MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 12, 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 7:08 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	Present
Ms. Zembrzuski	Absent

Administrators present were Mr. Magness, Superintendent; Mr. Walters, 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.

It was moved by Mr. DiGiacobbe, and seconded by Ms. Davies, to amend the agenda to add the following item:

> *<u>Personnel</u> item 3.i., to approve the employment of Jayne M. Cline as a Nurse Assistant, at an hourly wage rate of $25.00, effective August 13, 2026, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.*

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Risch welcomed members of the public and asked for comments on any agenda items, including the read-in item. No public comments on any agenda items were offered.

<u>Reports</u>

1. It was moved by Mr. Selinger, and seconded by Mr. DiGiacobbe, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on June 3, 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 June 10, 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 June 10, 2026: The Board's Negotiations Committee held a negotiations session with representatives of the Freeport Education Association on June 11, 2026. The Board's Negotiations Committee held a negotiations session with representatives of the Freeport Education Support Professionals Association on July 1, 2026. The Board's Negotiations Committee held a negotiations session with representatives of the Freeport Education Association on July 2, 2026. The Board's Negotiations Committee held a negotiations session with representatives of the Freeport Education Association on July 29, 2026. The Board met in Executive Session on August 5, 2026, to discuss Personnel, Contracts and Negotiations, Legal Matters, and Real Estate Matters. The Board held a Special Meeting for general business purposes on August 5, 2026, for general business matters. The Board held a Committee Meeting on August 5, 2026. The Board met in Executive Session on August 12, 2026, to discuss Personnel, Contracts and Negotiations, and Real Estate Matters.

4. Mr. Magness reported on the new teacher induction program conducted that week.

5. Mr. Risch reported that the District was prepared for the first day of school, and he thanked everyone for their hard work. He commended Mr. Selinger and Mr. DiGiacobbe for their work on the Negotiations Committee.

6. Dr. Matthew Curci, Executive Director of the ARIN Intermediate Unit 28, made a presentation to the Board at its August 5, 2026, Committee Meeting. Mr. DiGiacobbe reported that the next meeting of the ARIN Intermediate Unit board would be on the following week.

7. Mr. Selinger reported that the fall sports had just started and he would have a fuller report in September.

<u>Personnel</u>

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

a. To approve the request of Employee No. 1934 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave.

Motion carried unanimously.

There was no action taken on Personnel agenda item 3.b.:

b. **TO TABLE** a motion to approve the employment of _____ as a part-time Cafeteria Worker, at an hourly wage rate of $12.75, effective August 13, 2026, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

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

c. To approve the employment of Benjamin N. Brestensky as a part-time Cafeteria Worker, effective August 13, 2026, at an hourly wage rate of $12.75, with wages for the first 90 days of employment funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry's Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, 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 the individuals listed on the attachment as Professional Learning Mentors and New-teacher Mentors for the 2026-2027 school year, with salaries in accordance with contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board.

e. To approve the attached list of Educational Assistants and School Nurse Assistants for the 2026-2027 school year.

f. To approve the attached list of bus drivers for the 2026-2027 school year as recommended by the State Auditors.

g. To approve the attached Memorandum of Agreement with the Freeport Education Association regarding a 2026-2027 Buffalo Elementary School substitute teacher assignment.

h. 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.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

i. To approve the employment of Jayne M. Cline as a Nurse Assistant, at an hourly wage rate of $25.00, effective August 13, 2026, 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 Mr. Selinger,

a. To accept the attached proposal/terms of purchase from HMH Education Company for a one-year subscription to Read and Math 180 curricula, at a cost of $16,933.73.

b. To accept the attached proposal/terms of purchase from HMH Education Company for a one-year subscription to Map Growth K-12 and Map Growth Foundations, at a cost of $7,887.50.

c. To accept the attached proposal/licensing terms and conditions from Wesley Family Services for a one-year license to its Health Relationships Curriculum, at a cost of $3,795 to be paid from Access funds.

d. To accept the attached Riverside Insights Sales Quote/Terms of Use for a one-year subscription renewal for 75 users to the easyCBM web-based benchmark and progress monitoring reporting service, at a cost of $581.25.

e. To accept the attached proposal from IEPWriter.com for a one-year subscription to IEPWriter, at a cost of $7,780.

f. To accept the attached quote from CDW G/CDW LLC (Costars #006-E22-246) for 2100 one year licenses to GoGuardian Admin and GoGuardian Teacher at a cost of $23,100.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

a. To approve the attached School Letter of Intent to Participate for participation of District students in the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Gymnastics League during the 2026-2027 school year.

b. To approve the student public performances listed on the attached 2026-2027 Music Department Calendar.

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy

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

a. To tentatively approve the adoption of attached new School Board Policy No. 720 (Use of Unmanned Aircraft (UA) / Drones).

