adoption of attached revised Safe2Say Procedures attachment to School Board Policy No. 805 (Emergency Preparedness and Response).

f. To approve the adoption of attached revised School Board Policy No. 805.1 (Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies).

g. To approve the adoption of attached revised School Board Policy No. 805.2 (School Security Personnel).

h. To approve the adoption of attached revised School Board Policy No. 819 (Suicide Awareness Prevention and Response).

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

a. To accept the attached resignation of Student School Board Member Peyton Los, effective December 8, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Ms. Maxwell, and seconded by Ms. Zembrzuski,

b. To accept the resignation Gregory J. Selinger as District representative on the Lenape Vo-Tech Joint Operating Committee (JOC) for a term ending December, 2028, effective January 14, 2026.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

c. To elect Melanie A. Zembrzuski as District representative to serve on the Lenape Vo-Tech JOC for a 3-year term ending December, 2028, effective January 14, 2026.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

d. To approve any District School Director to serve as an alternate District Representative to the Lenape Technical School Joint Operating Committee, in the event of the absence of a current District Representative.

e. To approve the election of Todd Luke and Brady Shafer to the offices of Chairman and Vice Chairperson, respectively, of the Lenape Technical School Joint Board, each for one-year terms ending December 31, 2026.

f. To approve the election of Darlene Smail to the office of Treasurer of the Lenape Technical School Joint Board for a term beginning January 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2026.

g. To approve the attached Affiliation Agreement for Student Clinical Placement and Instruction with Gannon University, for clinical placement of Gannon University students in District schools, from January 14, 2026, through January 13, 2031, at no cost to the District.

h. To approve the attached proposal and Master Terms and Conditions agreement with Active Internet Technologies, LLC, d/b/a Finalsite, for website hosting and maintenance services to be provided from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029, at a total cost of $14,326.

i. To approve the attached proposal from Mosyle Corporation for a subscription to its Mosyle School Premium application platform for Apple device management, from April 3, 2026 through July 1, 2027, at a cost of $2,145.

j. To approve the attached Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) Maintenance Contract Renewal with Gemini Power Systems, Inc., and ABB, Inc., for maintenance and testing services to be provided to equipment at the Freeport Area Middle School from January 17, 2026, through January 16, 2027, at a cost of $2,021.

k. To approve the District's 2025-2026 membership in the Economic Growth Connection of Westmoreland's Forum for Workforce Development, at a cost of $5,000.

l. To approve the District's 2026 membership in the Butler County Chamber of Commerce, at a cost of $250.

m. To authorize the superintendent or his designee, in accordance with District Policy No. 711, to dispose of books, furniture, equipment, supplies, or other school property deemed to have no value to the educational purpose of the District and a current value of $100 or less, in a manner prescribed under the School Code, for the 2025-2026 school year.

n. To accept a Tri-County Workforce Investment Board, Inc. grant in the amount of $3,000, to be used to cover costs of the High School drone pilot course program.

o. To accept a $100 anonymous donation, to be applied to Buffalo Elementary School student cafeteria account balances.

p. To accept a $1,500 anonymous donation, to be applied to Freeport Area High School student cafeteria account balances.

q. To approve the 2026-2027 District Calendar, as provided on the attachment.

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 December 2025 financial reports.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

Mr. Risch announced that the Board would hold a Committee Meeting on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, and a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 7:00 pm, in the High School Audion.

Comments from School Directors

Mr. Selinger welcomed the members of Boy Scout Troop 557 in attendance.

Comments from Visitors

Heather Check of Buffalo Township commented on recent fundraising efforts at Buffalo Elementary School and South Buffalo Elementary School.

Matt Freeman of Buffalo Township commented oj the High School Renovations Project.

Bridget Coleman of Buffalo Township commented on the High School Renovations Project and 2026-2027 student class schedules.

Mark Wyant of Buffalo Township commended Troop 557 for their interest and engagement in the Board governing process.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Selinger, and seconded by Ms. Davies, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Risch declared the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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