MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JUNE 10, 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 7:09 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

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. Selinger, and seconded by Ms. Davies, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on May 6, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

2. It was moved by Mr. Selinger, and seconded by Ms. Davies, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 13, 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 May 13, 2026: The Board's Negotiations Committee held negotiation sessions with representatives of the Freeport Education Support Professionals Association on May 15, 2026. The Board's Negotiations Committee held negotiation sessions with representatives of the Freeport Education Association and Freeport Education Support Professionals Association on May 27, 2026. The Board met in Executive Session on June 3, 2026, to discuss Safety and Security, Personnel, Contracts and Negotiations, and Real Estate Matters. The Board held a Special Meeting on June 3, 2026, for general business matters. The Board held a Committee Meeting on June 3, 2026. The Board met in Executive Session following the June 3, 2026, Committee

Meeting to discuss Safety and Security matters. The Board's Negotiations Committee held negotiation sessions with representatives of the Freeport Education Support Professionals Association on June 4, 2026. The Board's Negotiations Committee held negotiation sessions with representatives of the Freeport Education Association on June 5, 2026. The Board met in Executive Session on June 10, 2026, to discuss Safety and Security, Personnel, Contracts and Negotiations, and Real Estate Matters.

4. Mr. Magness noted that Mr. Robb's last work day was the day of the meeting and thanked Mr. Robb on behalf of the District and noted that the student curriculum developed during Mr. Robb's tenure was an asset to the District.

5. Mr. Risch commended Administration and the Board for their hard work over the prior two months to finalize the District's 2026-2027 budget.

6. Ms. Zembrzuski reported on the Lenape Technical School Joint Operating Committee meeting held on May 19, 2026.

7. Mr. DiGiacobbe reported that the next meeting of the ARIN Intermediate Unit board would be on June 16, 2026.

8. Ms. Maxwell reported that she had traveled to Harrisburg twice in the prior week and met with Senators Pittman and Hutchison and reiterated the District's stance on the State Tax Equalization Board (STEB) process in those meetings.

9. Ms. Zembrzuski reported that the Freeport Area School District Foundation board had awarded the Class of 2026 scholarships and had begun promoting its Golf Outing fundraiser to be held on August 29, 2027.

<u>Personnel</u>

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

a. To accept the attached resignation from Linda I. Drum, full time Custodian, effective June 5, 2026.

b. To accept the attached resignation from Anthony Musico, full time Custodian, effective August 1, 2026.

c. To accept the attached resignation from Kimberly D. Osheskie, Teacher, effective August 14, 2026.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

d. To approve the employment of Heather A. Waugaman as a 12-Month Secretary, at an hourly wage rate of $17.00, effective June 11, 2026, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

e. To approve the employment of Magdelyn K. Thomas as a full time Teacher, at an annual salary of $48,500, effective August 17, 2026, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

f. To approve the employment of Lindsay E. Giallombardo as an Educational Assistant for the 2026-2027 school year, at an hourly wage rate of $15.00, effective August 17, 2026, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

g. To approve the attached Employment Guidelines for Educational Assistants, Nurse Assistants, and School Nurse Assistants.

h. 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.

i. 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.

j. 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. Selinger, and seconded by Ms. Zembrzuski,

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

c. To approve the attached student handbooks/codes of conduct for the 2026-2027 school year.

d. To approve the attached assessment schedule for the 2026-2027 school year.

e. To approve the attached Tuition/Enrollment Agreement with Northern Westmoreland Career & Technology Center for the enrollment of district resident students during the 2026-2027 school year, at a cost of $7,950 per student plus any and all additional accommodation costs of whatever kind incurred on behalf of any special needs students.

f. To approve the attached quote from IXL Learning for 400 Grade 3-5 Math and ELA IXL online learning platform site licenses, from July 1, 2026, to July 1, 2029, at a cost of $25,100, including the cost of one training session.

g. To approve the attached proposal from Magic School, Inc., for license to its MagicSchool Enterprise AI education platform during the 2026-2027 school year, at a cost of $9,499.

h. To approve the attached proposal and Organization Terms of Service from Hudl, Inc., for a 3-year license to its Package Level 2 sports video and data analysis software, from August 1, 2026, to July 31, 2029, at a cost to the District of $3,000 with the remainder to be paid by the athletics program boosters.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

a. To approve a performance by the District's Marching Band at Kennywood Park in West Mifflin, Pennsylvania, on August 12, 2026.

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy

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

a. To approve the adoption of attached revised School Board Policy No. 716 (Integrated Pest Management).

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

a. To appoint the firm of Tucker Arensberg, P.C. as school board solicitor for the 2026-2027 school year as per the firm's attached proposal dated May 21, 2026.

b. To approve the attached Letter of Agreement with ARIN Intermediate Unit 28 regarding its Education Leading to Employment and Career Training (ELECT) Program beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2030.

c. To approve the election of Darlene Smail as the Lenape Joint Operating Committee and Armstrong County Area Vocational-Technical School Board Treasurer for a one-year term expiring on June 30, 2027.

d. To approve the attached 2026-2027 Mutual Aid Memorandum of Understanding for Emergency Management with the other districts and vocational technical schools in Armstrong and Indiana counties.

e. To approve the attached Agreement to Sell or Purchase Meals from Sponsor to Sponsor, with Butler County Children's Center, Inc., dba Early Learning Connections (Pre-K Counts), from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

f. To approve the attached Educational Services Agreement with McGuire Memorial for educational services to be provided to District resident students in accordance with the students' IEPs, during the 2026-2027 school year from August 24, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at an annual cost per student of $67,391 (prorated for days enrolled) and any one-on-one aide services provided at a daily rate per student of $264, and during an extended school year (ESY) on dates in 2027 to be determined, at a daily rate per student of $356, and any one-to-one aide services provided at a daily rate per student of $207.

