MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MAY 13, 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 7:11 p.m.

Roll call:

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

Administrators present were Mr. Magness, Superintendent; Mr. Robb, Program Director; 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 Ms. Davies, and seconded by Ms. Zembrzuski, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on April 8, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

2. It was moved by Ms. Davies, and seconded by Mr. DiGiacobbe, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 15, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

3. The Board Secretary reported that the Board met as follows since the last report to the Board at the Regular Meeting on April 15, 2026: The Board's Negotiations Committee held negotiation sessions with representatives of the Freeport Education Association and the Freeport Education Support Professionals Association on April 23, 2026. The Board met in Executive Session on May 6, 2026, to discuss Safety and Security, Personnel, Contracts and Negotiations, and Confidential Student Matters. The Board held a Special Meeting on May 6, 2026, for general business matters. The Board held a Committee Meeting on May 6, 2026. The Board met in Executive Session on May 13, 2026, to discuss Personnel, Real Estate, and Confidential Student Matters.

4. Mr. Risch thanked Mr. Robb for his many years of service to the students and staff of the district and to the Freeport Area School District community.

5. At the Board's Committee Meeting held on May 6, 2026, Mr. Huth reported on actions taken at the most recent meeting of the Lenape Technical School Joint Operating Committee.

6. Mr. DiGiacobbe reported on the April 21, 2026, ARIN Intermediate Unit board meeting.

7. Mr. Risch wished the students competing in the upcoming WPIAL competitions success.

8. Ms. Zembrzuski reported that the Freeport Area School District Foundation board had met the previous week to discuss classroom grants to be announced in the upcoming weeks.

9. The student school board members present gave their report to the Board on student activities. The Board thanked the student school board members for their service during the 2025-2026 school year.

<u>Personnel</u>

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

a. To accept the attached resignation of Robert W. Harris III from the position of Instructional Technology Coach, effective June 30, 2026.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

b. To approve the request of Employee No. 2236 for 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 Melissa M. Stapel as a Central Office Administrative Assistant, at an annual salary of $40,000, effective May 14, 2026, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

d. To approve the employment of Nicole M. Mascolo as a full time Teacher, at an annual salary of $47,000, effective August 17, 2026, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

e. To approve the employment of the individuals listed on the attachment as Substitute Custodians, from June 1, 2026, through July 31, 2026, at the rates provided on the attachment.

f. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's 2026-2027 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.

g. 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.

<u>Curriculum and Technology</u>

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

a. To approve the attached PowerSchool renewal quote for hosting of the PowerSchool Student Information System (SIS) and PowerSchool hosting SSL certificate, for the period from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a cost of $12,614.06.

b. To approve the attached PowerSchool renewal quote for license to the PowerSchool Student Information System (SIS), including maintenance

and support, for the period from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a cost of $13,832.53.

c. To approve the attached PowerSchool renewal quote for license to the PowerSchool Enrollment (Infosnap) solution, for the period from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a cost of $13,043.84.

d. To approve the attached PowerSchool renewal quote for license to the Schoology Learning Management System (LMS), for the period from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a cost of $13,271.34.

e. To approve the attached College Now Dual Enrollment Agreement with Butler County Community College (BC3) for District student participation in BC3's postsecondary credit program during the 2026-2027 school year, at no cost to the District.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

a. To approve the request of Robert W. Harris, Buffalo Elementary School Musical Director, for approval of the 2026-2027 student production of: a musical: *Finding Nemo Jr.*

b. To approve the request of Sara B. Sypulski, Middle School Dramatics Advisor, for approval of the 2026 2027 Middle School student production of: a musical: *Singin' in the Rain, Jr.*

c. To approve the request of Elizabeth K. Surgil, High School Musical Coordinator, for approval of the 2026 2027 High School student productions of: a fall musical: *Footloose*; and a spring musical: *Something Rotten*.

d. To approve pay rates for officials and athletic-event workers as listed on the attachment, effective July 1, 2026.

e. To grant pre-approval for a High School student field trip to participate in the PIAA Foundation Cross Country Invitational to be held on September 25-26, 2026, in Newville, Pennsylvania, as described on the attachment, at no cost to the District.

