MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 11, 2026

The regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of School Directors scheduled for 7:00 pm in the Audion of the Freeport Area High School, 625 South Pike Road, Sarver, Pennsylvania, was called to order by Mr. Gregory J. Selinger, Board First President, at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call:

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| Ms. Davies | Present |
| Mr. DiGiacobbe | Absent |
| Mr. Hinderliter | Present |
| Mr. Huth | Present |
| Ms. Maxwell | Present |
| Mr. Risch | Absent |
| Mr. Ritter | Present |
| Mr. Selinger | Present |
| Ms. Zembrzuski | Present |

*Student School Board Members:*

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| Mylie Atkinson | Absent |
| Lainey Blattenberger | Present |
| Lucia Danka | Absent |
| Cathryn Deacon | Absent |
| Dawson Gaillot | Absent |
| Himani Harrell | Present |
| Mario Lesko | Absent |
| Natalie Wallisch | Absent |

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. Selinger welcomed members of the public and asked for comments on any agenda items. Cristy Flemm of Buffalo Township and Suzanne Conger of Freeport Borough commented on agenda item 7.h. authorizing Administration to request proposals for cafeteria and custodial services

<u>Reports</u>

1. It was moved by Mr. Huth, and seconded by Ms. Zembrzuski, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 11, 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 February 11, 2026: The Board's Negotiations Committee held negotiation sessions with representatives of the Freeport Education Association and the Freeport Education Support Professionals Association on February 26, 2026. The Board met in Executive Session on March 4, 2026, to discuss Personnel, Contracts and Negotiations, and Confidential Student Matters. The Board held a Committee Meeting on March 4, 2026. The Board met in Executive Session on March 11, 2026, to discuss Personnel and Contracts and Negotiations Matters.

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

4. At the Board's Committee Meeting held on March 4, 2026, Mr. Huth reported on actions taken at the most recent meeting of the Lenape Technical School Joint Operating Committee.

5. Ms. Maxwell provided her report on behalf of the Legislative Committee noting that cyber charter school reform and property taxes had been under discussion in the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

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

Personnel

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

a. To accept the attached resignation of Audrey J. McWilliams, part-time Cafeteria Worker, effective February 10, 2026.

b. To accept the attached retirement resignation of Larry P. Robb, Jr., Program Director, effective June 30, 2026.

c. To accept the attached retirement resignation of Carolyn J. Van Cott, Teacher, effective June 30, 2026.

d. To accept the attached retirement resignation of Ronald A. Grove, IT Coordinator, effective September 30, 2026.

e. To approve the new positions "High School Principal" and "Middle School Principal" and attached job descriptions.

f. To approve the attached "6-12 Assistant Principal" job description.

g. To approve the employment of Timothy E. Walters as Program Director, at an annual salary of $145,000, effective July 1, 2026.

h. To approve the employment of Charles M. Shipman, Jr., as High School Principal, at an annual salary of $130,000, effective July 1, 2026.

i. To approve the employment of Renee M. Bogan as Middle School Principal, at an annual salary of $120,000, effective July 1, 2026.

j. To approve the attached list of bus drivers for the 2025-2026 school year as recommended by the State Auditors.

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.

l. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's 2025-2026 Extracurricular 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 Mr. Huth, and seconded by Ms. Davies,

a. To authorize Administration to submit a Flexible Instruction Day application to the Pennsylvania Department of Education no later than June 1, 2026, for the 2026-2027, 2027-2028, and 2028-2029 academic years.

b. To approve the attached contract with OA Systems, LLC, for managed internal broadband services to be provided at a rate of $32 per student prior to any applicable e-rate discounts, from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2031.

c. To *RESCIND* the Board's February 11, 2026, acceptance of 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 retroactively (effective February 23, 2026) accept the attached proposal from Amazon Business/Olympus Sales USA for the purchase and delivery of 57 Lenovo 15.6" FHD Chromebooks, at a cost of $10,380.99.

e. To accept the attached proposal from LoginTC/Cyphercor for 15 one-year subscriptions to its LoginTC Business multi-factor authentication service, at a cost of $900.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

a. To approve a High School student field trip described on the attachment to participate in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Region II Honors Band Festival in Albion, Pennsylvania, from March 19, 2026, to March 21, 2026, at a cost to the District of $1,656 plus the cost of a substitute teacher for two days.