g. To approve the attached Addendum #9 to the Contractual Agreement with Pressley Ridge for Special Education Services to be provided during the 2026-2027 school year at a rate of $30,250 per semester and $4,050 for

extended school year services, with any one-on-one aid services to be provided at an additional rate of $26,625 per semester and $4,300 during an extended school year.

h. To approve the attached Clinical Support Tuition Service Agreement with Pittsburgh Behavioral Services, Inc., for services to be provided to a resident student in accordance with the student's IEP during the 2026-2027 school year, at a cost of $46,125.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

i. To approve the attached proposal/terms and conditions from Open Systems Pittsburgh, LLC, for access control system implementation, including licensing, software, server, installation, programming, testing, and training, and for video surveillance integration services, at a cost not to exceed $18,798, subject to solicitor approval of the proposal/terms and conditions.

Motion carried on a vote of eight (8) to one (1), with Ms. Davies voting *No* on item 7.i.

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

j. To approve the attached Agreement with Buffalo Township for police officer traffic control services to be provided during the 2026-2027 school year, at an hourly rate per officer of $135.

k. To approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding with the Pennsylvania State Police Troop D - Butler Barracks for school years 2026-2027 and 2027-2028.

l. To approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding with the Pennsylvania State Police Troop D - Kittanning Barracks for school years 2026-2027 and 2027-2028.

m. To re-approve the attached Agreement with AGX, Inc., as marked/revised, 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.

n. To approve the attached proposal from Ron Gillette, Inc., for mill and paving repairs at South Buffalo Elementary School, at a cost of $22,028.90, to be paid out of the capital reserve account.

o. To accept the attached Planned Equipment Maintenance Proposal and Planned Maintenance Agreement with Cummins Sales and Service/Cummins Inc. for emergency generator maintenance and

inspection services to be provided from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2031, at a cost of $10,646.25.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

p. To accept the attached quote from Allegheny Ford Truck Sales Co. (CoStars Contract #025-E24-637), for purchase and delivery of a new 2025 Ford Transit van, at a cost of $43,482 to be paid from the Capital Reserve account.

Motion carried, with Mr. Risch abstaining.

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

q. To authorize Administration to arrange for the sale of a 2006 GMC van.

r. To accept a $3,000 donation from Virginia R. Shirey, in memory of her son, Jonathan William Shirey, to be used for the Freeport Area High School Athletics Programs.

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

t. To approve a revised 2026-2027 District Calendar, as provided on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Magness thanked Virginia Shirey, who was in attendance, for her donation.

Finance

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

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

a. To approve the attached May 2026 financial reports.

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

c. To approve the attached list of budgetary transfers.

d. To authorize the Director of Finance and Operations to make final year-end 2025-2026 budgetary transfers, which will be reported to the Board for approval in September 2026, as recommended by the state auditor.

e. To approve the transfer of $800,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Fund.

f. To approve the student activity accounts listed on the attachment for the 2026-2027 school year.

g. To award workmen's compensation insurance coverage for the 2026-2027 school year to UPMC WorkPartners for the premium amount of $46,964, through Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

h. To award property and casualty insurance coverage for the 2026-2027 school year to Utica Mutual Insurance Company for the premium amount of $113,343, through Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

i. To award auto liability insurance coverage for the 2026-2027 school year to Utica Mutual Insurance Company for the premium amount of $4,109, through Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

j. To award umbrella liability insurance coverage for the 2026-2027 school year to Utica/Graphic Arts Mutual Insurance Company for the premium amount of $13,834, through Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

k. To award environmental liability insurance coverage for the 2026-2027 school year to Ironshore Specialty Insurance Co. for the premium amount of $12,522.00, through Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

l. To award liability insurance coverage for the 2026-2027 school year to PAIU, through Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., for the premium amount of $9,910.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

m. To adopt the proposed Final Budget of the School District for the 2026-2027 fiscal year on form PDE-2028 as presented to the School Board as a Final Budget for the School District General Fund in the amount of $40,911,569 (5.47% and 61.54 mills for Armstrong County and 3.01% and 191.50 mills for Butler County).

Roll call vote requested:

Ms. Davies	Yes
Mr. DiGiacobbe	Yes
Mr. Hinderliter	Yes
Mr. Huth	Yes
Ms. Maxwell	No
Mr. Ritter	No

Mr. Selinger	Yes
Ms. Zembrzuski	Yes
Mr. Risch	Yes

Motion carried on a vote of seven (7) to two (2).

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

n. To approve the attached Annual Tax Levy Resolution providing for the levy of taxes for school purposes for the school year beginning July 1, 2026, subject to the provisions of the Local Tax Collection Law and in accordance with the tax rates approved on Form PDE-2028.

o. To authorize a homestead and farmstead real estate tax assessment exclusion for the school year beginning July 1, 2026, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), in accordance with the attached resolution and the tax rates approved on Form PDE-2028.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

Mr. Risch announced that the Board would hold no meetings in July, and that the next meetings would be a Special Meeting/Committee Meeting on Wednesday, August 5, 2026, and a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 7:00 pm, in the High School Audion.

Concerns or Comments from the School Directors

Mr. Hinderliter commented that the Mancini Awards held recently recognized several District students. He also noted that the District's theater camp had enrolled 112 elementary age students.

Mr. Risch commented that the High School student French trip was going well and commended Mme. Chounet on her work to make the trip go smoothly.

Concerns or Comments from the Public

Mr. Wyant commented on his experiences as Jonathan Shirey's teacher when he attended Freeport Area High School.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. DiGiacobbe, and seconded by Ms. Davies, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Risch declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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