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy

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

a. To approve the adoption of attached revised School Board Policy No. 140 (Charter Schools).

b. To approve the adoption of attached revised School Board Policy No. 221 (Dress and Grooming).

c. To approve the adoption of attached revised School Board Policy No. 236.1 (Threat Assessment).

d. To approve the adoption of attached revised School Board Policy No. 325 (Dress and Grooming).

e. To approve the adoption of attached revised School Board Policy No. 332 (Working Periods).

f. To approve the adoption of attached revised School Board Policy No. 619 (District Audit).

g. To approve the adoption of attached revised School Board Policy No. 810 (Transportation).

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

a. To elect Michael J. Huth as School District Treasurer for the 2026-2027 school year, effective July 1, 2026.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

b. To approve the District's continuing membership in the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA), at a cost of $14,380 for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

c. To appoint Sylvia R. Maxwell as the Board's Voting Delegate to the PSBA 2026 Delegate Assembly to be held on November 7, 2026.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

d. To approve the proposed budget of the Lenape Technical School for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented on the attachment.

e. To approve W. L. Roenigk to provide student transportation services for the summer 2026 extended school year program as listed on the attachment.

f. To approve the attached Agreement with UPMC Children's Community Pediatrics, for School District Physician services described in the Agreement, to be provided from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a cost of $6,000.

g. To approve the appointment of Elizabeth Cassisi, DDS, as School District Dentist for the 2026 2027 school year at an annual rate of $150, plus the cost of supplies not to exceed $100.

h. To approve the attached Early Adult Skills for Independence (EASI) Summer Program Transition Services Agreement with Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania for extended school year transition services to be provided no earlier than June 8, 2026, and ending July 10, 2026, at a cost of $3,650 per student.

i. To approve the attached Project LIFE Transition Services Agreement with Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania for school year transition services to be provided no earlier than September 1, 2026, and ending May 28, 2027, at a daily rate of $111.30 per student.

j. To approve the participation of a resident student in The Watson Institute/Friendship Academy's extended school year program, in accordance with the student's IEP, from June 24, 2026, through July 23, 2026, at a cost not to exceed $3,825.

k. To approve the participation of five (5) resident students in The Watson Institute/Education Center Sewickley's extended school year program, in accordance with the students' IEPs, from July 8, 2026, through July 24, 2026, at a cost not to exceed $4,200 per student.

l. To approve an agreement with Pittsburgh Behavioral Services, Inc., for educational services to be provided to a District resident student in an extended school year program in accordance with the student's IEP, during a total of six (6) full days from July 7, 2026, through July 22, 2026, at a cost of $1,250.

m. To approve the attached agreement with Adelphoi Education, Inc., for education services to be provided during the 2026-2027 school year, at the daily rates listed on Exhibit A/Tuition Schedule of the agreement.

n. To approve the attached Agreement with MHY Family Services for services which may be provided to resident students at its Licensed Private Academic School during the 2026-2027 school year and/or during an extended school year in 2027, at the daily rates per student listed on Attachment A of the Agreement.

o. To approve the attached Agreement with Merakey Pennsylvania for educational services which may be provided to resident students, from August 1, 2026, through July 31, 2027, with fees as provided on Exhibit A to the Agreement.

p. To approve the attached Day Student Education Agreement with Glade Run Lutheran Services, dba Glade Run Academy - Zelienople and Glade Run Academy - Utica, for educational services to be provided during the 2026-2027 school year, at the rates listed on Attachment A to the Agreement.

q. To approve the attached Student Assistance Program Agreement with Butler County Human Services Center for Community Resources for the 2026-2027 school year, at no cost to the District.

r. To accept the attached proposal from School Health Corporation, for automated external defibrillator (AED) service, maintenance, and inspection services, from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, at a cost not to exceed $8,000.

