MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 15, 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. Gary L. Risch, Jr., Board President, at 7:13 p.m.

Roll call:

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

Student School Board Members:

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

Administrators present were Mr. Magness, Superintendent; Mr. Walters, Principal; 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 Ms. Zembrzuski, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 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 March 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 March 19, 2026. The Board met in Executive Session on April 8, 2026, to discuss Personnel, Contracts and Negotiations, Legal Matters, and Confidential Student Matters. The Board held a Special Meeting on April 8, 2026, for general business matters. The Board held a Committee Meeting on April 8, 2026. The Board met in Executive Session on April 15, 2026, to discuss Personnel, Contracts and Negotiations, Legal Matters, and Confidential Student Matters.

3. At the Board's Committee Meeting held on April 8, 2026, Mr. Huth reported on actions taken at the most recent meeting of the Lenape Technical School Joint Operating Committee.

4. Mr. DiGiacobbe reported on the March 17, 2026, ARIN Intermediate Unit board meeting.

5. For his safety report, Mr. DiGiacobbe reported that the evacuation drills had been conducted at all buildings on March 12, 2026. He commended all staff and students on the success of the drills, and he thanked South Pike Cinemas for granting the use of its facility for the drill.

6. Mr. Selinger noted for athletics that spring sports were in full swing, with more details to be provided in the student school board member reports.

7. Ms. Zembrzuski reported that the Freeport Area School District Foundation board would meet the following week.

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

<u>Personnel</u>

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

a. To accept the attached resignation from Joyce A. Kriley, part-time Cafeteria Worker, effective June 30, 2026.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

b. To approve the employment of Zakary C. Hanlon as an intern with the District's information technology group, at an hourly wage rate of $9.25, effective June 1, 2026, and ending August 14, 2026, contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

c. To approve the attached job description and the employment of Robert W. Harris III as Director of Technology and Innovation under Act 93 of 1984, at an annual salary of $110,000, effective July 1, 2026.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

d. To approve the employment of Christine M. Davis as Grades 6-12 Assistant Principal, at an annual salary of $90,000, effective July 1, 2026, contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

e. To approve the following individuals as full time Teachers, at the annual salaries listed below, effective August 17, 2026, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements:

i.	Austyn A. Hartung	$48,000
ii.	Andrew B. Kamis	$47,000
iii.	Alex N. Recupero	$47,000
iv.	Olivia C. Winters	$47,000
v.	Liadan M. Susoeff	$49,500
vi.	Alexis R. Redman	$48,500
vii.	Madeline G. Boulos	$47,000
viii.	Makenzie M. Greece	$47,000
ix.	Megan E. McGinnis	$48,000

Motion carried unanimously.

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

f. To approve the District's participation in the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry's Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) On-the Job Training and Wage Reimbursement program described on the attachment and submission of the attached Provider Enrollment Form to OVR.

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.

h. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's 2026-2027 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. DiGiacobbe, and seconded by Mr. Selinger,

a. To approve the submission of the District's Special Education Plan Report (07/01/2026 - 06/30/2029), as provided on the attachment, to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

b. To approve the purchase and adoption of the textbooks listed on the attachment and displayed in the meeting room for inspection, at a cost not to exceed $70,000.

c. To approve the purchase and adoption of the textbooks listed on the attachment and displayed in the meeting room for inspection, at a cost not to exceed $7,000.

d. To approve the attached PowerSchool proposal for a Headed2 Software license and subscription, for the period from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a cost of $4,564.51.

e. To approve the attached PowerSchool proposal for an additional 100GB of Student Information System (SIS) electronic file storage, for the period from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a cost of $105.26.

f. To approve the attached proposal from Edutek Solutions, LLC, for a 3-year subscription to its One to One Plus device protection program, at a cost of $9,390.75, including setup and training.

g. To accept the attached proposal from Open Systems Pittsburgh (CoStars Contract #040-E23-225) for purchase and installation of a new Video Insight (VI) server, at a cost of $24,197.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

a. To approve a High School student field trip described on the attachment to participate in the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) State

Competition in State College, Pennsylvania, from May 17, 2026, to May 19, 2026, at a cost to the District of $192.85 plus the cost of a substitute teacher for two days.

b. To grant pre-approval for a High School student field trip described on the attachment to New York City in April 2027.

c. To approve the requests listed on the attachment for use of District facilities by District athletics booster groups at no charge, from July 2026 through April 2027, subject to the approval of the Superintendent or his designee based on prevailing conditions.

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

a. To appoint Mylie A. Atkinson, Lainey M. Blattenberger, Cathryn Deacon, Natalie L. Wallisch, Emma M. Charlton, Annabelle I. Geist, Ella P. McConville, and Caylee Zembrzuski as Student School Board Members for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

b. To approve the attached Amendment No. 1 to an Agreement with the Caring Foundation dated June 13, 2024, for grief support services for students and their families through the Highmark Caring Place Center for Grieving Children, Adolescents and their Families, for an extended term through June 13, 2028, at no cost to the District.

c. To approve the attached agreement with WestARM Therapy Services, Inc., for occupational and physical therapy services to be provided to students during the 2026-2027 through 2030-2031 school years, at the hourly rates listed for each service category in Section III of the agreement.

d. To approve an agreement with the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, for educational services to be provided to a District resident student in an extended school year program in accordance with the student's IEP, from July 6, 2026, through July 23, 2026, at a cost of $2,000.

e. To approve the attached Transaction Confirmation with Direct Energy Business, LLC, for the purchase and transmission of electricity in the amounts listed on Exhibit A (Pricing Attachment), from January 2027 through December 2029, at a rate of $0.02762 per KWh.

f. To approve the attached proposal and Terms & Conditions from Arbiter, LLC, for a license to its Starter Package athletics scheduling solution, for a term from May 15, 2026, to May 14, 2027, at a cost of $1,337.50.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

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

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

a. To approve the attached March 2026 financial reports.

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

c. To approve the attached list of budgetary transfers.

d. To award bids for maintenance supplies to various suppliers in the amount of $61,403.58 as provided on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

Mr. Risch announced that the Board would hold a Special Meeting and a Committee Meeting on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, and a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 7:00 pm, in the High School Audion.

Concerns or Comments from the Public

Matt Freeman of Buffalo Township commented on the 2026-2027 budget planning and school district taxes.

Steve Reckhart of Buffalo Township commented on the High School Renovations Project.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Selinger, and seconded by Mr. DiGiacobbe, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Risch declared the meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

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