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

a. To approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding with Butler County Court of Common Pleas for District participation in the Court's Truancy Court.

b. To approve the attached Agreement for School Security Officers with Bramlet Enterprises, LLC, for security services to be provided during the 2026-2027 and 2027 2028 school years, at an hourly rate per person of $39.

c. To approve the attached addenda to the agreements with the individual or limited liability company listed for School Police Officer services, to provide for an hourly fee of $34.00, effective August 1, 2026.

d. To approve the attached Addendum to a Memorandum of Understanding with the South Buffalo Township Police Department for school years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027.

e. To approve the attached Addenda to Memoranda of Understanding with the Buffalo Township Police Department for school years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027.

f. To approve the attached Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) Policy Services Member Agreement, for policy maintenance services provided to PSBA Members, at no additional cost to the District.

g. To approve the District's membership in the ARIN Intermediate Unit's Student-Centered Coaching Collective described on the attachment, at a cost of $650 for the 2026-2027 school year.

h. To approve the District's membership in the STEAM Lending Library Consortium of the Armstrong Indiana (ARIN) Intermediate Unit during the 2026 2027 school year, at a cost to the District of $180.

i. To approve the attached Contract of Service with Allegheny Intermediate Unit for access to its www.PAeducator.net website described in the Contract, from August 6, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a cost of $1,460.

j. To approve the attached contract for educational services with Armstrong School District for the 2026-2027 school year.

k. To approve the attached contract for special education learning support services with Armstrong School District for the 2026-2027 school year.

l. To approve the attached Nonpublic School Title I Services Agreement with Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV, for Title I instructional services to be provided to resident students attending a non-public school during the 2026 2027 school year, at a cost of $8,725.

m. To approve the attached agreement with Armstrong-Indiana-Clarion Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc., for services provided as part of its Student Assistance Program (SAP) Initiative during the 2026-2027 school year, at no cost to the District.

n. To approve the attached letter of agreement with the Armstrong-Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Program for mental health liaison services provided under the District's Student Assistance Program (SAP) through the Family Counseling Center of Armstrong County during the 2026-2027 school year, at no cost to the District.

o. To approve the attached Agreement with Wesley Family Services for Child/Adolescent Partial Hospital Program services, which may be provided to District resident students during the 2026-2027 school year, at an hourly rate not to exceed $36.25.

p. To approve the attached Agreement for Services with Family Counseling Center of Armstrong County (FCCAC) for services which may be provided to District resident students through FCCAC's Child and Adolescent Partial Hospitalization (CAP) Program during the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years, at a daily rate per student of $50.

q. To approve the attached Program Placement Agreement with Butler Area School District for the potential placement of students in the Center Avenue Community School during the 2026-2027 school year, at a cost of $170.19 per day for the Emotional Support Program, $213.56 per day for the Autistic Support, Life Skills Support, and Multi-Disability Programs, and $1,000 annually for the Extended School Year Program.

r. To approve the attached letter agreement with The Watson Institute for education services to be provided to four resident students during the 2026-2027 school year, in accordance with the students' IEPs, at a cost of $69,148 per year per student.

s. To approve the enrollment of one resident student as a 4010-funded student at The Watson Institute Education Center Sewickley (WIECS) during the 2026-2027 school year, in accordance with the student's IEP, at a cost to the District of $27,659.20 (40% of WIECS's $69,148 annual tuition), to be paid from the District's Pennsylvania state subsidy.

t. To approve the enrollment of one resident student as a 4010-funded student at The Watson Institute Friendship Academy (WIFA) during the 2026-2027 school year, in accordance with the student's IEP, at a cost to the District of

$30,895.20 (40% of WIFA's $77,235 annual tuition), to be paid from the District's Pennsylvania state subsidy.

u. To approve the attached SchoolCafé Family Hub Service Agreement, for student account management services described in the Agreement, effective August 12, 2026, at no cost to the District.

v. To approve the attached Change Order for Additional Services To approve the attached Change Order No. EC 2 to that Agreement dated March 3, 2026, with Massaro CM Services, LLC, for the Freeport Area High School Renovations Project, for an increased cost in the contract sum of $11,000.

w. To approve the District's 2026-2027 membership in The Forum for Western Pennsylvania School Superintendents, at a cost of $1,800.

x. To accept a Highmark Foundation grant in the amount of $3,500, to be applied to the costs of the District's Child Wellness Initiative.

y. To accept a $10,000 donation from the Buffalo Elementary School PTO to be deposited into the Buffalo Elementary School Playground Project account.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

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

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

a. To approve the attached June 2026 financial reports.

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

c. To approve the attached July 2026 financial reports.

d. To approve the July 2026 payments listed on the attachments.

e. To adopt the Free and Reduced Lunch Policy and Guidelines as established by the Department of Education to be included in district policy 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, September 2, 2026, and a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 7:00 pm, in the High School Audion.

Concerns or Comments from the School Directors

Ms. Davies commented on the proposed School Board drones policy.

Concerns or Comments from the Public

Marcus Borino of Buffalo Township commented on Title IX regulations.

Matt Freeman of Buffalo Township commented on curriculum items on the agenda.

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 7:28 p.m.

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