s. To approve Sharp Collections as the District's delinquent earned income tax collector for tax years 2011 and prior, for Buffalo Township and Freeport Borough, for the fiscal years July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028, at a compensation rate of ten (10%) percent of gross collections.

t. To approve the attached Agreement for Computer Services with Government Software Services, Inc., for data processing services to be provided from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028, with fees as provided in Paragraph 5 of the Agreement.

u. To approve the attached proposal and Page Management Agreement and Maintenance Agreement with The Wilson Group for leasing and maintenance of the copier/printer equipment listed on the attachment from June 2026 to June 2031, at a monthly cost of $4,954.87.

v. To approve the attached Vision Renewal Acceptance Agreement with Highmark Branded Vision/Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield for group vision insurance coverage from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at the rates listed on the Agreement for each coverage level.

w. To approve the award of student accident insurance coverage for the 2026-2027 school year to K&K Insurance Group, Inc., through Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., at no cost to the District.

x. To accept the attached quotes from Union Electric Construction LLC, for purchase and installation of roof/gutter heat trace tape at the Freeport Area Middle School, at a cost of $22,120 to be paid from the Capital Reserve account.

y. To retroactively accept the attached quote from Combustion Service & Equipment Co. (CoStars Contract #008-E22-784), for purchase and installation of a domestic hot water boiler at South Buffalo Elementary School, at a cost of $39,900 to be paid from the Capital Reserve account.

z. To accept the attached quote from Buckeye Cleaning Center Pittsburgh (CoStars Contract #005-E23-209), for purchase and delivery of a 28" 32-gallon floor scrubber, at a cost of $13,191.47 to be paid from the Capital Reserve account.

aa. To accept the attached quote from The Vasco Group for the stadium field inspection, maintenance, and repair services described in the quote, at a cost of $2,000.

bb. To accept the attached quote from SSI/Stadium Solutions, Inc., for stadium bleacher inspection services, at a cost of $1,200.

cc. To accept the attached quote from Maffei Strayer Furnishings, Inc., for gymnasium bleacher inspection services, at a cost of $3,028.

dd. To accept the attached quotes from Metiri Group for water testing services to be conducted between May 14, 2026, and May 13, 2027, at a cost of $2,942.

ee. To approve the attached Agreement with AGX, Inc., for asbestos consulting services to be provided in connection with the Freeport Area High School Renovations Project, at the rates listed on Exhibit A to the Agreement.

ff. To accept the attached quote from Allegheny Roofing & Sheet Metal Co., Inc., for repairs to the roof of the Kelly Building, at a cost of $6,730.

gg. To authorize Administration to arrange for the sale of a Haas milling machine of indeterminate value located at the Freeport Area High School.

hh. To accept a 2026 ARIN Intermediate Unit Chief Science Officer (CSO) Mini Grant in the amount of $1,250 to be used to cover expenses associated with STEM related events at the Freeport Area High School and Freeport Area Middle School.

ii. To approve the enrollment of Student A as a non-resident tuition student beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, in accordance with Board Policy No. 202.

jj. To approve a Stipulated Adjudication in connection with Student B.

kk. To approve a Stipulated Adjudication in connection with Student C.

ll. To approve the attached High School Enrollment Agreement with EF High School Exchange Year for the enrollment of Student D as a foreign exchange student during the 2026-2027 school year, in accordance with Board Policy No. 239 and contingent on completion of all pre-enrollment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

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

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

a. To approve the attached April 2026 financial reports.

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

c. To approve the attached list of budgetary transfers.

d. To accept estimated amounts of IDEA-B, Title I, Title II A, and Title IV funds for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

Mr. Risch announced that the Board would hold a Special Meeting/Committee Meeting on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, and a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 7:00 pm, in the High School Audion.

Concerns or Comments from the Public

Matt Freeman of Buffalo Township commented on the School Tax Equalization Board (STEB) rebalancing process.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Davies, and seconded by Mr. DiGiacobbe, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Risch declared the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

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