MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 11, 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 7:11 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	Absent
Lainey Blattenberger	Absent
Lucia Danka	Absent
Cathryn Deacon	Absent
Dawson Gaillot	Present
Himani Harrell	Absent
Mario Lesko	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 Ms. Davies, and seconded by Mr. Selinger, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 14, 2026. 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 January 14, 2026: The Board's

Negotiations Committee held negotiation sessions with representatives of the Freeport Education Association and the Freeport Education Support Professionals Association on January 29, 2026. The Board met in Executive Session on February 4, 2026, to discuss Personnel and Contracts and Negotiations Matters. The Board held a Committee Meeting on February 4, 2026. The Board met in Executive Session on February 11, 2026, to discuss Personnel and Contracts and Negotiations, and Confidential Student Matters.

3. Mr. Walker reported on 2026-2027 budget planning.

Steve Reckhart of Buffalo Township, with the President's permission, commented at this point in the meeting on the agenda item for the hiring of a construction manager for the Freeport Area High School Renovations Project.

4. Ms. Zembrzuski reported on actions taken at its most recent meeting by the Lenape Technical School Joint Operating Committee.

5. Mr. DiGiacobbe reported on actions taken at its most recent meeting by the ARIN Intermediate Unit board.

6. Mr. DiGiacobbe presented his report for the Safety Committee.

7. Ms. Maxwell provided her report for the Legislative Committee, noting that the state's budget process had started, with a hearing scheduled for February 23, 2026.

8. Ms. Zembrzuski reported that the Freeport Area School District Foundation board met on February 9, 2026.

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

<u>Personnel</u>

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

a. To accept the attached resignation of Lindsay E. Giallombardo, Educational Assistant, effective January 30, 2026.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

c. To approve the employment of Brianna E. Sanders as a part-time Cafeteria Worker, effective February 12, 2026, at an hourly wage rate of $12.75, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

d. To approve the employment of Desiree A. Smith as an Educational Assistant for the 2025-2026 school year, at an hourly wage rate of $13.00, effective February 17, 2026, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

e. To approve the employment of the individuals listed on the attachment as Professional Learning Mentors and New-teacher Mentors for the 2025-2026 school year, with salaries in accordance with contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board.

f. To grant professional status to Carly L. Reed, who has met the requirements for tenure as outlined in the Pennsylvania School Code.

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.

Motion carried unanimously.

Curriculum and Technology

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

a. To approve the attached draft Special Education Plan Report (07/01/2026 - 06/30/2029) for posting on the District website.

b. To approve the participation of Freeport Area Middle School students in the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Career Exploration Pilot, including student interviews and surveys.

c. To accept the attached proposal from Vivacity Tech PBC for purchase and delivery of 50 refurbished 110e Gen 2 Chromebooks, with 50 Google

Chrome OS Education licenses and Vivacity Tech 3-year Vsuite Pro Non-Touch (NT), at a cost of $11,148.

d. To accept the attached proposal from TelVue Corporation for its TelVue-Care hardware warranties and online software upgrades/basic application feature enhancements, for a service period from April 3, 2026, to April 2, 2029, at a cost of $6,033.75.

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

a. To approve the attached resolution requesting a Pennsylvania Public School Facility Improvement Grant and authorizing Bradley T. Walker, Director of Finance & Operations, to execute all documents and agreements related thereto.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

b. To accept the attached proposal from Massaro CM Services, LLC, for construction manager services related to the Freeport Area High School Renovations Project, at a cost of $588,432.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

c. To award awarding a contract for the replacement of the Freeport Area High School library roof to Blair Roofing, Inc., in the amount of $90,200, to be paid from the Capital Projects fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

d. ***TO TABLE*** an item to approve the proposed budget of the ARIN Intermediate Unit for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, as presented on the attachment.

Motion ***TO TABLE*** item 7.d. carried unanimously.

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

e. To approve the District's participation in the ARIN Intermediate Unit's Education Leading to Employment and Career Training (ELECT) Program during the 2025-2026 school year, at a cost of $900 in matching funds.

f. To approve the attached agreement with The Watson Institute for education services to be provided to a resident student during the 2025-2026 school year, in accordance with the student's IEP, at an annual cost of $66,902 prorated for a start date of February 9, 2026.

g. To approve the attached Service Agreement with DePaul School for Hearing and Speech for educational audiologist services to be provided during the 2025-2026 school year, at an hourly rate of $150, plus travel expenses.

h. To accept the attached proposal from Tobey Karg Service Agency, Inc. (CoStars Contract #008-E22-843) for replacement of an air-conditioning unit at the Freeport Area Middle School at a cost of $14,550 to be paid from the Capital Improvements fund.

i. To retroactively approve the attached Contracting Services Agreement with Panhandle Cleaning & Restoration, Inc. (CoStars #512078), for water damage restoration services to be provided at the Freeport Area Middle School beginning January 29, 2026, at a cost of $2,142.03.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

j. To accept the attached proposal from Panhandle Cleaning & Restoration, Inc., for water damage restoration services to be provided at the Freeport Area Middle School beginning on a date to be determined in February, 2026, at a cost of $11,214.06.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

k. To accept a $2,000 Kindergarten Transition Grant from United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania for the Buffalo Elementary Kindergarten program.

l. To accept the DonorsChoose.org donation for the Buffalo Elementary School Project: "Kindergarten Pod Revitalization Project" described on the attachment (Total Project Cost $2,280.54).

m. To accept the DonorsChoose.org donation for the Buffalo Elementary School Project: “Kindergarten Pod Revitalization Project” described on the attachment (Total Project Cost $322.16).

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 January 2026 financial reports.

b. To approve the January 2026 payments listed on the attachments.

c. To accept the District’s Financial Statements and Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2025, in substantially the form attached.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Risch welcomed Mr. R.C. Schultz, from Massaro CM Services, LLC, who was in attendance.

Next Meetings

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. DiGiacobbe, and seconded by Mr. Selinger, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Risch declared the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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