b. To approve a High School student field trip described on the attachment to participate in the Grand Strand Softball Classic Tournament in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, from March 29, 2026, to April 3, 2026, at no cost to the District.

c. To grant pre-approval for a Marching Band student field trip to Disney World, as described on the attachment, in April 2027.

d. To approve the requests to use the athletic fields under ownership of the Freeport Area School District as provided in District Policy and according to the schedule developed by the Athletic Director for the 2026 spring/summer season as described on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

a. 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.

b. To approve the attached Agreement with ARIN Intermediate Unit 28 regarding allocation of federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) funds for the 2025-2026 school year.

c. To approve the adoption of ARIN Intermediate Unit's 2026-2027 Policies, Procedures, and Use of Funds by School District, as provided on the attachment.

d. To approve the nominations of the following individuals to the ARIN Intermediate Unit 28 board of directors, each for a three-year term ending on June 30, 2029:

Brenda Schrecengost, Armstrong School District
Candi Stewart, Leechburg Area School District
Charles Glasser, Marion Center Area School District

e. To approve the attached Agreement with ARIN Intermediate Unit 28 for Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) services to be provided during the 2026 2027 school year, at a cost to the District not to exceed $85,000.

f. To approve a student lunch price of $2.85 for secondary students and $2.75 for elementary students and the student breakfast price of $1.35, for the 2026-2027 school year.

g. To approve the attached Food Service Management Company Renewal Year Cost Reimbursable Contract for the 2026-2027 school year.

h. To authorize Administration to initiate requests for proposals for cafeteria and custodial services.

i. To approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding with Valley Lines, Inc. with regard to accommodations to be provided to a certain driver during the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years.

j. To approve the attached Customer Service Agreement with UniFirst Corporation for rental of the merchandise listed in the agreement, from March 11, 2026, to March 10, 2029, at a cost not to exceed $447.25 per month, not including any charges related to lost or damaged merchandise.

k. To approve the attached agreement with Easterseals of Western & Central Pennsylvania for extended school year educational services to be provided to a resident student in accordance with the student's IEP, from June 29, 2026, through July 31, 2026, at a cost of $3,200.

l. To approve the attached Services Agreement with The Day School in Pittsburgh (The Day School at The Children's Institute) for educational services to be provided to resident students whose IEPs provide for alternative educational placements, for a term from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, with fees as listed on Exhibit A to the Agreement.

m. To approve the attached Fire Protection Services Agreement with Cintas Fire Protection for fire extinguisher inspection and maintenance services to be provided from February 20, 2026, through July 31, 2026, at a cost not to exceed $4,847.40.

n. To accept a Pennsylvania Department of Education Career Ready PA Mega Challenge Grant in the amount of $1,000, to be used for expenses related to the Districtwide Art Show.

o. To accept a Tri-County Workforce Investment Board, Inc. grant in the amount of $500, to be used to cover costs of a High School STEM program student field trip.

p. To approve a Stipulated Adjudication in connection with Student A.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

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

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

a. To approve the attached February 2026 financial reports.

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

c. To approve the attached list of budgetary transfers.

Motion carried unanimously.

d. *NO ACTION* was taken on an agenda item to award bids for maintenance supplies to various suppliers in the amount of $_____ as provided on the attachment.

Next Meetings

Mr. Selinger announced that the Board would hold a Special Meeting and a Committee Meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, and a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 7:00 pm, in the High School Audion.

Concerns or Comments from the Public

Chalyse Danka of Buffalo Township commented on cheerleading try-outs. Tonya Screen of Harrison Township and Jesse Malecki of Buffalo Township commented on contracted cafeteria and custodial services. Matt Freeman of Buffalo Township commented on student tours and contracted cafeteria and custodial services. Steve Reckhart of Buffalo Township commented on construction manager proposals and a right to know request.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Maxwell, and seconded by Ms. Davies, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Selinger declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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| /s/ Gregory J. Selinger | /s/ Mary Dobransky |
| Board First Vice President | Board Secretary |